

HEAD COACH CHRIS HERRON



Chris Herron
Head Coach

**Herron's Year By
Year Record**

2002 Washburn 29-5
at Washburn - 29-5
(1 season)

2001 Benedictine . . . 32-6
2000 Benedictine . . . 30-8
1999 Benedictine . . . 13-15

at Benedictine - 75-29
(3 seasons)

High School

1998 Tonganoxie . . . 34-6
1997 Tonganoxie . . . 31-6
1996 Tonganoxie . . . 29-7
1995 Tonganoxie . . . 33-2
1994 Tonganoxie . . . 30-5
1993 Tonganoxie . . . 35-4
1992 Tonganoxie . . . 28-7
1991 Tonganoxie . . . 28-7
1990 Tonganoxie . . . 24-9
1989 Tonganoxie . . . 28-5
1988 Tonganoxie . . . 21-8
1987 Tonganoxie . . . 32-5
1986 Tonganoxie . . . 13-17
1985 Golden City, Mo. 16-5
1984 Golden City, Mo. 5-12

387-105 overall
(15 seasons)

**Combined
College/High School**

491-139
(.779)

In his first season as the Lady Blues' head coach, Chris Herron took the Washburn program to new heights winning its first MIAA Championship and its first appearance in the NCAA Playoffs.

In his first years as the Lady Blues head coach, Herron led Washburn to a 29-5 record.

A new chapter in Washburn volleyball began on March 25, 2002, when Chris Herron was named head coach of the Washburn volleyball team.

Herron spent the previous three seasons as the head coach of Benedictine College, where he compiled a 75-29 record. After going 13-15 in his first year in 1999, Herron guided the Ravens to their first-ever Heart of America Athletic Conference title and the squad's highest win total ever with a 30-8 record in 2000.

He led the Ravens to a 32-6 record last fall and garnered HAAC Coach of the year honors for the second straight season. The squad also won its first-ever HAAC Postseason Conference Tournament championship in 2001.

Benedictine also cracked the national top 25 poll for the first time in school history, by finishing 23rd in the final NAIA rankings.

Herron spent 13 years prior to going to Benedictine as the head coach at



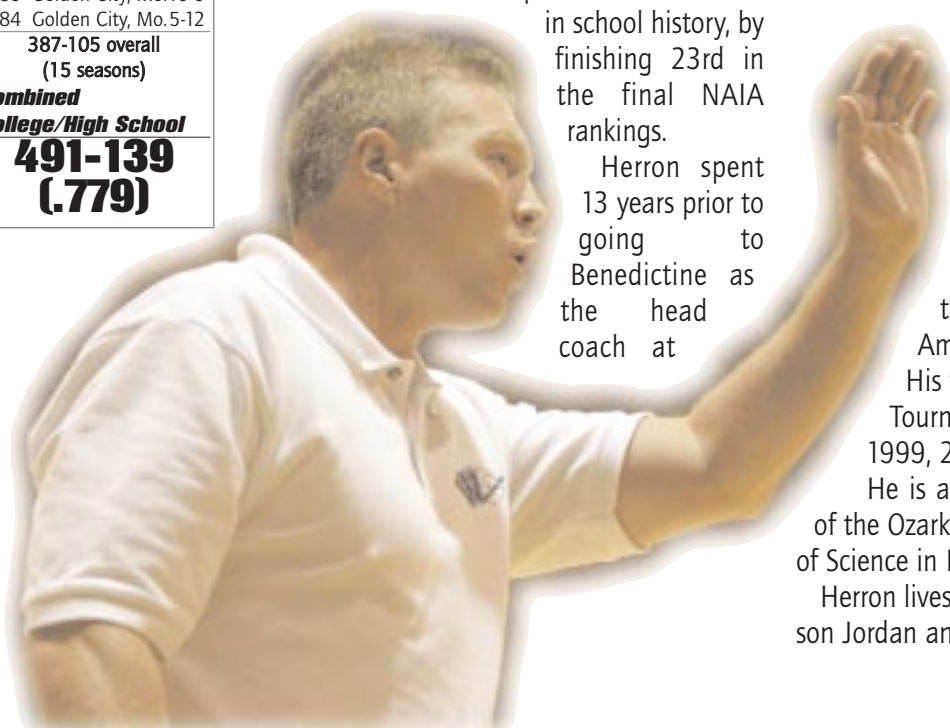
Tonganoxie High School. During that time Herron's teams posted an overall record of 366-88. He began his coaching career at Golden City High School in Golden City, Mo., where he posted a 21-17 record in two seasons from 1984-85.

Two of his teams received the state's highest award of "Program of the Year" in 1989 and 1996 from the Kansas Volleyball Coaches Association. He also led four of his teams to the state tournament.

Herron also has coached USAV juniors volleyball for the past 14 winters. His last two teams have been Heart of America Region 18 Champions. His teams have made four National Tournament appearances, in 1993, 1999, 2000, 2001.

He is a 1980 graduate of the College of the Ozarks, where he earned a Bachelor's of Science in Physical Education.

Herron lives in Lawrence with his wife, Julie son Jordan and daughter Libby.





Herron vs All-Opponents

Record vs the MIAA

| | |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Central Missouri | 1-2 |
| Emporia State | 2-0 |
| Missouri Southern | 2-0 |
| Missouri Western | 2-0 |
| Northwest Missouri | 2-1 |
| Pittsburg State | 2-0 |
| Southwest Baptist | 2-0 |
| Truman State | 1-1 |
| Washburn* | 0-1 |

MIAA Overall 14-5

*While at Benedictine College.

Other Opponents

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Anderson | 1-0 |
| Arkansas Tech | 1-0 |
| Asbury | 1-0 |
| Avila | 4-0 |
| Baker | 6-3 |
| Bellevue | 0-1 |
| Bethany | 3-0 |
| Bethel | 0-1 |

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|--------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|
| Central Methodist | 3-0 | Mid-America Nazarene | 5-2 |
| Colorado Springs | 1-0 | Midland Lutheran | 1-0 |
| Columbia | 0-1 | Missouri Baptist | 1-0 |
| Christian Brothers | 1-0 | Missouri Valley | 4-0 |
| Culver Stockton | 5-3 | Mount Olive | 1-0 |
| Dana | 2-0 | Newman | 2-0 |
| Doane | 0-1 | North Alabama | 1-0 |
| Dordt | 0-1 | Ottawa | 5-0 |
| Evangel | 5-2 | Park | 3-0 |
| Fort Hays | 0-1 | Robert Morris | 1-0 |
| Friends | 4-0 | Rockhurst | 1-0 |
| Francis Marion | 1-0 | St. Gregory's | 0-1 |
| Graceland | 0-5 | St. Mary | 2-0 |
| Hannibal-LeGrange | 1-0 | Souix-Falls | 1-0 |
| Harding | 0-1 | Southern Colorado | 1-0 |
| Houston-Tillotsen | 1-0 | Sterling | 3-0 |
| Illinois Institute of Tech | 0-1 | Wartburg | 1-0 |
| Illinois-Springfield | 1-0 | William Jewell | 5-0 |
| Iowa Wesleyan | 1-0 | William Woods | 2-0 |
| John Brown | 0-1 | Wingate | 1-0 |
| Kansas Wesleyan | 1-1 | | |
| Lindenwood | 5-1 | | |

LADY BLUES ASSISTANT COACHES

Christyn Crane



Christyn Crane begins her first season as an Lady Blue assistant coach. The former Benedictine Lady Raven played two years under head coach Chris Herron.

