Mizzou Tigers

2009 Volleyball • Black & Gold Match



Schedule & Results

Tiger Invitational		
Aug. 28	TEXAS STATE	6:30pm
Aug. 29	OLE MISS	12:00pm
Aug. 29	BYU	6:30pm
Utah Valley Tournament		
Sept. 4	Washington State	3:30pm
Sept. 5	at Utah Valley	11:00am
Sept. 5	at Utah	3:30pm
Michigan Pepsi Challenge		
Sept. 11	VCU	9:00am
Sept. 11	Morehead State	1:30pm
Sept. 12	Fairfield	1:30pm
Sept. 12	at Michigan	6:30pm
Sept. 16	KANSAS*	6:30pm
Sept. 19	at Oklahoma*	TBD-FB
Sept. 23	UMKC	6:30pm
Sept. 26	TEXAS A&M*	6:30pm
Sept. 30	at Baylor*	7:00pm
Oct. 3	at Iowa State*	6:30pm
Oct. 7	COLORADO*	6:30pm
Oct. 10	TEXAS TECH*	6:30pm
Oct. 14	at Kansas State*	7:00pm
Oct. 17	NEBRASKA*	6:30pm
Oct. 21	at Texas*	6:30pm
Oct. 24	at Kansas*	TBD-FB
Oct. 28	KANSAS STATE*	6:30pm
Oct. 31	SIUE	6:30pm
Nov. 4	at Nebraska*	7:00pm
Nov. 7	TEXAS*	TBD-FB
Nov. 11	OKLAHOMA*	6:30pm
Nov. 14	at Colorado*	6:30pm
Nov. 18	at Texas Tech*	7:00pm
Nov. 21	IOWA STATE*	TBD-FB
Nov. 25	BAYLOR*	6:30pm
Nov. 28	at Texas A&M	6:30pm

* Big 12 Conference Match

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2009 Mizzou Black and Gold Scrimmage

Mizzou Black vs. Mizzou Gold

- Fri., August 21 • 6:30 p.m. -

Location ..... Columbia, Mo.
Arena ..... Hearnes Center
Complete Recap ..... www.mutigers.com

This Week

The Tigers will play host to the annual Black and Gold scrimmage at the Hearnes Center on Friday, Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m. The scrimmage will mark the start of the 2009 season and the 10th campaign for both Wayne and Susan Kreklow, who will be in search of their ninth NCAA Tournament appearance since taking over the program in 2000.

The Key Returners

Mizzou returns five players that started every match during 2008 and seven that saw action in all 30, including the Tigers' leaders in each of the major statistical categories - kills, digs, hitting percentage, blocks and assists - during the 2008 season. Below is a look at the key familiar faces on the Tiger roster.

• Senior Setter Lei Wang-Francisco

The Tigers' three-year starter at the setter position, Wang-Francisco comes into the season ranked fourth on the all-time Mizzou career assist list with 3,677 during her three seasons. Wang-Francisco has posted two triple-doubles in her career and boasts nine matches with at least 60 assists during her career.

• Senior Middle Blocker Amanda Hantouli

Also a seasoned veteran, Hantouli led the Tigers in both total blocks (106) and hitting percentage (.253) last season and has led the team in hitting in each of the past two seasons. She also added 214 kills to her ledger in 2008, ranking her fourth on the team in that category. Hantouli is a three-year letterwinner heading into her final campaign with the Tigers.

• Junior Outside Hitter Julianna Klein

Julianna Klein had six kill-dig double doubles in 2008 and led the team with 3.46 kills per set. Klein finished the season with 393 kills including four matches with more than 20 kills. Klein also finished the season with a total of 1,257 attacks, the third-most in a single season ever by a Tiger. She had a career-high 66 attacks at Texas A&M last season and she finished the five-set match with 20 kills.

• Junior Libero Caitlyn Vann

Vann will anchor the Tigers in the back row this season after she put together one of the finest statistical defensive seasons in Tiger history during the 2008 campaign. After totaling 560 digs, Vann moved to third-place on the single-season dig list at Mizzou, trailing only former Tiger Tatum Ailes. Had the scoring system been to 30 points in 2008, like it was when Ailes played, according the percentages, Vann would have smashed Ailes' record by more than 90 digs, earning her a spot amongst the Big 12's elite liberos.

• Junior Middle Blocker Weiwen Wang

Wang was one of the Tigers' top attackers during the 2008 season, finishing ranked second on the team in both kills (246) and hitting efficiency (.242). Wang is also the 2007 Big 12 Freshman of the Year and finished 2008 with 90 total blocks, ranking her second on the team, just behind Hantouli.

• Sophomore Defensive Specialist Annie Lopez

Lopez was a spark for the Tigers in 2008, totaling 242 digs in her first season as a Tiger, a mark that ranked fifth on the team.

Mizzou by the Numbers

8 • The number of NCAA Tournament appearances that the Tigers have had since the Kreklows took over the program in 2000.

