



Missouri Volleyball

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Tigers Look to Get Back on Track vs. OU

Missouri vs. Oklahoma

Match #12 • Sept. 29, 2001 • Columbia, Mo.

Participants: Missouri (9-2 overall, 1-2 in the Big 12.)

Oklahoma (2-10 overall, 1-1 in the Big 12.)

Start Times: Sept. 6 Match set for 7:00 p.m. CST

Series Info: OU leads, 31-19

Last Meeting: MU won, 3-0 in Columbia, Nov. 22, 2000

For More Information: MU-www.mutigers.com

OU-www.soonersports.com

Coaches:

Missouri: Susan Kreklow (SW Missouri State '84) 33-8 at MU (2nd season)
542-178 overall (11 seasons)

OU: Kalani Mahi (Graceland College, Iowa) 9-31 at OU (2nd season)
47-83 overall (5th season)

The University of Missouri volleyball team faces the Oklahoma Sooners on Saturday as Mizzou begins a stretch of four Big 12 matches in seven days. The Tigers enter the contest at 9-2 overall and 1-2 in the Big 12. Mizzou went 2-2 last week picking up wins over Texas Tech and Southeast Missouri State and dropping two tough five game matches within 120 hours to Texas A&M and Kansas State. MU is in search of its first consecutive winning seasons since 1982-83 (26-6 and 26-11). The Tigers have not lost back-to-back regular season matches since October 21 and 24 of 2000 at Texas A&M and vs. Nebraska and look to even their conference mark at 2-2.

One of the keys to the Tigers success over the past two seasons has been establishing an early advantage over their opponents. When Mizzou wins Game 1 of a match, they are 9-0 this season and an astounding 33-0 over the last two seasons. However, as was the case last Saturday against A&M and this past Wednesday against Kansas State, when Mizzou drops the opening stanza of a match, they are a not so good 0-9. Look for Mizzou to concentrate on getting off to a good start in Game 1.

A Look at the Sooners

The Sooners of Oklahoma come into Saturday's match up with a 2-10 record overall and a 1-5 mark in the Big 12. OU picked up its second win of the season last Saturday over Kansas in Norman, 3-1. The Sooners are led by sophomore Logan Pierce, who is averaging 2.71 kills per game and also leads the team in digs per game at 2.50.

Under the tutelage of head coach Kalani Mahi, OU looks to take a match from the Tigers in Columbia for the first time since 1997. The Sooners do own a 31-19 advantage in the all-time series, but Mizzou has won four of the last five matches between the two, including two sweeps of OU last season.

Kreklow Corner

Head coach Susan Kreklow and her husband associate head coach Wayne Kreklow lead the Tigers into action on Saturday against the Sooners. The Kreklovs are in their second year at the helm of the Tigers and sport a 33-9 mark (.786 winning percentage) at MU. They also led Mizzou to one of the best seasons in school history in 2000 at 24-7 and the highest conference finish by a Mizzou squad in school history (2nd).

Big 12 Conference Standings

As of (9/27/01)	Big 12			Overall			Last 5	Streak	Top 25
School	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.			
Texas	3	0	1.000	8	2	.800	4-1	1W	1-2
Nebraska	2	0	1.000	9	1	.900	5-0	5W	6-1
Texas A&M	2	0	1.000	9	1	.900	4-1	3W	0-1
Colorado	2	1	.667	6	3	.667	3-2	2W	1-3
Kansas State	2	1	.667	6	3	.667	4-1	1W	0-2
Oklahoma	1	1	.500	2	10	.167	1-4	1L	0-1
Kansas	1	2	.333	10	2	.833	3-2	2L	0-1
Missouri	1	2	.333	9	2	.818	4-1	1L	0-1
Texas Tech	1	2	.333	7	3	.700	3-2	1L	1-0
Baylor	0	3	.000	8	3	.727	2-3	3L	0-2
Iowa State	0	3	.000	3	5	.375	1-4	4L	0-2