At Benedictine, Crane was a first team all-conference selection as a senior and second team as a junior, as well as twice being selected for the all-region teams.

Crane has spent the last season as an assistant volleyball coach at her prep alma mater at Lawrence High School under Jo Huntsinger.

Crane is working on her master's degree in education administration at Washburn.

Macy Tanking



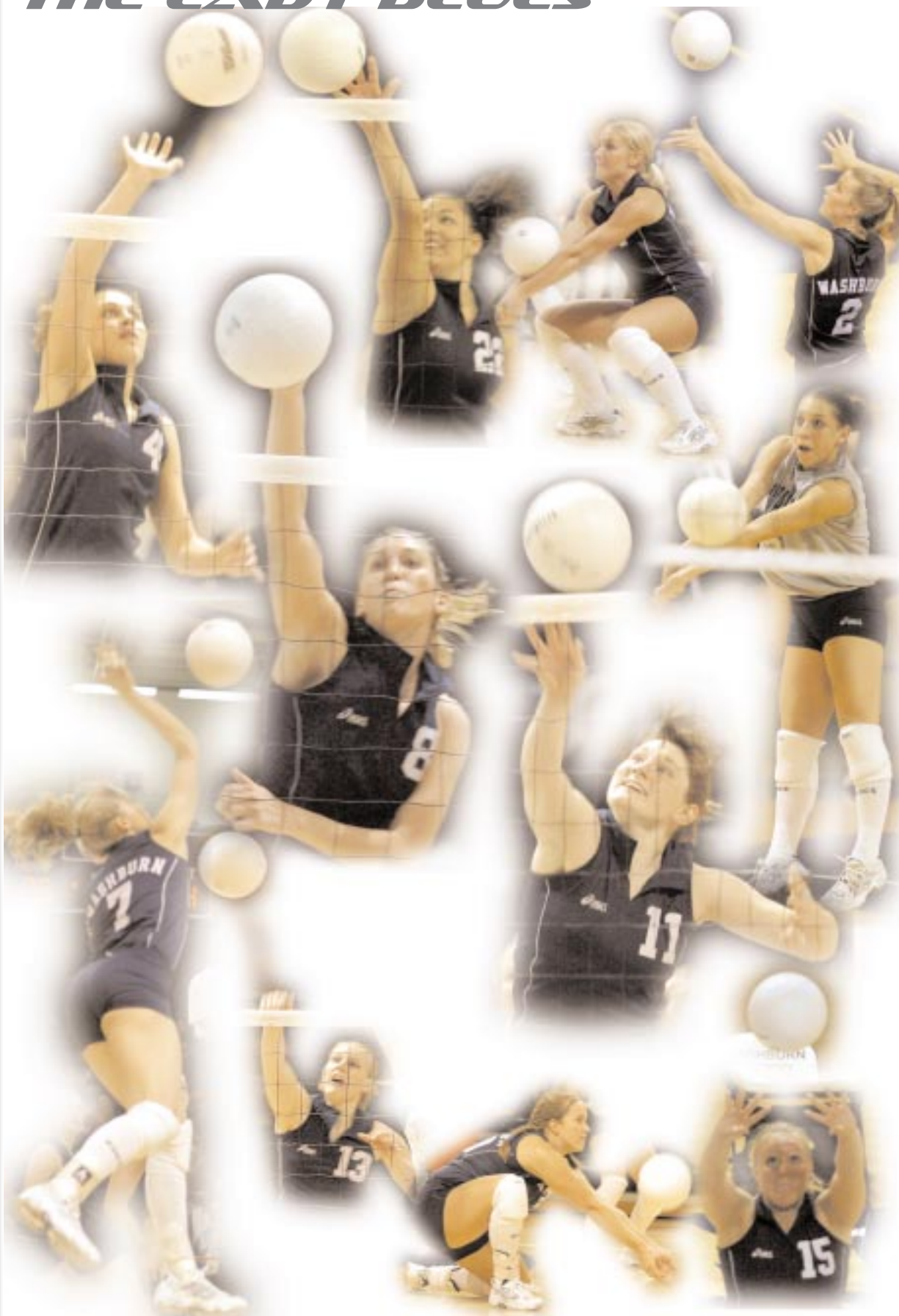
Macy Tanking begins her first season as an Lady Blue assistant coach. Tanking played one season under head coach Chris Herron and also served as a graduate assistant with Herron one season at Benedictine.

Tanking was an all-conference selection at Benedictine as a senior.

The St. Marys native is currently working her master's in business administration at Washburn.