16 • Mizzou's rank in the average national attendance standings last season. The Tigers saw an average of 1,625 fans per match at the Hearnes Center last season. That mark also ranked fourth in the Big 12 during 2008.

560 • The number of digs that starting libero Caitlyn Vann compiled in 2008. The 560 digs are the third-most in a single season in program history. Tatum Ailes (2004-07) holds the top two single-season marks at 583 (2007) and 565 (2006). Vann and Ailes are the only two Tigers in program history to tally at least 500 digs in a season, and Vann did so after the winning set score was reduced from 30 to 25 last season. Had the point scale still have gone to 30, Vann, according to the percentage of her digs per points played, would have added 93 more digs to her ledger, which would have smashed Ailes' single-season record as Vann would have finished the season with 653.

393 • The number of kills that Julianna Klein posted during the 2008 season. That total is the 15th-best in Mizzou single-season history while her 1,257 attacks in 2008 were the third-most in a single season at Mizzou.

2009 Mizzou Volleyball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown (Previous School)	Quick Digs
1	Lei Wang	S	5-11	Sr.	Shanghai, China (Shanghai Sports School)	*Has led Mizzou in assists over the past three seasons, averaging 10.62 per set*
2	Brittney Brimmage	MB/OH	6-3	So.	East St. Louis, Ill (East St. Louis)	*Had a career-best 10 kills vs. Utah State; posted 62 kills in 47 sets during 2008*
3	Caitlyn Vann	L	5-6	Jr.	Muncie, Ind. (Burris HS)	*Had 560 digs as the starting libero in 2008, the third-best single-season total in MU history*
4	Amanda Hantouli	MB	6-0	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Omaha Burke HS)	*Led the Tigers in hitting percentage in each of the last two seasons (.283, .253)*
6	Julianna Klein	OH	6-0	R-Jr.	Keota, Iowa (Keota HS)	*Averaged 3.42 kills per set and amassed 393 total kills, both team-high marks*
7	Rosa Medrano	MB	5-11	Jr.	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (Miami Dade College)	*Played at the same junior college as current Tiger Paola Ampudia*
8	Kate Harris	S	5-9	Fr.	Lee's Summit Mo. (Lee's Summit West)	*Ranked in the top 25 of the Prepvolleyball.com 'Senior Aces' list*
9	Paola Ampudia	OH/RS	6-1	Jr.	Cali, Colombia (Miami Dade College)	*2007 NJCAA National Player of the Year; Preseason Big 12 Newcomer of the Year*
10	Priscilla Armendariz	DS	5-3	So.	Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs South)	*Played in all 115 sets while starting 21 matches in 2008; finished '08 with 250 digs*
11	Lindsey Petrick	MB	6-1	Fr.	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley)	*EKL Scholar Athlete for two years while at Blue Valley High School*
12	Annie Lopez	DS	5-7	So.	St. Louis, Mo. (St. Joseph's Academy)	*Tallied 242 digs in 113 sets in 2008 with a career-best 20 at home versus Kansas St.*
13	Weiwen Wang	RS/MB	5-11	Jr.	Nanjing, China (Jiangsu Education Institute)	*Posted 246 kills at a clip of .242, both ranked second on the team in '08*
14	Marissa Ferri	DS	5-4	Fr.	Naperville, Ill. (Naperville North)	*Has plenty of high-level club experience, making her an ideal fit to see early playing time*
15	Catie Wilson	MB	6-3	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (Gross HS)	*Earned five starts and played in 57 sets in 2008; had a career-best 12 kills at Kansas State*

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Wayne Kreklow (Fifth Season as Head Coach (10th overall))
Director of Volleyball: Susan Kreklow (10th Season)
Assistant Coach: Deng Yang (10th Season)
Assistant Coach: Chris Muscat (First Season)
Operations Coordinator: Mike Jackson

2009 Big 12 Preseason Poll

Rank	Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1.	Texas (8)	98
2.	Nebraska (3)	93
3.	Iowa State	81
4.	Texas A&M	68
5.	Baylor	63
6.	Kansas State	57
7.	Oklahoma	46
8.	Missouri	38
9.	Kansas	30
10.	Colorado	20
11.	Texas Tech	11

2009 Preseason All-Big 12 Team

• Taylor Barnes • Baylor • Sr. • S
• Anna Breyfogle • Baylor • Sr. • MB
• Victoria Henson • Iowa State • Jr. • OH
• Kaylee Manns • Iowa State • Sr. • S
• Ashley Mass • Iowa State • Jr. • DS/L
• Kelsey Chipman • Kansas State • Sr. • MB
• Sydney Anderson • Nebraska • Jr. • S
• Kori Cooper • Nebraska • Sr. • MB
• Tara Mueller • Nebraska • Jr. • OH
• Ashley Engle • Texas • Sr. • S/RS
• Juliann Paucette • Texas • Jr. • OH
• Destinee Hooker • Texas • Sr. • OH
• Sarah Ammerman • Texas A&M • Sr. • OH
• Mary Batis • Texas A&M • Sr. • OH

Preseason Player of the Year
• Destinee Hooker • Texas • Sr. • OH

Preseason Freshman of the Year
• Bailey Webster • Texas • Fr. • MB

Preseason Newcomer of the Year
• Paola Ampudia • Mizzou • Jr. • OH

• Sophomore Defensive Specialist Priscilla Armendariz

A key contributor off the bench, Armendarz played in all 115 sets during the 2008 season while starting in 21 contests. After racking up 250 total digs on the season, Armendariz finished the campaign with the fourth-most digs on the team.