Tiger Breakdown



Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)	Notes of Note
1 Rachael Taylor	DS	5-4	Sr.	Kirkwood, Mo. (Kirkwood HS)	Recorded 4 SA at Best Inns Invite; has averaged 14 dpm in last 3 matches
2 Kristen Johnson	OH	5-11	Sr.	Olympia, Wash. (Washington St.)	Averaged 13 kills per match in Tiger's first two conference matches
3 Lisa Morris	OH	6-0	Jr.	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley NW HS)	Named SIU Tourney MVP; is averaging 4.43 kpg in 2001
4 Chrissy Elder	S	5-7	So.	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill South HS)	Handed out a career-best 65 assists against Texas Tech (9/19/01)
5 Ashlee Johns	MB	6-0	So.	Nixa, Mo. (Nixa HS)	Had 7 kills and 2 BA against Southern Illinois (9/8)
6 Shen Danru	OH	5-11	Fr.	Shanghai, China	First MU volleyball player from outside North America
7 Nikki Myhra	DS	5-6	Sr.	Highland Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch HS)	Saw action in two games at WVU; picked up two digs
8 Lisa Boyd	MB	6-2	Fr.	Farmington, Mo. (Farmington HS)	3-time all-conf. and all-district performer in vb, bb and track at Farmington HS
9 Katherine Wingert	OH	5-9	Jr.	Aurora, Colo. (Lehigh Univ.)	Slated team-high five service aces and averaged 2.22 dpg at WVU (9/1-2)
10 Krista Johnson	MB	6-0	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Thomas Jefferson HS)	Named to SIU All-Tourney Team; had a season-high 11 kills vs. TTU (9/19)
11 Naaron Branson	OH	5-10	Sr.	Fort Smith, Ark. (Southside HS)	Needs 23 digs to move into the No. 7 spot on the MU all-time chart
12 Lindsey Noll	MB	6-5	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Parkway West HS)	Tallest player in MU history; 4-year varsity starter at Parkway West HS
13 Katie Sowers	DS	5-6	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Pattonville HS)	Second on the squad in dpg (3.10) and leads in service aces (13)
15 Christi Myers	MB	6-1	Jr.	Raytown, Mo. (Raytown South HS)	MVP of Mountaineer Invite; recorded triple-double vs. TAMU (9/22)
16 Jenny Duitsman	MB	6-0	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln Lutheran HS)	Put down 7 kills, 2 total blocks and a .667 hitting % in her 1st match at MU
17 Loretta McGovern	OH	6-2	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Notre Dame de Sion HS)	Named second team all-metro last season
18 Jenny Bybee	S	5-11	Fr.	Springfield, Mo. (Hillcrest HS)	All-Missouri Academic Team two years; 1st team all-state her senior year
22 Mary Lauren Smith	OH	6-1	So.	St. Joseph, Mo. (Univ. of Pacific)	Has averaged 12.7 kills and 5 total blocks over the last three matches

Head Coach: Susan Kreklow (Southwest Missouri State, '84)

Assoc. Head Coach: Wayne Kreklow (Drake, '80)

Assistant Coaches: Deng Yang (Columbia College), Chen Feng (Columbia College)

The Tale of the Tape

	MU	vs.	OU
Kills	645		477
Kills per gm.	15.7		12.6
Errors	198		265
Attacks	1644		1471
Hitting %	.272		.144
Assists	566		411
Aces	69		73
Digs	711		521
Block solo	20		29
Block assists	155		103
Blocks/gm	2.4		2.1

Like a Cat

Mizzou has shown the balance of...well...a Tiger this season offensively. Four Tigers are averaging at least 2.29 kills per game (Morris, 4.43 kpg; Myers, 3.30 kpg; Kristen Johnson, 2.29 kpg and Smith 2.36 kpg.) and five Tigers enter the match with K-State with a .300 or better hitting percentage. Sophomore setter Chrissy Elder leads the squad in assists averaging 12.18 assists per game and leads the team in hitting percentage with a .386 mark.

Morris Continues to Make Her Mark at MU

Junior outside hitter Lisa Morris has been the one of the Tigers most steady producers so far this season. Morris is averaging 4.43 kills per game overall and 3.79 kills per match in conference matches. She has recorded 20 kills or more three times and has recorded five double-doubles this season. Morris is currently climbing the MU career kills charts faster than the new N'Sync album (which she does not like). She is currently second on the kills per game list (3.59 kpg) and needs just 124 kills to move into the MU Top 10 kills list.

C-Notes

Christi Myers is currently playing some of the best volleyball of her career. Over the course of the past five matches, she has averaged 17.2 kills per match, 9.6 digs per match and 5.4 total blocks per match. The junior middle blocker boldly went where no Missouri Tiger volleyball player had went in the past two seasons last Saturday against Texas A&M. The 6-1, 2000 All-Big 12 Honorable Mention selection recorded the first triple-double of her career against Texas A&M (18 kills, 15 digs and 11 total blocks).

The last three matches have been microcosms of Myers' career up to this point. Myers currently holds the highest career hitting percentage (.311) in MU history and is tied for third on the kills per game list (3.15.) Myers is also rewriting the Mizzou career blocking books. She is currently fifth in solo blocks (58), seventh in block assists (195) and third in blocks per game (1.08)

A Fresh Start

Mary Lauren Smith made her first start as a Missouri Tiger and the results were nothing but positive. Mel put down 12 kills and recorded six blocks on Wednesday against the Wildcats and has averaged 12.7 kills and 5.4 blocks per match over the past three matches.

The sophomore transfer equaled a career high in kills against SEMO (13) on Monday and also recorded a block assist and a block solo. In just her ninth match as a Tiger, the 6-2 outside hitter had a career night Saturday against Texas A&M. Smith recorded 13 kills on 35 attacks and also provided a much needed block on the right side with seven block assists, all of which are career highs. Mary Lauren is averaging 2.36 kills per game and a .315 hitting percentage.

Missouri Reschedules Volleyball Matches

The Missouri volleyball team has rescheduled its matches with the University of Kansas and Iowa State University that were postponed last week following the tragic events that gripped our nation. Mizzou will play at Kansas on Monday, Oct. 1st, at 7 p.m. and will host the Cyclones of Iowa State on Monday, Oct. 8th, at 7 p.m.