THE LADY BLUES





| No. | Name (pronunciations) | Pos | HT | CL | Hometown/Previous School |
|-----|-------------------------------|--------|------|----|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Kandice Connell (Ka-nell) | DS | 5-4 | SR | Claflin, Kan./Barton County CC |
| 2 | Wendy Kobbeman (Ko-ba-man) | OH/DS | 5-7 | JR | Topeka, Kan./Arkansas Tech University |
| 3 | Alecia Barron | Libero | 5-4 | SR | Topeka, Kan./Benedictine College |
| 4 | Susan Crooks | OH | 6-0 | SR | Silver Lake, Kan./Silver Lake HS |
| 5 | Emily Foster | OH | 5-7 | JR | Meriden, Kan./Ottawa University |
| 6 | Julie Sackman | S | 5-11 | FR | Blue Springs, Mo./Blue Springs HS |
| 7 | Ann Weygint (why-gent) | MH | 5-9 | SR | Lawrence, Kan./Benedictine College |
| 8 | Dani McHenry | OH | 6-0 | JR | Topeka, Kan./University of Kansas |
| 9 | Valerie Peterson | OPP | 5-9 | FR | Manhattan, Kan./Riley County HS |
| 10 | Ashley Millette | OH | 5-10 | FR | Blue Rapids, Kan./Valley Heights HS |
| 11 | Anna Neufeld (new-feld) | MH | 6-0 | SR | Silver Lake, Kan./Benedictine College |
| 12 | Kate Peterson | OH | 5-10 | FR | Wamego, Kan./Wamego HS |
| 13 | Megan Houk (How-k) | OH/MH | 6-0 | SR | Valley Center, Kan./Cowley County CC |
| 14 | Emily Escher | DS | 5-8 | FR | Topeka, Kan./Hayden HS |
| 15 | Callie Bjelland (B-yell-land) | S | 5-6 | SO | Grantsburg, Wisc./Grantsburg HS |
| 17 | Caroline Cezar | MH/OH | 5-11 | FR | Shawnee, Kan./St. Thomas Aquinas HS |
| 18 | Leigha Kroeger | MH | 6-2 | FR | Home, Kan./Marysville HS |
| 20 | Ashley Smith | DS/OH | 5-9 | JR | Maple Hill, Kan./St. Marys HS |
| 22 | Katie Brandt | MH/OH | 6-1 | JR | Chicago, Ill./Resurrection HS |

By Class

Seniors (6)

Alecia Barron
Kandice Connell
Susan Crooks
Megan Houk
Anna Neufeld
Ann Weygint

Juniors (5)

Katie Brandt
Emily Foster
Wendy Kobbeman
Dani McHenry
Ashley Smith

Sophomore (1)

Callie Bjelland

Freshman (7)

Caroline Cezar
Emily Foster
Leigha Kroeger
Ashley Millette
Kate Peterson
Valerie Peterson
Julie Sackman

By State

Kansas (16)

Blue Rapids: Ashley Millette

Claflin: Kandice Connell

Home: Leigha Kroeger

Lawrence: Ann Weygint

Manhattan: Valerie Peterson

Maple Hill: Ashley Smith

Meriden: Emily Foster

Shawnee: Caroline Cezar

Silver Lake: Susan Crooks, Anna Neufeld

Topeka: Alecia Barron, Emily Escher, Wendy Kobbeman, Dani McHenry

Valley Center: Megan Houk

Wamego: Kate Peterson

Missouri (1)

Blue Springs: Julie Sackman

Wisconsin (1)

Grantsburg: Callie Bjelland

Illinois (1)

Chicago: Katie Brandt

Alphabetical Roster

| No. | Name | Pos | HT | CL |
|-----|------------------|--------|------|----|
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| 7 | Ann Weygint | MH | 5-9 | SR |

2003 OUTLOOK

by **Gene Cassell**
Washburn Sports Information Director

When the 2002 Washburn Lady Blues Volleyball team took the court last season, they were bit of an enigma. There were eight new players on the roster and no one outside of the practices knew exactly what the Lady Blues had under new head coach Chris Herron. This season, teams

will be looking to knock off the defending MIAA Champions.

"Last season, we might have been able to sneak up on people and took some teams by surprise," Herron said. "But this season, we're going to have go out from the beginning and play hard the second we hit the court."

The Lady Blues return 11 letterwinners off of last seasons 29-5 team that advanced to the NCAA Regional Tournament and won their first MIAA Championship going 14-2 in conference play. That experience will help the Lady Blues this season as they look to repeat, but will also have the pressure of wearing the conference crown.

"We are going to be the ones on the court with the bullseye on our back," Herron said. We are going to have to have the same intensity night in and out to get back to where we finished last season."

Returners

Of the 11 returning letterwinners for the Lady Blues, seven of them started at least 50 percent of their matches this season.

Leading the charge is All-MIAA first team performer Dani McHenry. The junior outside hitter was also picked as an all-region selection after topping the Lady Blues with 3.38 kills per game. McHenry also finished second on the team in digs with 3.83 per game and fourth in blocks with .65 per game.

Also returning is senior all-region pick Anna Neufeld. Neufeld led the Lady Blues with 111 blocks from her middle hitter position, which was seventh in the MIAA. Neufeld was second on the team in kills with 334 and her hitting percentage ranked fifth in the MIAA.

Fellow senior Susan Crooks was right behind Neufeld with 331 kills from her outside hitter position.

Senior Libero Alecia Barron led the Lady Blues with 386 digs, finishing sixth in the MIAA.

Seniors Kandice Connell, Ann Weygint and Megan Houk all played in 50 games last season and Herron looks for all three to continue to improve this upcoming season.

"Our upper classmen are all solid players and they push each other everyday in practice to make everyone a more complete and all-around player," Herron said.

Also returning from last season's squad are juniors Katie Brandt, Wendy Kobbeman, Ashley Smith and sophomore Callie Bjelland. Brandt played outside and middle hitter averaging just under two kills per game, Kobbeman

was third on the team in digs with 2.84 and Smith was a defensive specialist who averaged .53 digs per game and Bjelland is the only setter returning after Lady Blues' career assist leader Lindsey Kersting graduated with 3,915 assists.

Newcomers

The Lady Blues have eight newcomers who will look to help build on what the squad accomplished last season.

"We have had a tremendous recruiting season with the incoming talent that will be here," Herron said.

Outside hitter Ashley Millette was a first team all-class all-state selection and was named the Class 2A Volleyball Player of the Year as a junior and senior from Blue Rapids, Kan.

Setter Julie Sackman was a two-time all-state selection from Blue Springs, Mo., as well as being named first team all-area and second team all-metro.

Valerie Peterson was named first team All-Mid East League honors all four years at Riley County and was named team MVP her junior and senior seasons.

"We addressed the immediate needs of our program with this recruiting class," said Herron. "We are very excited about the players we have coming in and expect them to have great careers at Washburn."

Joining this trio will be junior transfer, outside hitter Emily Foster. Foster, a native of Meriden, was named an NAIA All-American in Ottawa University last season. She recorded 688 kills, breaking her own school record by more than 100. Foster was also named KCAC Player of the Year and was named to the all-conference first team.

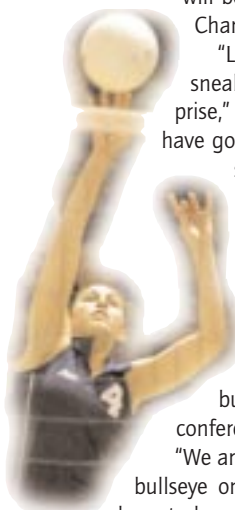
A quartet of freshmen will redshirt this season for the Lady Blues. Outside hitter Kate Peterson, defensive specialist Emily Escher and middle hitters Caroline Cezar and Leigha Kroeger.

