



2002 & 2005 MIAA Coach of the Year

119 Wins in his First Four Years

9 AVCA All-Region Players

50-14 in MIAA Matches

3 AVCA All-Americans

46-8 in Lee Arena

2 MIAA Titles

Head Coach Chris Herron

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In just four seasons at Washburn, head coach Chris Herron has turned the Lady Blues from a team that had just seven winning seasons in the last 20 years to a team that has dominated the competition. The Lady Blues have won two MIAA titles under Herron and have been to the NCAA tournament three times. He led WU to as high as a No. 7 ranking last year and a No. 10 ranking at the end of the year. He is 119-25 at Washburn after leading the Lady Blues to a school-record 35 wins last year.



THE COACHES



Washburn University

Current MIAA Teams Since 2002

Team	Overall		MIAA	
	W-L	Pct	W-L	Pct
TSU	128-21	.859	57-7	.890
WU	119-25	.826	50-14	.781
CMSU	109-37	.747	49-15	.766
FHSU	90-40	.692	First Year	
ESU	79-54	.594	36-28	.563
PSU	79-55	.590	33-31	.516
MWSU	64-52	.552	24-40	.375
MSSU	54-69	.439	23-41	.359
NWMSU	43-87	.331	16-48	.250
SBU	17-113	.131	1-63	.016

Last year he led the Lady Blues to 35 wins, a school-record .921 winning percentage and a conference championship with a 15-1 MIAA mark, earning coach of the year honors. Washburn made its third trip to the NCAA tournament and Monica Miesner and Tessa Jones became the second and third WU players to be named All-Americans. The Lady Blues were ranked in the top 10 the final 11 weeks of the season, peaking at 7 and finishing at 10.

In his first season, Herron took the Washburn program to new heights winning its first MIAA championship and making its first appearance in the NCAA tournament with a 29-5 record as he gained his first MIAA coach of the year award. The Lady Blues entered the AVCA top-25 for the first time in school history during the 2002 season.

In his second season in 2003, Herron led Washburn to a 26-10 record. The Lady Blues started 15-1 and were ranked as high as No. 19 in the country before injuries derailed their shot at postseason play.

Herron led the Lady Blues to their first NCAA tournament victory with a 3-1 win over Harding in the first round of the 2004 tournament.

Herron was named head coach of the Washburn

Complete Program Turnaround

WU's record as an NCAA II school before Coach Herron

Years	Overall		NCAA	MIAA	
	W-L	Pct.	Tour.	W-L	Pct.
1990-01 (12)	169-265	.389	0	68-110	.382

WU's record with Coach Herron

Years	Overall		NCAA	MIAA	
	W-L	Pct.	Tour.	W-L	Pct.
2002-05 (4)	119-25	.826	3	50-14	.781

Few coaches can claim the kind of program turnaround that Chris Herron can claim he has had at Washburn. In his four years the Lady Blues have won their first two conference championships and went to their first three NCAA tournaments. Herron has garnered two MIAA coach of the year awards and has seen his players claim All-America honors four times and all-region status 11 times.

The Washburn volleyball program had a .389 winning percentage as an NCAA II team before Herron started in 2002. Since then he has turned that around with an .826 winning percentage. He has built the team into the second winningest MIAA program since 2002, he has set the school record for wins in a season and he has turned a team that had just three winning seasons in the last 15 years before he got here to one that has become a dominant force in the region.

This year he will look to extend the Lady Blues' success beyond the conference and region and make their first trip to the NCAA II Elite Eight.

The Willard, Mo., native is 119-25 (.859) in his four years at Washburn and 194-54 in seven years as a college coach, working three seasons at Benedictine before coming to Washburn.



Chris Herron
Head Coach

Chris Herron

2002-Present (Fifth Year)
College of the Ozarks '80

Born: Willard, Mo.

Birthdate: 07/15/58

Wife: Julie

Daughter: Libby

Sons: Thatcher Cole, Jordan

Career Coaching Honors

2005 MIAA Coach of the Year

2002 MIAA Coach of the Year

2-time NAAC Coach of the Year

AVCA All-Americans - 4

Dani McHenry, 2003 HM

Dani McHenry, 2004 3rd Team

Monica Miesner, 2005 2nd Team

Tessa Jones, 2005 3rd Team

AVCA All-Region - 11

Daktronics All-Region - 4

All-MIAA 1st Team - 7

All-MIAA 2nd Team - 5

All-MIAA HM - 8

Career Record

at Washburn - 119-25 (4)

at Benedictine - 75-29 (3)

High School - 387-105 (15)

**Combined collegiate and
high school coaching record**

581-159 (.785)