Tigers on a Tear

Once again, the Tigers are off to one of the best starts in MU history. Mizzou won both of its regular season tournament titles of 2001, the latest coming on Sept. 9 as the Tigers went 3-0 at the Best Inns Invitational in Carbondale, Ill.. After their 2-3 loss to Kansas State, the Tigers are 9-2 overall and 1-2 in the Big 12.

The best start to a season by an MU squad was in 1982 when, under the direction of then-head coach Mike English, the Tigers opened the campaign at 19-0. Perhaps it is no coincidence that the No. 1 one single on the Billboard charts during 1982...yes, you guessed it, "Eye of the Tiger" by Survivor.

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2001 Missouri Volleyball Schedule

Sept. 1-2	Mountaineer Invitational (Morgantown, WV)	
Sept. 1	Temple	W, 3-0
	W. Virginia	W, 3-0
Sept. 2	Akron	W, 3-0
	Wagner	W, 3-0
Sept. 7-8	Best Inns Invitational (Carbondale, IL)	
Sept. 7	IUPUI	W, 3-1
Sept. 8	Western Kentucky	W, 3-0
	Southern Illinois	W, 3-1
Sept. 19	# Texas Tech*	W, 3-1
Sept. 22	Texas A&M*	L, 2-3
Sept. 24	SEMO	W, 3-1
Sept. 26	at Kansas St. *	L, 2-3
Sept. 29	Oklahoma *	7:00 PM CST
Oct. 1	at Kansas *	7:00 p.m. CST
Oct. 3	at Nebraska *	7:00 PM CST
Oct. 6	Baylor *	7:00 PM CST
Oct. 8	Iowa State*	7:00 PM CST
Oct. 10	UMKC	7:00 PM CST
Oct. 13	at Texas *	7:00 PM CST
Oct. 17	# Colorado *	7:00 PM CST
Oct. 20	at Texas A&M *	7:00 PM CST
Oct. 22	S. Illinois	7:00 PM CST
Oct. 24	# Nebraska *	7:00 PM CST
Oct. 27	at Oklahoma *	7:00 PM CST
Oct. 31	at Iowa State *	7:00 PM CST
Nov. 3	Kansas *	7:00 PM CST
Nov. 7	at Colorado *	7:00 PM CST
Nov. 10	Texas *	7:00 PM CST
Nov. 14	at Texas Tech *	7:00 PM CST
Nov. 21	# Kansas St. *	7:00 PM CST
Nov. 24	at Baylor *	7:30 PM CST
Dec. 13	NCAA Tournament	TBA
* Denotes Big 12 Match		
Bold Matches indicate home contests		
# Matches can be heard on KWWC 90.5 FM		

2001 Schedule Notes

M The Tigers face six opponents (Texas Tech, Texas A&M, Kansas State, Colorado, Southeast Missouri State and Nebraska) that qualified for the NCAA Tournament in 2000.

M Mizzou has faced four schools (West Virginia, Akron, Wagner and IUPUI) for the first time in school history.

M The Tigers went 16-6 in 2000 against 2001 opponents.

M MU's oldest rivalry is with Kansas State, dating back to Nov. 22, 1974. The Wildcats hold the slightest of advantages in the series with a 27-26 lead after the two teams split last season.

M This marks the sixth season Mizzou will compete in the Big 12.

M Mizzou returns five starters and nine players who saw significant playing time last season.

M The Tigers have 12 road matches, 13 home contests and five neutral court tilts in 2001.

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Tracking the Tigers

Last Time Out...

Tiger Lose Second Five-Game Match in Five Days

Manhattan, Kan.-The University of Missouri volleyball team dropped its second five-game match in five days, falling to the Kansas State Wildcats, 2-3 (22-30, 30-19, 25-30, 30-23, 13-15.) However, Mizzou head coach Susan Kreklow was pleased with the resiliency the Tigers displayed in the hostile environment of the Ahearn Fieldhouse.

In Game 1, Mizzou opened a 6-3 lead. However, KSU would go on a 21-9 run and take a 24-15 advantage. The Tigers would pull within six, 27-21, on a kill by junior middle blocker Christi Myers, but the Wildcats would pull away and take the game, 30-22.

The two squads would start Game 2 in a 15-15 tie. The Tigers were determined not to go peacefully and went on a 15-4 run to take the game, 30-19. Junior Lisa Morris led the Tiger charge by putting down six kills on seven attacks, good enough for a .857 hitting percentage. The Tigers hit .545 in the game and recorded 21 kills and only three errors on 33 attacks. Kansas State managed only a .115 hitting percentage due in part to Mizzou's eight block assists in the game.

The Tigers would jump out to an 8-3 lead in Game 3. K-State would go on another run though and the tie the game at 16. The Cats finished the game with a 14 -9 run and take Game 3, 30-25. Kansas State outside hitter Liz Wagner became K-State's all-time kills leader in Game 3.

Game 4 started in a dead heat at 16 once again. Senior middle blocker Krista Johnson provided a huge spark putting down two straight kills on overpasses. MU closed the game with a 14-6 run winning the game, 30-23.