The MIAA

From even before the season started, the Lady Blues had motivation for winning another MIAA Championship. Despite the talent returning, the league coaches picked the Lady Blues third in the preseason coaches poll.

Truman received six first place votes, tallying 62 points and Central Missouri was named tops on two league coaches ballots with 55 points. The Lady Blues did not receive any first team votes, gaining 41 points and Pittsburg State received one first place vote with 44 points.

Rounding out the voting was Missouri Western and Emporia State tying for fifth with 30 points. Missouri Southern was picked seventh with 25 points. Northwest Missouri was picked eighth with 19 points and Southwest Baptist was picked ninth with eight points.





1 Kandice Connell

5-4 • Senior • Defensive Specialist
Claflin, Kan./Barton County Community College

At Washburn as a junior

Played in 101 games recording three kills and averaged 1.41 digs per game while recording two aces.

Background

A sophomore transfer from Barton County Community College, where she helped the Cougars to a sixth place finish at the NJCAA national tournament in 2000 by tallying 246 digs. A 2000 graduate of Claflin High, where she earned all-area and All-Central Prairie League honors all four seasons and was named to the Kansas Sports Magazine honorable mention all-state team her junior and senior seasons. Also earned All-Central Prairie League and

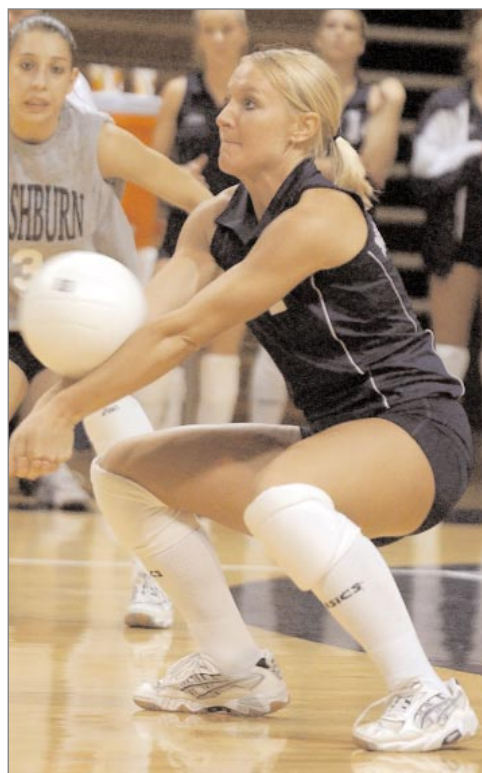
all-area honors in basketball. Was a member of Claflin's honor roll all four years and was a three-year member of the National Honor Society.

Personal

Born Dec. 24, 1981. Daughter of Mark and Kim Connell. Majoring in marketing and business management. Her brother Kipp played football at Washburn.

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 1, 3 times, last vs Truman, 10-18-02
Attacks: 2, 2 times, last vs Truman, 10-18-02
Attack %: 1.000, 2 times, last vs Truman, 10-18-02
Digs: 13, vs Francis Marion, 8-30-02
Block Solos: n/a
Block Assists: n/a



Connell's Stats at Washburn

| | G | K | KPG | E | TA | Pct | A | APG | SA | SE | SAPG | RE | DIG | DPG | BS | BA | Total | BPG | BE | BHE |
|---------------|------------|----------|-------------|----------|-----------|--------------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 2002 | 101 | 3 | 0.03 | 5 | 14 | -.143 | 7 | 0.07 | 2 | 3 | 0.02 | 17 | 142 | 1.41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 1 | 1 |
| Totals | 101 | 3 | 0.03 | 5 | 14 | -.143 | 7 | 0.07 | 2 | 3 | 0.02 | 17 | 142 | 1.41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 1 | 1 |



3 Alecia Barron

5-4 • Senior • Libero
Topeka, Kan./Benedictine College

At Washburn as a junior

Played in 120 games and led the team with 463 digs averaging 3.86 per game, which finished sixth in the MIAA. Recorded a season-high 26 digs against Missouri Western.

Background

Transferred from Benedictine College, where she earned honorable mention Heart of America Athletic Conference honors in 2001. Played at Hayden High School, where she earned all-city, All-Centennial League and honorable mention all-state honors as a senior in 1999. Was also a member of the high school honor roll all four years at Hayden, where she was

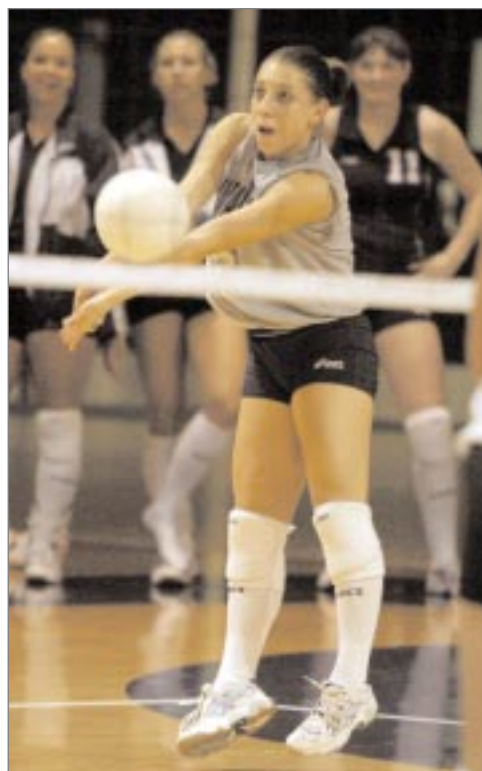
coached in volleyball by former Lady Blue Susan (Waller) Dickerson.

Personal

Born Nov. 7, 1981. Daughter of Ron and Judy Barron. Major is sports medicine.

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 1, vs Truman, 9-20-02
Attacks: 2, vs Colo.-Colorado Springs, 9-6-02
Attack %: 1.000, vs Truman, 9-20-02
Digs: 26, vs Missouri Western, 10-29-02
Block Solos: n/a
Block Assists: n/a



Barron's Stats at Washburn

| | G | K | KPG | E | TA | Pct | A | APG | SA | SE | SAPG | RE | DIG | DPG | BS | BA | Total | BPG | BE | BHE |
|---------------|------------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 2002 | 120 | 1 | 0.01 | 1 | 6 | .000 | 12 | 0.10 | 1 | 1 | 0.01 | 27 | 463 | 3.86 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 120 | 1 | 0.01 | 1 | 6 | .000 | 12 | 0.10 | 1 | 1 | 0.01 | 27 | 463 | 3.86 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 2 |

LADY BLUES PROFILES



4 Susan Crooks

6-0 • Senior • Outside Hitter
Silver Lake, Kan./Silver Lake High School

At Washburn as a junior

Finished third on the team with 331 kills playing in 115 games. Had 19 season-high 19 kills against Emporia State.