Coach Herron Through the Years

Year	School	Overall			Lee Arena			MIAA			Season Finish	Tour. Finish	NCAA Tour.	
		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.			W-L	Pct.
1999	Benedictine	13	15	.464	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2000	Benedictine	30	8	.789	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2001	Benedictine	32	6	.842	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Benedictine Totals		75	29	.721	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2002	Washburn	29	5	.853	12	2	.857	14	2	.875	1st	--	0-1	.000
2003	Washburn	26	10	.722	10	3	.769	9	7	.563	5th	0-1/t-3rd	--	--
2004	Washburn	29	7	.806	11	1	.917	12	4	.750	3rd	1-1/2nd	1-1	.500
2005	Washburn	35	3	.921	13	2	.866	15	1	.938	1st	1-1/2nd	1-1	.500
Washburn Totals		119	25	.826	46	8	.852	50	14	.781	--	2-3/.400	2-3	.400
Career Totals		194	54	.782	46	8	.852	50	14	.781	--	2-3/.400	2-3	.400

2006 Lady Blues Volleyball

Herron vs all opponents while at Washburn

MIAA Opponents	Overall			Lee Arena			MIAA			MIAA Tour.		NCAA Tour.	
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Central Missouri	4	7	.400	3	2	.600	4	4	.500	0-1	.000	0-2	.000
Emporia State	8	2	.800	5	0	1.000	7	1	.875	1-1	.500	--	--
Fort Hays State	1	2	.333	1	0	1.000	First Season			--	--	--	--
Missouri Southern	9	0	1.000	5	0	1.000	8	0	1.000	1-0	1.000	--	--
Missouri Western	8	0	1.000	4	0	1.000	8	0	1.000	--	--	--	--
Northwest Missouri	9	0	1.000	4	0	1.000	8	0	1.000	--	--	--	--
Pittsburg State	5	3	.625	3	1	.750	5	3	.625	--	--	--	--
Southwest Baptist	8	0	1.000	4	0	1.000	8	0	1.000	--	--	--	--
Truman	2	8	.200	0	5	.000	2	6	.250	0-1	.000	0-1	.000

Lady Blues vs Ranked Opponents Under Coach Herron

Non-Conference	Overall			Lee Arena			NCAA Tour.			Date	#	Opponent	Ranking Opp/WU	W/L	Score
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.						
Alabama-Huntsville	3	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	11/18/05	%	Truman	7/8	L	0-3
Albany State	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	11/12/05	%	Truman	8/7	L	1-3
Anderson College	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	11/01/05	at	Rockhurst	20/7	W	3-1
Arkansas Tech	2	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	10/25/05	* at	Central Missouri	14/7	W	3-2
Asbury	1	0	1.000	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	10/15/05	* at	Truman	1/9	W	3-1
Baker	2	0	1.000	2	0	1.000	--	--	--	09/27/05	*	Central Missouri	13/9	W	3-1
Benedictine	3	0	1.000	3	0	1.000	--	--	--	09/17/05	*	Truman	1/11	L	2-3
Cameron	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	11/19/04	#	Central Missouri	10/15	L	0-3
Central Arkansas	2	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	11/11/04	% at	Central Missouri	10/16	L	2-3
Christian Brothers	3	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	10/26/04	*	Central Missouri	7/17	W	3-2
Concordia-St. Paul	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	10/16/04	*	Truman	3/15	L	0-3
Colorado Christian	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	10/07/04	at	Rockhurst	22/15	W	3-2
Colorado-Colorado Springs	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	10/05/04	at	Fort Hays State	13/15	L	0-3
Colorado Mines	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	09/28/04	* at	Central Missouri	9/15	L	0-3
Colorado State-Pueblo	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	09/25/04	*	Pittsburg State	18/17	W	3-0
Drury	2	0	1.000	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	09/18/04	* at	Truman	3/19	L	1-3
Francis-Marion	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	11/08/03	at	Rockhurst	25/24	L	1-3
Friends	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	10/28/03	* at	Central Missouri	20/22	L	0-3
Harding	3	1	.750	--	--	--	2	0	1.000	10/25/03	*	Pittsburg State	15/20	L	1-3
Henderson State	2	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	10/18/03	* at	Truman	7/21	L	0-3
Kansas Wesleyan	1	0	1.000	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	10/07/03	*	Fort Hays State	18/23	W	3-1
Mesa State	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	09/30/03	*	Central Missouri	20/23	L	2-3
Mid-America Nazarene	2	0	1.000	2	0	1.000	--	--	--	09/27/03	* at	Pittsburg State	18/22	L	1-3
Missouri-St. Louis	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	09/20/03	*	Truman	9/22	L	1-3
Mount Olive	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	09/13/03	vs	North Alabama	14/22	W	3-1
Nebraska-Omaha	0	1	.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	08/29/03	vs	Northwood	17/24	W	3-2
Newman	3	0	1.000	2	0	1.000	--	--	--	11/22/02	#	Central Missouri	20/21	L	0-3
North Alabama	2	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	11/07/02	* at	Central Missouri	18/23	L	1-3
Northwood	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	10/18/02	* at	Truman	15/NR	W	3-2
Ouachita Baptist	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	10/12/02	vs	North Alabama	6/NR	W	3-2
Quincy	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	10/02/02	*	Central Missouri	11/NR	W	3-1
Regis	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	09/20/02	*	Truman	17/NR	L	1-3
Rockhurst	3	1	.750	2	0	1.000	--	--	--	* - MIAA Matches					
Rollins College	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	# - NCAA South Central Region Tournament; Kirksville, Mo.					
St. Mary	1	0	1.000	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	% - MIAA Tournament					
St. Mary's (Texas)	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	Overall: 13-19					
Southern Arkansas	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	At Lee Arena: 6-8					
Southern Colorado	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	Away: 4-9					
Southern Indiana	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	Vs Top 10: 3-10					
Texas Women's	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	Vs No. 1: 1-1					
Wayne State	1	0	1.000	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	In MIAA matches: 7-12					
West Alabama	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	In MIAA tournament matches: 0-3					
Western State	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	In NCAA tournament matches: 0-2					
West Florida	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	Central Missouri: 4-7					
West Georgia	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	Fort Hays State: 1-1					
William Woods	1	0	1.000	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	North Alabama: 2-0					
Wingate	1	0	1.000	--	--	--	--	--	--	Northwood: 1-0					
										Pittsburg State: 1-2					
										Rockhurst: 2-1					
										Truman: 2-8					