Game 5 was a classic battle as the Tigers jumped out to a 9-5 lead. However, K-State would come back to tie the Tigers at 11. Mizzou would once again grab a lead at 13-12, but could not hold on as K-State scored three straight points to take the game 15-13, and the match, 3-2.

Branson Update

The "Myth from Fort Smith," senior Naaron Branson, has jumped into the Top 10 in career kills in the early going this season.

However, it has been Branson's defensive skills that have been notable so far this season. Branson is leading the Tigers in total digs (112) and digs per game (3.21). Branson has also recorded six service aces so far. She also jumped into the Top 10 in digs and is now in eighth place on the MU all-time charts.

MU All-Time Kills List

1. Yvette Buhlig (88-90, 92)	1,478
2. Jodi Maune (95-98)	1,147
3. Renee Rosinski (95-98)	1,049
4. Sherri Gentry (86, 88-90)	1,030
5. Sharon Zaehring (84-87)	929
6. Gwen Mullens (91-94)	927
7. Naaron Branson (98-)	926
8. Melinda Wrye (90-92)	906
9. Margaret Yanics (84-86, 88)	902
10. Annette Luyten (97-00)	896
Lisa Morris (99-)	772

Digs

1. Yvette Buhlig (88-90, 92)	1,149
2. Gwen Mullens (91-94)	1,103
3. Margaret Yanics (84-86, 88)	1,038
4. Chandra Hopkins (95-98)	1,033
5. Annette Luyten (97-00)	996
6. Sherri Gentry (86, 88-90)	972
7. Cindy Atteberry (90-93)	920
8. Naaron Branson (98-)	897
9. Stacy Harris (84-87)	859
10. Melinda Wrye (90-92)	845

2001 Big 12 Conference Coaches' Preseason Poll

1.	Nebraska	100
2.	Texas A&M	90
3.	Colorado	74
4.	Missouri	69
4.	Kansas State	69
6.	Texas Tech	52
7.	Baylor	48
8.	Texas	46
9.	Kansas	28
10.	Oklahoma	19
11.	Iowa State	10

Four Tiger Volleyball Matches to be Aired on KWWC

KWWC Radio, with the assistance of Premier Marketing Group, has announced the broadcasting of a Missouri women's sports package. Both the MU women's soccer and volleyball teams will receive coverage of four games and NCAA tournament play during the 2001 fall season.

Likewise, the Missouri women's volleyball team will also receive live coverage of four home events. The Texas Tech, Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas State games will be aired during the regular season. All NCAA Tournament play by the Tigers will also be picked up.

Missouri Volleyball Top Ten Attendance Marks

Date	Opponent	Att.
1) Oct. 25, 2000	Nebraska	2,009
2) Nov. 4, 2000	Texas Tech	1,484
3) Oct. 31, 1997	Colorado	1,350
4) Nov. 11, 2000	Texas	1,195
5) Oct. 11, 2000	Kansas	1,148
6) Sept. 22, 2001	Texas A&M	1,125
7) Sept. 25, 1999	Kansas	1,107
8) Nov. 22, 2000	Oklahoma	1,091
9) Sept. 19, 2001	Texas Tech	1,049
10) Oct. 18, 2000	Colorado	1,000

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The Name Game-Part 2

If you were a regular reader of Missouri volleyball game notes during the early part of last season (for your health, I hope you weren't), you read of the crazy number of repeat and very similar names that existed on the roster. Not much has changed for the 2001 season, in fact the situation has gotten even worse.

First of all, there is a **Krista** Johnson (senior middle blocker) and a **Kristen** Johnson (senior outside hitter) on the Tiger squad, not to mention **Christi** Myers (junior middle blocker) and **Chrissy** Elder (sophomore setter). There are now two 'Lisas' on the team as well including 2000 All-Big 12 selection **Lisa** Morris and freshman **Lisa** Boyd. With the addition of freshman middle blocker **Jenny** Duitsman and freshman setter **Jenny** Bybee the need for nicknames is catastrophic. There are even two **Katherines** on the team (Wingert and Sowers), but fortunately, Miss Sowers goes by Katie.

2001 Season - Bests

Team

Match-Highs:
Kills: 78, vs. Kansas State-9/26/01
Attack Errors: 27, vs. Kansas State-9/26/01
Total Attempts: 217, vs. Texas A&M-9/22/01
Hitting Percentage:418, vs. Wagner-9/2/01
Assists: 69, vs. Texas Tech-9/19/01
Service Aces: 10 vs. Southern Illinois-9/8/01
Service Errors: 13, two times
Digs: 82, vs. Texas Tech-9/19/01
Block Solos 4, vs. SEMO-9/24/01
Block Assists 27, vs. Texas A&M-9/22/01