At Washburn as a sophomore

Played in 121 games, notching 421 kills and 73 blocks in a starting role. Slammed a career-high 20 kills against Pittsburg State on Oct. 26. Collected a career-high 29 digs vs. Central Arkansas in the Missouri Western Tournament Aug. 31.

At Washburn as a freshman

Played in 100 games, tallying 200 kills and 51 blocks.

Background

Played volleyball under former Washburn standout Angie Bittner at Silver Lake High. Also participated in basketball and track.

Personal

Born Aug. 23, 1982. Daughter of Bill and Kim Crooks. Her mother Kim (Canole) played softball at Washburn. Majoring in Elementary Education.

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 20, vs. Pittsburg State, 10-26-01
Attacks: 52, vs. Missouri Western, 10-24-01
Attack %: .571, vs. Asbury, 9-12-02
Digs: 29, vs. Central Arkansas, 8-31-01
Block Solos: 3, 3 times, last vs. Wis-Parkside, 9-7-01
Block Assists: 2, 5 times, last vs. SBU, 9-29-01

Crooks' Stats at Washburn

| | G | K | KPG | E | TA | Pct | A | APG | SA | SE | SAPG | RE | DIG | DPG | BS | BA | Total | BPG | BE | BHE |
|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2000 | 100 | 200 | 2.00 | 93 | 556 | .192 | 6 | 0.06 | 2 | 1 | 0.02 | 0 | 99 | 0.99 | 22 | 29 | 51 | 0.51 | 7 | 0 |
| 2001 | 121 | 421 | 3.48 | 157 | 1124 | .235 | 14 | 0.12 | 33 | 56 | 0.27 | 54 | 384 | 3.17 | 26 | 47 | 73 | 0.60 | 8 | 12 |
| 2002 | 115 | 331 | 2.88 | 106 | 841 | .268 | 4 | 0.03 | 9 | 24 | 0.08 | 3 | 117 | 1.02 | 19 | 22 | 41 | 0.36 | 2 | 1 |
| Totals | 336 | 952 | 2.83 | 356 | 2521 | .236 | 24 | 0.07 | 44 | 81 | 0.13 | 57 | 600 | 1.79 | 67 | 98 | 165 | 0.49 | 17 | 13 |



7 Ann Weygint

5-9 • Senior • Middle Hitter
Lawrence, Kan./Benedictine College

At Washburn as a junior

Played in 55 games recording 65 kills and averaged .45 blocks per game. Recorded six kills against Newman.

Background

Transferred from Benedictine College, where she was a two-year starter and hit .258 with 289 kills and 78 blocks in 2001. A 2000 graduate of Lawrence High, where she was an All-Sunflower League second team selection and team captain her senior year.

Personal

Born Feb. 1, 1982. Daughter of Andrew and Ginny Weygint. Majoring

in business with emphasis in management and marketing.

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 6 vs Newman, 9-3-02
Attacks: 16, 2 times, last vs Harding, 10-11-02
Attack %: .500, vs Francis Marion, 8-30-02
Digs: 5, vs Anderson, 8-31-02
Block Solos: 1, 5 times, last vs PSU, 11-15-02
Block Assists: 3, vs Asbury, 9-12-02

Weygint's Stats at Washburn

| | G | K | KPG | E | TA | Pct | A | APG | SA | SE | SAPG | RE | DIG | DPG | BS | BA | Total | BPG | BE | BHE |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|-------------|-----------|----------|-------------|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 2002 | 55 | 65 | 1.18 | 47 | 200 | .090 | 4 | 0.07 | 16 | 9 | 0.29 | 2 | 39 | 0.71 | 5 | 20 | 25 | 0.45 | 4 | 0 |
| Totals | 55 | 65 | 1.18 | 47 | 200 | .090 | 4 | 0.07 | 16 | 9 | 0.29 | 2 | 39 | 0.71 | 5 | 20 | 25 | 0.45 | 4 | 0 |





11 Anna Neufeld

6-0 • Senior • Middle Hitter
Silver Lake, Kan./Benedictine

At Washburn as a junior

Was a second team all-MIAA selection and a second team all-region selection after finishing second on the team in kills with 334 averaging 2.85 per game and her .307 hitting percentage was fifth in the MIAA. She also averaged 0.95 blocks per game which was seventh in the MIAA rankings.

Background

A transfer from Benedictine College, where she was a first team All-Heart of America Conference selection by pounding out 423 kills and a .350 hitting percentage. She was also a second team All-Region V selection. A 2000 graduate of Silver Lake High School, where she earned all-state second

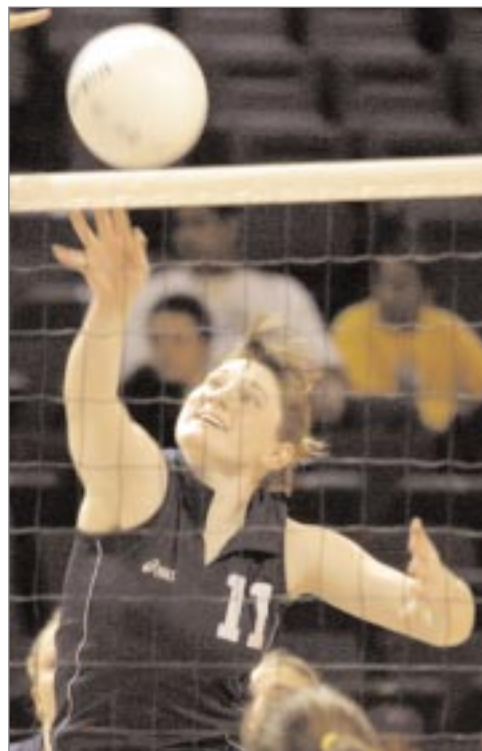
team honors and was a Kansas Volleyball Association all-star. Was named to the 3A State All-Tournament team, helping the Eagles to a state title in 1998.

Personal

Born March 29, 1982. Daughter of David and Marda Neufeld. Majoring in art.