• Junior Middle Blocker Catie Wilson

Wilson rounds out the key returners for the Tigers in 2009. During her sophomore season, Wilson earned 83 kills despite only seeing action in 57 sets. Wilson posted a career-best 12 kills at Kansas State last season and finished 2008 averaging nearly 1.46 kills per set while hitting .239, third-best on the team.

The Key Newcomers

Five fresh faces will don the black and gold for the first time in their careers on Friday - three freshmen and two junior college transfers from Miami Dade College. Below is a brief look at the key newcomers for the Tigers.

• Junior Outside Hitter Paola Ampudia

Ampudia joins the Tigers as a standout transfer from National Junior College Athlete Association (NJCAA) powerhouse Miami Dade. Ampudia led the Sharks to the NJCAA National Championship game in 2007 and was named the NJCAA National Player of the Year that season. The Big 12 coaches have tabbed Ampudia as the Big 12 Newcomer of the Year as she will likely make an immediate impact on the Tiger roster this season.

• Junior Middle Blocker Rosa Medrano

Medrano was a teammate of Ampudia's at Miami Dade and followed her close friend and teammate to Mid-Missouri. Medrano brings a great all-around approach to the Tiger roster as she can play nearly every position on the floor. With a strong beach and indoor volleyball background, Medrano brings plenty of experience to the competition floor this season.

Big 12 Preseason Prospectus

After going 13-17 last in 2008, the Tigers were picked to finish eighth in the Big 12 this season according to the preseason poll, picked by the Big 12's 11 head coaches. The pick is the Tigers' lowest since prior to the 2000 season when the team was picked ninth. That year, all the Tigers did, under then head coach Susan Kreklow, was compile a 24-7 record while finishing second in the Big 12 with a 14-6 record. Mizzou is hoping for similar results this season as they search for another bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Defending Big 12 Champ Texas was picked to win the league this season, just edging out perennial powerhouse Nebraska by five points in the poll. Iowa State, who advanced to the Elite Eight last season, was picked third while Texas A&M, Baylor and Kansas State round out the top six in the league.

Joining Ampudia on the list of major award winners are two standouts from the Longhorn roster. Destinee Hooker was dubbed Big 12 Player of the Year while her teammate, Bailey Webster, earned Freshman of the Year.

Upcoming Volleyball Promotions

• Sept. 16, 2009 • vs. Kansas
- Dig For the Cure - The Tigers will be donned in pink attire to raise awareness of breast cancer. The team will also be accepting donations to help fund the battle against breast cancer. Come help support your Tigers in their 'Border Showdown' and help the community in its showdown with cancer.

• Oct. 17, 2009 • vs. Nebraska
- Can the Huskers - In a match against one of the programs' top rivals, Nebraska, the Tigers will look to can both the Huskers and hunger in an annual event that benefits the Central Missouri Food Bank. Fans will receive free admission with the donation of a canned food item. Last year, more than 500 pounds of food was collected and the Tigers are in hopes of shattering that mark this season.

• Oct. 28, 2009 • vs. Kansas State
- Bust the House - With hopes of 'busting' the Hearnes Center, the Tiger volleyball program will offer tickets for only $1 for its match against on of the Big 12's best - Kansas State. The lower bowl below the curtains seats 2,500 fans and the Tigers hope to raise the banners as they try to 'Bust the House' against K-State.

• Oct. 31, 2009 • vs. SIU-Edwardsville
- Tiger Night of Fun - In a Halloween match against SIU-Edwardsville, plenty of thrills will await fans at the hallowed Hearnes Center. In conjunction with the Columbia Parks and Recreation department, the Tigers will host the 'Tiger Night of Fun' for children and adults inside the Hearnes Center Fieldhouse. The event will take place before the game and anyone that attends the event will receive free admission to the Tigers' match later that evening.

For the latest on each of the listed Tiger volleyball promotions, stay tuned to www.MUTigers.com!

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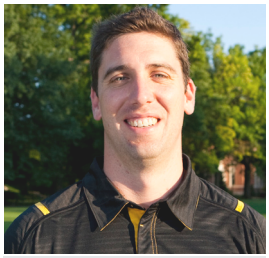
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