Individual

Match-Highs:
Kills: 26, Lisa Morris vs. IUPUI, 9/7/01
Total Attempts: .. 59, Lisa Morris vs. Kansas State, 9/26/01
Hitting Percentage:714, M. L. Smith vs. S. Illinois
Assists: 65, Chrissy Elder vs. Texas Tech-9/19/01
Service Aces: 3, Four different players
Digs: 21, Naaron Branson vs. Akron-9/2/01
Block Solos : 3, Christi Myers Texas A&M-9/22/01
Block Assists: 8, Christi Myers, two times
Total Blocks: . 11, Christi Myers vs. Texas A&M-9/22/01

Tiger 2001 Top 5's

Kills per Game

1. Lisa Morris	4.43
2. Christi Myers	3.30
3. Mary Lauren Smith	2.36
4. Kristen Johnson	2.29
5. Jenny Duitsman	2.25

Assists

1. Chrissy Elder	487
2. Rachael Taylor	24
3. Naaron Branson	17
4. Lisa Morris	7
5. Four Players tied at 5	

Total Blocks

1. Christi Myers	56.0
2. Krista Johnson	31.0
3. Mary Lauren Smith	21.0
4. Chrissy Elder	20.0
5. Lisa Morris	14.0

Service Aces

1. Katie Sowers	13
2. Rachael Taylor	12
3. Lisa Morris	11
Christi Myers	11
5. Chrissy Elder	7

Digs Per Game

1. Naaron Branson	3.21
2. Katie Sowers	3.10
3. Chrissy Elder	2.55
4. Lisa Morris	2.51
5. Rachael Taylor	2.39

Total Digs

1. Naaron Branson	122
2. Katie Sowers	121
3. Chrissy Elder	102
4. Rachael Taylor	98
5. Lisa Morris	93

Tigers Ranked Fourth in Big 12 Coaches Preseason Poll

Dallas, Texas. –The University of Missouri volleyball team picked up a fourth-place preseason Big 12 ranking in a vote by league head coaches released by the conference office on Aug. 7. The Tigers received 69 votes, tying the Kansas State Wildcats for the fourth of 11 spots. After being picked to finish ninth heading into last season and grabbing a tie for second in the conference, head volleyball coach Susan Kreklow said she is excited about the challenge of continuing the upward swing the program is experiencing.

Defending Big 12 and National Champion Nebraska received 10 of the 11 first place votes while Texas A&M, who was picked to finish second, had one first-place vote. Colorado grabbed the third spot after finishing in a two-way for third in the Big 12 last season while K-State and Mizzou rounded out the top five spots. The polling was based on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 system with a first-place vote receiving 10 points. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team.

The Tiger Triple and Double-Double Club

With a variable plethora of offensive weapons at the Tigers disposal, look for the Tigers to have several members of the Triple and Double-Double Club in 2001. Here is a list of the players that have posted double doubles so far this season

Chrissy Elder-	36 assists, 18 digs vs. WVU, 9/1
	35 assists, 11 digs vs. Akron, 9/2
	34 assists, 15 digs vs IUPUI, 9/7
	65 assists, 10 digs vs TTU, 9/19
	63 assists, 14 digs vs KSU, 9/26
Lisa Morris-	15 kills, 10 digs vs. Akron, 9/2
	26 kills, 11 digs vs IUPUI, 9/7
	20 kills, 11 digs vs. SIU, 9/7
	17 kills, 12 digs vs SEMO, 9/24
	23 kills, 12 digs vs. KSU, 9/26
Naaron Branson-	15 kills, 21 digs vs. Akron, 9/2
	10 kills, 12 digs vs. W. Kent, 9/8

Triple-Doubles

Christi Myers-	18 kills, 15 digs, 11 blocks vs. Texas A&M, 9/22
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Rules, Regulations and other Points of Interest

The National Association for Girls and Women in Sports, the official rules-making body for women's collegiate volleyball, has released its "2001-2002 NAGWS Official Rules, Interpretations & Officiating Rulebook." Among the modifications include changes in the scoring format to rally scoring, the let serve and the one toss per serve. The international pursuit rule was added as an experimental rule for the upcoming season.

* The most noticeable difference this season will be the move from sideout volleyball to a rally scoring format where each play will result

USA Today/AVCA Top 25 As of 9/24/01

Rank	School	Points	2001 Record	Last Week
1	Nebraska	1591	7-1	1
2	Long Beach State	1583	7-0	2
3	Arizona	1468	7-0	3
4	Stanford	1435	8-0	4
5	USC	1369	6-1	5
6	Penn State	1283	8-1	6
7	Wisconsin	1179	8-2	9
8	UCLA	1172	5-2	8
9	Florida	1076	5-1	10
10	Colorado State	1031	8-0	11
11	Pacific	1000	10-2	7
12	Hawaii	877	6-4	12
13	Pepperdine	796	4-2	13
14	BYU	767	6-1	14
15	Ohio State	758	10-0	15
16	Texas A&M	663	8-1	16
17	Minnesota	540	8-2	17
18	South Carolina	506	7-1	19
19	UC Santa Barbara	407	3-5	18
20	Santa Clara	318	7-3	20
21	Northern Iowa	304	10-0	23
22	Utah	272	5-3	21
23	Texas	236	7-1	25
24	Notre Dame	163	5-3	24
25	Louisville	86	7-1	NR

Others: Kansas State (70), Colorado(51), Nevada (38), **Missouri (37)**, Duke (21), Washington State (11), Michigan State (4), Kansas(2).