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 20, vs North Alabama, 10-12-02
Attacks: 51, vs Truman, 10-18-02
Attack %: .516, vs Northwest Missouri, 10-16-02
Digs: 6, vs Emporia State, 9-10-02
Block Solos: 2, 3 times, last vs SBU, 11-9-02
Block Assists: 11, vs Truman, 10-18-02



Neufeld's Stats at Washburn

| | G | K | KPG | E | TA | Pct | A | APG | SA | SE | SAPG | RE | DIG | DPG | BS | BA | Total | BPG | BE | BHE |
|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| 2002 | 117 | 334 | 2.85 | 92 | 787 | .307 | 13 | 0.11 | 9 | 24 | 0.08 | 3 | 52 | 0.44 | 24 | 87 | 111 | 0.95 | 10 | 6 |
| Totals | 117 | 334 | 2.85 | 92 | 787 | .307 | 13 | 0.11 | 9 | 24 | 0.08 | 3 | 52 | 0.44 | 24 | 87 | 111 | 0.95 | 10 | 6 |



13 Megan Houk

6-0 • Senior • Outside/Middle Hitter
Valley Center, Kan./Cowley County

At Washburn as a junior

Played in 51 games as a junior recording 40 kills and 17 total blocks. Recorded a career-high eight kills and 16 attempts against Emporia State on Oct. 23.

Background

A junior transfer from Cowley County Community College, where she earned first team All-Jayhawk Conference East honors and team Most Valuable Player honors for the Lady Tigers in 2001. Earned team Most Valuable Freshman honors and second team All-Jayhawk East League honors in 2000. Also served as Cowley County's student body president during the 2001-02 school year. She is a 2000 graduate of

Valley Center High, where she was an All-Chisolm Trail League selection and received the Best Female Athlete Scholarship her senior year.

Personal

Born Feb. 21, 1982. Daughter of Loren Houk and Cindi Dewald. Majoring in psychology. Her brother Seth played football at Wake Forest.

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 8 vs Emporia State, 10-23-02
Attacks: 16 vs Emporia State, 10-23-02
Attack %: .500, 2 times, last vs 8 vs ESU, 10-23-02
Digs: 6, vs Francis Marion
Block Solos: 1, 3 times, last vs Friends, 9-7-02
Block Assists: 3, vs Asbury, 9-12-02



Houk's Stats at Washburn

| | G | K | KPG | E | TA | Pct | A | APG | SA | SE | SAPG | RE | DIG | DPG | BS | BA | Total | BPG | BE | BHE |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 2002 | 51 | 40 | 0.78 | 11 | 112 | .259 | 11 | 0.22 | 1 | 9 | 0.02 | 2 | 36 | 0.71 | 3 | 14 | 17 | 0.33 | 2 | 0 |
| Totals | 51 | 40 | 0.78 | 11 | 112 | .259 | 11 | 0.22 | 1 | 9 | 0.02 | 2 | 36 | 0.71 | 3 | 14 | 17 | 0.33 | 2 | 0 |

LADY BLUES PROFILES



2

Wendy Kobbeman

 5-7 • Junior • Outside Hitter/Defensive Specialist
 Topeka, Kan./Arkansas Tech University
At Washburn as a junior

Played in a team-high 121 games with 15 kills and 39 aces. Finished second on the team with 344 digs averaging 2.84 per game. Recorded a career-high 18 digs against Southern Colorado.

Background

A sophomore transfer from Arkansas Tech University, where she collected 246 digs and 25 service aces in 31 matches. She is a 2001 graduate of Shawnee Heights High School, where she earned all-city and Class 5A All-State honors her junior and senior seasons, helping the T-Birds to two 5A state championships.

Personal

Born Jan. 21, 1983. Daughter of Bob and Pam Kobbeman. Majoring in elementary education.

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 3, 2 times, last vs Missouri Western, 10-0-02

Attacks: 12, vs Anderson, 8-31-02

Attack %: .400, vs Pittsburg State, 9-27-02

Digs: 18 vs Southern Colorado, 9-6-02

Block Solos: n/a

Block Assists: 1, vs Friends, 9-7-02

**Kobbeman's Stats at Washburn**

| | G | K | KPG | E | TA | Pct | A | APG | SA | SE | SAPG | RE | DIG | DPG | BS | BA | Total | BPG | BE | BHE |
|---------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 2002 | 121 | 15 | 0.12 | 14 | 79 | .013 | 13 | 0.11 | 39 | 30 | 0.32 | 16 | 344 | 2.84 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.01 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 121 | 15 | 0.12 | 14 | 79 | .013 | 13 | 0.11 | 39 | 30 | 0.32 | 16 | 344 | 2.84 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.01 | 0 | 2 |



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Dani McHenry

 6-0 • Junior • Outside Hitter
 Topeka, Kan./University of Kansas
At Washburn as a sophomore

Was a first team all-MIAA and all-region selection after leading the Lady Blues with 399 kills and finishing second with 452 digs. She was also fifth in the MIAA in service aces with 50 and seventh in digs. Averaged 2.8 points and 2.2 rebounds per game in 33 appearance for the Lady Blues' basketball team.

Background

A sophomore transfer from Kansas, where she had 226 kills, 211 digs and 25 total blocks. Was named the 2000 Kansas Sports Magazine Volleyball Player of the Year after her junior and senior seasons. She also earned Gatorade Player of the Year, Class 5A and Centennial League

Player of the Year her senior season.

McHenry was also a four-time All-Centennial League, all-city and All-Class 5A pick for the T-Birds, who captured 5A State titles her junior and senior seasons.

Personal

Born Oct. 26, 1982. Daughter of Ron and Mischa McHenry. Majoring in business. Her father, Ron, women's basketball coach.

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 22 vs Northwest Missouri, 9-18-02

Attacks: 55, vs Southern Colorado, 9-6-02

Attack %: .464, vs Mount Olive, 8-31

Digs: 31, vs Truman, 9-20-02

Block Solos: 3, vs Missouri Western, 10-29-02

Block Assists: 5, 3 times, last vs SBU, 11-9-02

**McHenry's Stats at Washburn**

| | G | K | KPG | E | TA | Pct | A | APG | SA | SE | SAPG | RE | DIG | DPG | BS | BA | Total | BPG | BE | BHE |
|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 2002 | 118 | 399 | 3.38 | 151 | 1103 | .225 | 22 | 0.19 | 50 | 20 | 0.42 | 30 | 452 | 3.83 | 15 | 62 | 77 | 0.65 | 7 | 6 |
| Totals | 118 | 399 | 3.38 | 151 | 1103 | .225 | 22 | 0.19 | 50 | 20 | 0.42 | 30 | 452 | 3.83 | 15 | 62 | 77 | 0.65 | 7 | 6 |



20 Ashley Smith

5-9 • Junior • Defensive Specialist
Maple Hill, Kan./St. Marys High School

At Washburn as a sophomore

Played in 45 games recording three kills and 24 digs with four aces.

At Washburn as a freshman

Played in 76 games, tallying 128 digs and serving 17 aces.

Background

Was a four-time all-league selection at St. Marys, earning all-state honors for the 3A state champion Bears her junior year. Was a part of St. Marys triple crown for women's athletics which included a title in volleyball, basketball and softball her junior year. Was a first-team all-league pick her junior year at St. Marys and was an all-league

pick in softball her junior and senior seasons.

Personal

Born Sept. 5, 1982. Daughter of Gary and Donna Smith. Sister of former Washburn outfielder Dylan Smith. Majoring in computer graphic design.

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 1, 6 times, last vs. Harding, 10-11-02
Attacks: 39, vs. Northwest Missouri, 9-12-01
Attack %: 1.000 vs Harding, 10-11-02
Digs: 13, vs. Northwest Missouri, 9-12-01
Block Solos: 2, vs. Newman, 9-29-01
Block Assists: 5, vs. Central Arkansas, 8-31-01

Smith's Stats at Washburn

| | G | K | KPG | E | TA | Pct | A | APG | SA | SE | SAPG | RE | DIG | DPG | BS | BA | Total | BPG | BE | BHE |
|---------------|------------|----------|-------------|----------|-----------|--------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 2001 | 76 | 3 | 0.04 | 7 | 23 | -.174 | 2 | 0.03 | 17 | 17 | 0.22 | 31 | 128 | 1.68 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 1 |
| 2002 | 45 | 3 | 0.07 | 0 | 11 | .273 | 3 | 0.07 | 4 | 5 | 0.09 | 4 | 24 | 0.53 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 121 | 6 | 0.05 | 7 | 34 | -0.29 | 5 | 0.04 | 21 | 22 | 0.17 | 35 | 152 | 1.26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 |



22 Katie Brandt

6-1 • Junior • Outside/Middle Hitter
Chicago, Ill./Resurrection High School

At Washburn as a sophomore

Finished fifth on the team with 159 kills averaging 1.85 per game and second in blocks with 0.91 per game. Also averaged 1.02 digs per game.

At Washburn as a freshman

Played in 99 games, tallying 193 kills and 49 blocks. Tallied a career-high 15 kills vs. Wisconsin-Parkside at the Central Missouri State Tournament Sept. 7. Hit .474 with nine kills and no errors in 19 attempts against Fort Lewis Aug. 25.

Background

Was a member of the all-conference and all-region teams as captain of the volleyball team her senior year. Was chosen to play in

the Second Annual Pepsi Cola/Adidas Illinois' Girls High School All-Star Tournament. Played in the Junior Olympic National Championships after her junior season in June of 2000.

Personal

Born March 1, 1983. Daughter of Janice Brandt Majich and Steven Brandt and Terry Majich. Major is physical education.

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 15, 2 times, last vs Central Missouri, 10-2-02
Attacks: 39, vs Northwest Missouri, 9-12-01
Attack %: .600 vs Friends, 9-7-02
Digs: 13, vs Northwest Missouri, 9-12-01
Block Solos: 3, vs Central Missouri, 10-2-02
Block Assists: 8, vs Pittsburg State, 9-27-02

Brandt's Stats at Washburn

| | G | K | KPG | E | TA | Pct | A | APG | SA | SE | SAPG | RE | DIG | DPG | BS | BA | Total | BPG | BE | BHE |
|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| 2001 | 99 | 193 | 1.95 | 92 | 603 | .167 | 13 | 0.13 | 13 | 15 | 0.13 | 24 | 119 | 1.20 | 8 | 41 | 49 | 0.49 | 8 | 6 |
| 2002 | 86 | 159 | 1.85 | 65 | 406 | .232 | 3 | 0.03 | 16 | 17 | 0.19 | 4 | 42 | 0.49 | 17 | 61 | 78 | 0.91 | 4 | 2 |
| Totals | 185 | 352 | 1.90 | 167 | 1009 | .193 | 16 | 0.07 | 29 | 32 | 0.16 | 28 | 161 | 0.87 | 25 | 102 | 127 | 0.69 | 12 | 8 |



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15 Callie Bjelland

5-6 • Sophomore • Setter
Grantsburg, Wisc./Grantsburg High School

Callie Bjelland

At Washburn as a freshman

Played in 39 games recording 137 assists and 64 digs. Dished out 21 assists against Pittsburg State on Sept. 27. Set career highs in kills, attacks, digs and block assists against Harding on Oct. 11.

Background

Earned all-conference honors three seasons and All-State Division III honors as a senior at Grantsburg High, which finished 2001 as undefeated state champions. She was also named the Burnett Sentinel Area Player of the

Year and finished her career as Grantsburg's all-time leader in assists and service aces.

Personal

Born Jan. 8, 1984. Daughter of Don and Debbie Bjelland. Majoring in sports medicine.

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 1, 2 times, last vs Harding, 10-11-02

Attacks: 5, vs Harding, 10-11-02

Attack %: 1.000 vs Asbury, 9-12-02

Digs: 10, vs Harding, 10-11-02

Block Solos: n/a

Block Assists: 1, vs Harding, 10-11-02



Bjelland's Stats at Washburn

| | G | K | KPG | E | TA | Pct | A | APG | SA | SE | SAPG | RE | DIG | DPG | BS | BA | Total | BPG | BE | BHE |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-------------|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 2001 | 39 | 2 | 0.05 | 2 | 12 | .000 | 137 | 3.51 | 3 | 2 | 0.08 | 1 | 64 | 1.64 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.03 | 2 | 4 |
| Totals | 39 | 2 | 0.05 | 2 | 12 | .000 | 137 | 3.51 | 3 | 2 | 0.08 | 1 | 64 | 1.64 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.03 | 2 | 4 |

Lady Blue Newcomers



5 Emily Foster

5-7 • Junior • Outside Hitter
Meriden, Kan./Ottawa University

Emily Foster

Background

Was named Freshman of the Year in the KCAC at Ottawa University and was named Player of the Year and All-American as a sophomore. Also an all-region and all-conference pick both seasons for the Lady Braves and a presidential scholar. At Jefferson West High School, a second team all-state pick and a two-time all-state honorable mention pick. Named all-conference three times.

Personal

Born March 29, 1983. Daughter of Agnes Smith and Peter Foster. Majoring in Integrated Studies. Her sister Amanda Smith lettered at Emporia State during the 1994 and 1995 seasons.