2001 Tiger Opponents in italics

in a point. The first four games will be scored to 30 points, with the winner holding a two-point lead. The fifth and deciding game will be played to 15 with the winner leading by two points.

*Other significant changes involve the serve. Players must serve the ball within eight seconds after the referee authorizes service and will not be allowed a second toss for service. Further, the collegiate game will mimic the international game with the let serve. A served ball will remain in play if it hits the net and continues its path to the opposition's court. A service ace can be earned if the ball falls to the opposition's side of the court on the serve, despite contact with the net on service

The 2001 Schedule

Mizzou has now begun its Big 12 Conference schedule in the double round robin format. The Tigers were 13-1 last season in the home whites and hosted seven of the 10 largest crowds in school history. The usual suspects will be competing for the crown in the Big 12 again this season. Defending National and Big 12 Champion Nebraska returns five of six starters to its lineup while Kansas State and Texas A&M, who both tied with Mizzou for second place in the conference in 2000, each return at least four starters from last season's squads.

You Must Look Back to Go Forward, Grasshopper

Coming off of one of the best seasons in school history, a high level of excitement surrounds the 2001 Missouri volleyball team this season. 2000 Big 12 Coaches of the year **Susan and Wayne Kreklow** return five starters from last season's squad that went 24-7 overall (the sixth-most wins in a season in school history) and 14-6 in the Big 12 (the best conference record in school history). The Tigers also achieved a national ranking for the first time since 1982, reaching No. 23 in the *USA Today* Coaches' Poll.

Tiger Career Highs

#1 Rachael Taylor

Kills	2, two times
Attacks	9, vs. Iowa State (10/13/99)
Hitting %	.400, vs. Kansas State
Assists	64 vs. Baylor (11/6/99)
Aces	5 vs. Oklahoma (10/14/00)
Solo Blocks	1 vs. Kansas (10/27/99)
Block Assists	3 vs. Baylor (11/6/99)
Digs	16 vs. Texas Tech (9/19/01)

#2 Kristen Johnson

Kills	17, two times
Attacks	39 vs. Baylor (9/23/00)
Hitting %	.667 vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Assists	2, vs. UMKC (9/6/00)
Aces	N/A
Solo Blocks	1, eight times
Block Assists	6, vs. SEMO (9/11/00)
Digs	5, vs. SEMO (9/24/01)

#3 Lisa Morris

Kills	29, vs. Texas Tech (9/27/00)
Attacks	76, vs. Texas Tech (9/27/00)
Hitting %	.611, vs. Oklahoma (10/14/00)
Assists	3, two times
Aces	4, vs. Oklahoma (9/29/99)
Solo Blocks	3, five times
Block Assists	5, vs. Arkansas State (9/9/00)
Digs	21, vs. Texas Tech (9/27/00)

#4 Chrissy Elder

Kills	5, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Attacks	8, vs. Kansas State (9/26/01)
Hitting %	1.000 vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Assists	65 vs. Texas Tech (9/9/01)
Aces	3, vs. Southern Illinois (9/8/01)
Solo Blocks	2, vs. Texas Tech (9/19/01)
Block Assists	4, vs. Temple (9/1/01)
Digs	18, vs. West Virginia (9/1/01)

#5 Ashlee Johns

Kills	17, vs. Baylor (11/1/00)
Attacks	37, vs. Baylor (11/1/00)
Hitting %	.600, vs. Iowa State (10/28/00)
Assists	1, vs. Utah State (12/1/00)
Aces	N/A
Solo Blocks	1, vs. Iowa State (10/28/00)
Block Assists	4, vs. Kansas (11/21/00)
Digs	5, vs. Baylor (11/1/00)

#7 Nikki Myhra

Kills	2, vs. East Carolina (9/11/99)
Attacks	6, vs. Mississippi (9/19/98)
Hitting %	N/A
Assists	1, three times
Aces	4, vs. Iowa State (11/11/98)
Solo Blocks	N/A
Block Assists	2, vs. East Carolina (9/11/99)
Digs	10, two times

#9 Katherine Wingert

Kills	N/A
Attacks	1 vs. Nebraska (10/25/00)
Hitting %	N/A
Assists	3, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Aces	2, twice
Solo Blocks	N/A
Block Assists	N/A
Digs	7, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)

Keeping an Eye on the Tiger Record Books

Several Tigers are threatening to make major moves up career record lists this season. Here is a list of the movers and shakers to watch as the Tigers take on their 2001 opposition.

#10 Krista Johnson

Kills	16, vs. Texas Tech (9/27/00)
Attacks	34, vs. Texas Tech (9/27/00)
Hitting %	.667, three times
Assists	3, vs. UMKC (9/6/00)
Aces	4, vs. Colorado (10/31/98)
Solo Blocks	3, vs. UMKC (10/10/99)
Block Assists	7, twice
Digs	6, vs. Texas Tech (9/27/00)

#11 Naaron Branson

Kills	22, vs. Iowa State (11/20/99)
Attacks	60, vs. Iowa State (11/20/99)
Hitting %	.875, vs. Lehigh (9/18/98)
Assists	7, vs. Kansas (9/25/99)
Aces	5, vs. Baylor (11/6/99)
Solo Blocks	5, twice
Block Assists	6, twice
Digs	21, vs. Arkon (9/2/01)

#13 Katie Sowers

Kills	1, five times
Attacks	4, four times
Hitting %	N/A
Assists	2, vs. Oregon State (9/4/99)
Aces	4, vs. Iowa State (10/28/00)
Solo Blocks	N/A
Block Assists	N/A
Digs	18, vs. Southern Illinois (9/8/01)

#15 Christi Myers

Kills	22, two times
Attacks	47, vs. Baylor (11/6/99)
Hitting %	.667, vs. Oral Roberts (9/2/00)
Assists	3, two times
Aces	3, vs. Colorado (10/18/00)
Solo Blocks	5, vs. Baylor (9/23/00)
Block Assists	8, two times
Digs	15, two times

#16 Jenny Duitsman

Kills	7, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Attacks	9, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Hitting %	.667, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Assists	N/A
Aces	2, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Solo Blocks	1, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Block Assists	1, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Digs	5, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)

#22 Mary Lauren Smith

Kills	13, two times
Attacks	35, vs. Texas A&M (9/22/01)
Hitting %	.714, vs. Southern Illinois (9/8/01)
Assists	2, vs. West Virginia (9/1/01)
Aces	1, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Solo Blocks	1, vs. SEMO (9/24/01)
Block Assists	7, vs. Texas A&M (9/22/01)
Digs	5, two times

KILLS PER GAME

1. Yvette Buhlig (88-90, 92)	3.70
2. Lisa Morris (99-)	3.59
3. Sharen Olmstead (83-84)	3.15
4. Christi Myers (99-)	3.15
5. Melinda Wrye (90-92)	3.00
6. Jodi Maune (95-98)	2.98
7. Ritchie Ponquinette (83-84)	2.77
8. Naaron Branson (98-)	2.72
8. Sharon Zaeheringer (84-87)	2.72
10. Dianne Berg (83-85)	2.64

HITTING PERCENTAGE

1. Christi Myers (99-)	.311
2. Dianne Berg (83-85)	.308
3. Yvette Buhlig (88-90, 92)	.283
4. Krista Johnson (98-)	.275
4. Shannon Brown (89-92)	.275
6. Heather Gerber (97-00)	.261
7. Ritchie Ponquinette (83-84)	.255
8. Dina Herzog (83-84)	.253
9. Annette Luyten (97-00)	.250
10. Stacy Harris (84-87)	.234

SOLO BLOCKS

1. Dianne Berg (83-85)	124
2. Shannon Brown (89-92)	117
3. Renee Rosinski (95-98)	80
4. Stacy Harris (84-87)	64
5. Christi Myers (99-)	59
6. Dina Herzog (83-84)	58
7. Annette Luyten (97-00)	53
8. Yvette Buhlig (88-90, 92)	51
9. Amy Tuma (87-88)	50
10. Sherri Gentry (86, 88-90)	45

BLOCK ASSISTS

1. Dianne Berg (83-85)	320
2. Shannon Brown (89-92)	261
3. Dina Herzog (83-84)	247
4. Renee Rosinski (95-98)	217
5. Annette Luyten (97-00)	213
6. Krista Johnson (98-)	199
7. Christi Myers (99-)	195
8. Sandi Orent (83-85)	159
9. Ritchie Ponquinette (83-84)	155
9. Stacy Harris (84-87)	155
11. Gwen Mullens (91-94)	147

TOTAL BLOCKS

1. Dianne Berg (83-85)	444
2. Shannon Brown (89-92)	378
3. Dina Herzog (83-84)	305
4. Renee Rosinski (95-98)	297
5. Annette Luyten (97-)	266
6. Christi Myers (99-)	253
7. Krista Johnson (98-)	239
8. Stacy Harris (84-87)	219
9. Yvette Buhlig (88-90, 92)	190
10. Sherri Gentry (86, 88-90)	189

BLOCKS PER GAME

1. Dina Herzog (83-84)	1.50
2. Dianne Berg (83-85)	1.40
3. Christi Myers (99-)	1.08
4. Krista Johnson (98-)	0.91
5. Ritchie Ponquinette (83-84)	0.89
6. Shannon Brown (89-92)	0.86
7. Renee Rosinski (95-98)	0.71
8. Amy Tuma (87-88)	0.68
9. Pascha Boyd (92-94)	0.67
10. Sharen Olmstead (83-84)	0.66

DIGS PER GAME

1. Amy Tuma (87-88)	3.12
2. Margaret Yanics (84-86, 88)	2.99
3. Sharen Olmstead (83-84)	2.96
4. Yvette Buhlig (88-90, 92)	2.87
5. Melinda Wrye (90-92)	2.80
6. Naaron Branson (98-)	2.59
6. Gwen Mullens (91-94)	2.57
8. Lisa Morris (99-)	2.53
8. Regan Eckenrode (93-96)	2.53
10. Chandra Hopkins (95-98)	2.50