6 Julie Sackman

5-11 • Freshman • Setter
Blue Springs, Mo./Blue Springs HS

Julie Sackman

Background

Sackman was named first team all-conference and first team all-district the past three seasons at Blue Springs High. She was also a first team all-area, second team all-metro and first team Class 4A Missouri All-State her junior and senior seasons, while leading the Wildcats a district and regional championships and a third place finish at state. As a senior Sackman helped the Wildcats to conference and district championships. Named team's MVP as junior and senior and Who's Who Among High School and Sports and a 4-year member of the honor roll.

Personal

Born April 27, 1985. Daughter of Doug and Vicky Sackman. Undecided on major.



9 Valerie Peterson

5-9 • Freshman • Outside Hitter
Manhattan, Kan./Riley County HS

Background

She earned first team All-Mid East League honors all four years at Riley County and was named team MVP her junior and senior seasons. She had 197 kills, 167 blocks and 361 digs as a senior. Played in Northeast Kansas All-Star volleyball game and co-Valedictorian and Wendy's Heisman state volleyball finalist.

Personal

Born on Feb. 28, 1985. Daughter of Dennis and Donise Peterson. Majoring in exercise physiology.



10 Ashley Millette

5-10 • Freshman • Outside Hitter
Blue Rapids, Kan./Valley Heights HS

Background

Was a Twin Valley League selection her first three seasons at Valley Heights. She was a first team all-class all-state selection as a junior and senior and was named the 2A Volleyball Player of the Year as a junior. She led Valley Heights to a 38-1 record and second place finish in the Class 3A state volleyball tournament in 2002, earning all-tournament honors at state for the second time. In basketball she was a first team all-conference pick three seasons and two-time Flint Hills Player of the Year. Graduated high school with a 4.0 GPA.

Personal

Born Sept. 23, 1984. Daughter of Scott and Deborah Millette. Majoring in biology, pre-med.



12 Kate Peterson

5-10 • Freshman • Outside Hitter
Wamego, Kan./Wamego HS

Background

Was a three-year All-North Central Kansas League selection, garnering first team honors as a junior and senior. Named 2002 Most Valuable Player. In 2001 as a junior, she was sixth in the state in kills with 420 and was named to the Class 4A All-State second team. A National Honor Society member.

Personal

Born Sept. 18, 1984. Daughter of John and Roxie Peterson. Majoring in biology.



14 Emily Escher

5-8 • Freshman • Defensive Specialist
Topeka, Kan./Hayden HS

Background

Helped Hayden High School to a third place finish in the 4A state tournament in 2000 and runner-up finishes her junior and senior seasons. She earned all-city and All-Centennial League honors in 2000 and 2001. As a senior, she had 197 kills and 27 aces for the Wildcats and made the all-tournament team at the state tournament.

Personal

Born April 4, 1985. Daughter of Gary and Linda Escher. Majoring in business.

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17 Caroline Cezar

5-11 • Freshman • Middle/Outside Hitter
Shawnee, Kan./St. Thomas Aquinas HS

Background

Was a two-year starter for St. Thomas Aquinas, which won the 2001 state championship and finished fourth in 2002. Also named 2001 Newcomer of the Year.

Personal

Born on May 4, 1985. Daughter of Craig and Bridget Cezar. Majoring in mathematics.



18 Leigha Kroeger

6-2 • Freshman • Middle Hitter
Home, Kan./Marysville HS

Background

Was a two-year starter at Marysville and averaged 3.62 kills a game and 2.41 blocks a game to earn All-North Central Kansas League honors in 2002. Was named all-conference in basketball and honorable mention all-state as a senior.

Personal

Born May 14, 1985. Daughter of Francis and Kaye Kroeger. Majoring in nursing.

Lady Blues All-Time Roster (1990-present)

A

Jennifer Ackerman . . . 2000-2001
Penny Adams 1991

B

Alecia Barron 2002-pr.
Olivia Belnay 1993-96
Amy Benbrook 1997-98
Rachel Bentley 2000-01
Amy Biggs 1994
Callie Bjelland 2002-pr.
Jen Black 1993
Katie Bowe 1998-99
Katie Brandt 2001-pr.
Marissa Braness 2001
Eileen Brungardt 1992-95
Laura Burba 1990-91

C

Caroline Cezar 2003-pr.
Arica Chaffee 1999-2000
Aimee Chester 1997
Mandy Chester 1993-96
Anna Cianciarulo 1995-98
Kandice Connell 2002-pr.
Susan Crooks 2000-pr.

D

Jennifer Domzalski . . . 1998-2000
Amanda Dunbar 1998

E

Emily Escher 2003-pr.

F

Emily Foster 2003-pr.
Amanda Flick 1993

G

Jill Gassen 1998-2001

H

Becky Hanish 1997-2000
Shawna Haslett 1988-90
Becci Havlicek 1998-2001
Megan Houk 2002-pr.

J

Jammie James 1996-97
Kelley Jordan 1992-95

K

Shera Karasiak 1999-2000
Lindsey Kersting 1999-pr.
Carla Knight 1996-99
Wendy Kobbeman 2002-pr.
Leigha Kroeger 2003-pr.
Katie Ksiazek 2000-2001

L

Beth Lenherr 1999-2001

M

Kasandra Martell 2001
Debbie McCormick 1992-95
Mandy McGinley 1991-94
Dani McHenry 2002-pr.
Ashley Millette 2003-pr.
Kathryn Mueller 2001
Sandi Mullikin 1998-2001

N

Nicole Nantz 1999
Erika Nelson 1990-92
Anna Neufeld 2002-pr.

O

Jonni Oestreich 1988-91
Kris Olson 1991

P

Starr Patterson 1994
Kate Peterson 2003-pr.
Valerie Peterson 2003-pr.
Amanda Purdon 1998

R

Kristen Rader 1990-91
Erin Rhodes 1991-93
Caroline Rhoton 1993
Tracy Robinson 1988-90
Rhonda Ronnebaum . . . 1999-pr.
Caroline Rhoton 1993

Tracy Robinson 1988-91
Jamie Ruff 1997-99
Robin Rusink 1994-97

S

Julie Sackman 2003-pr.
Angie Simon 1991-94
Shanna Sisson 2001
Ashley Smith 2001-pr.
Kerri Spielman 1990-92
Kristen Stallard 1995
Heidi Stutterheim 1989-90

T

Kate Thomsen 1996-97
Kari Tomlin 1997
Stacy Wheeler 1991

V

Tricia Voth 1992-95

W

Susan Waller 1988-1990
Crystal Walker 2000
Ann Weygint 2002-pr.
Stacy Wheeler 1988-90
Ginger Winter 1992-95
Kristy Wolfe 1994-97

Z

Melissa Zlatnik 1995-98