KILLS

1. Yvette Buhlig (88-90, 92)	1,478
2. Jodi Maune (95-98)	1,147
3. Renee Rosinski (95-98)	1,049
4. Sherri Gentry (86, 88-90)	1,030
5. Sharon Zaeheringer (84-87)	929
6. Gwen Mullens (91-94)	927
7. Naaron Branson (98-)	926
8. Melinda Wrye (90-92)	906
9. Margaret Yanics (84-86, 88)	902
10. Annette Luyten (97-00)	896



2001 Results

9-2 Overall • 1-2 in Big 12 Conference

Home: 2-1 • Away: 2-1 • Neutral: 5-0

Three Game Matches: 5-0 • Four Game Matches: 4-0 • Five Game Matches: 0-2

Date	Opponent	& Rank	W/L	Score	Score-By-Game	Att.	Overall	Big 12
Mountaineer Invitational								
Sept. 1	* vs. Temple Univ.	RV	W	3-0	30-19, 30-27, 30-23	250	1-0	0-0
Sept. 1	*at West Virginia Univ.	RV	W	3-0	30-22, 30-19, 30-26	200	2-0	0-0
Sept. 2	*vs. Akron Univ.	RV	W	3-0	30-16, 30-23, 30-20	75	3-0	0-0
Sept. 2	*vs. Wagner College	RV	W	3-0	30-8, 30-12, 30-14	100	4-0	0-0
Best Inns Invitational								
Sept. 7	% vs. IUPUI	RV	W	3-1	30-24, 30-16, 31-33, 30-27	100	5-0	0-0
Sept. 8	% vs. Western Kentucky	RV	W	3-0	30-17, 30-25, 30-19	115	6-0	0-0
Sept. 8	% vs. Southern Illinois	RV	W	3-1	30-21, 28-30, 30-26, 30-26	250	7-0	0-0
Sept. 19	# TEXAS TECH	RV	W	3-1	30-27, 30-25, 26-30, 21-29	1,049	8-0	1-0
Sept. 22	# TEXAS A&M	RV	L	2-3	28-30, 30-27, 30-23, 23-30, 13-15	1,125	8-1	1-1
Sept. 24	SE MISSOURI STATE	RV	W	3-1	30-14, 27-30, 30-14, 30-16	771	9-1	1-1
Sept. 26	# at Kansas State	RV	L	2-3	22-30, 30-19, 25-30, 30-23, 13-15	1026	9-2	1-2

* at Mountaineer Invitational

% at Best Inns Invitational

Big 12 Match

2001 MISSOURI OVERALL STATISTICS

9-2 (Overall) 1-2 (Conference) 8-0 (Non-Conference)

2-1 (Home) 2-1 (Away) 5-0 (Neutral)

Player	G	K	K/G	E	TA	Pct.	A	A/G	SA	SE	RE	DG	DG/G	BS	BA	B/G	BE	BHE
Jenny DUITSMAN	4	9	2.5	2	12	.583	0	0.00	2	0	0	5	1.25	1	1	0.50	0	0
Chrissy ELDER	40	32	0.80	10	57	.386	487	12.18	7	6	2	102	2.55	3	17	0.50	7	15
Christi MYERS	40	132	3.30	30	304	.336	4	0.10	11	12	8	72	1.80	9	47	1.40	2	2
Krista JOHNSON	41	69	1.68	21	144	.333	4	0.10	0	1	0	18	0.44	2	29	0.76	5	1
Mary Lauren SMITH	28	66	2.36	14	165	.315	5	0.18	2	9	1	22	0.79	3	18	0.75	2	1
Lisa MORRIS	37	164	4.43	45	413	.288	7	0.19	11	22	15	93	2.51	0	14	0.38	2	1
Kristen JOHNSON	31	71	2.29	23	205	.234	5	0.16	0	0	1	26	0.84	1	10	0.35	2	1
Naaron BRANSON	38	53	1.39	23	164	.183	17	0.45	6	4	7	122	3.21	0	13	0.34	2	1
Ashlee JOHNS	25	47	1.88	26	146	.144	3	0.12	0	1	1	10	0.40	1	4	0.20	1	0
Katie SOWERS	39	2	0.05	1	10	.100	5	0.13	13	11	6	121	3.10	0	0	0.00	0	0
Katherine WINGERT	9	0	0.00	0	2	.000	5	0.56	5	4	1	20	2.22	0	0	0.00	0	0
Nikki MYHRA	3	0	0.00	0	2	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0	2	0.67	0	0	0.00	0	0
Rachael TAYLOR	41	0	0.00	3	20	-.150	24	0.59	12	5	8	98	2.39	0	2	0.05	1	0
TEAM																		
Univ. of Missouri	41	645	15.73	198	1644	.272	566	13.80	69	75	51	711	17.34	20	155	2.38	26	23
OPPONENTS	41	546	13.32	299	1714	.144	491	11.89	51	84	69	642	15.66	16	96	1.56	27	39