volleyball team March 25, 2002. He 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 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 ranking.

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 coached USAV juniors volleyball for 14 winters. His last two teams were 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 Topeka with his wife, Julie, daughter Libby and sons Thatcher Cole and Jordan.

Washburn University

Herron's High School Record

1998.....	Tonganoxie (Kan.).....	34-6
1997.....	Tonganoxie (Kan.).....	31-6
1996.....	Tonganoxie (Kan.).....	29-7
1995.....	Tonganoxie (Kan.).....	33-2
1994.....	Tonganoxie (Kan.).....	30-5
1993.....	Tonganoxie (Kan.).....	35-4
1992.....	Tonganoxie (Kan.).....	28-7
1991.....	Tonganoxie (Kan.).....	28-7
1990.....	Tonganoxie (Kan.).....	24-9
1989.....	Tonganoxie (Kan.).....	28-5
1988.....	Tonganoxie (Kan.).....	21-8
1987.....	Tonganoxie (Kan.).....	32-5
1986.....	Tonganoxie (Kan.).....	13-17
1985.....	Golden City (Mo.).....	16-5
1984.....	Golden City (Mo.).....	5-12
Overall... 15 Seasons.....		387-105

WU in the AVCA Poll Under Coach Herron

Under head coach Chris Herron, the Lady Blues have appeared in 45 of 56 national polls. During this span is the only time Washburn has been ranked in the AVCA national poll. Here's a breakdown of the Lady Blues in the final national polls:

Number of times in ranking	45	Times ranked No. 1	0
Number of times in Top 10	11	Most weeks at No. 1	0
Highest ranking	7 (last 11/07/05)	Most consecutive weeks at No. 1	0
Highest final ranking	10 (2005)	Last No. 1 ranking	n/a
Most consecutive times in ranking	27	Last week ranked	12/7/06 (10)
Most consecutive times in Top 10	11	Current streak	27

Week-by-Week in the National Poll Under Head Coach Chris Herron

Year	Pre	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Final
2002	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	24	23	21	21	23	23
2003	24	19	22	T22	23	23	21	20	22	24	25	RV	RV	RV
2004	--	24	19	17	15	15	15	15	17	16	16	15	16	16
2005	18	11	11	10	9	10	9	8	7	7	7	8	9	10

Washburn Records Set Under Coach Herron

- 1st All-Americans.....2003, 2004, 2005
- 1st time in school history in top-25.....2002-2005
- Highest season winning pct. of .921.....2005
- Lowest season loss total of 3.....2005
- Most MIAA wins in a season of 15.....2005
- Fewest MIAA losses in a season of 1.....2005
- Longest winning streak of 18.....2005
- Longest MIAA winning streak of 13.....2005

Miscellaneous Match Records Under Coach Herron

Year	W/L	vs ranked opponents	Record when matches go 3 games	4 games	5 games	When W 1st Game	When L 1st Game
2002	29-5	3-3	17-3	7-2	5-0	26-1	3-4
2003	26-10	3-7	18-2	4-5	4-3	23-4	3-6
2004	29-7	3-6	19-4	7-2	3-1	27-0	2-7
2005	35-3	4-3	22-1	10-1	3-1	30-0	5-3
Total	119-25	13-19	76-10	28-10	15-5	106-5	13-20

Assistant Coach Trent Jones

Trent Jones
Assistant Coach
3rd Year

Trent Jones begins his third season as assistant coach for the Washburn Lady Blues. Prior to joining the Lady Blues' coaching staff, Jones served as a volunteer assistant for the University of Kansas volleyball team.

He played collegiality at Columbia College and Graceland University as a defensive specialist.

At Columbia College, Jones was a member of the 2000 NAIA national championship team. He transferred to Graceland, where he played three seasons and graduated in 2002.

Jones is a native of Lee's Summit, Mo., and graduated from Archbishop O'Hara High School

in 1998. He currently resides in Lawrence, Kan. and was married in June, 2005 to Erica Hood.

Jones' younger sister Tessa is a sophomore on the Lady Blues volleyball squad.

Along with helping with recruiting, Jones will run the Lady Blues new computer program that will help with scouting film. He will also assist with game-plan strategies and provide on-court training.

Graduate Assistant Coach Dani McHenry

Dani McHenry
Grad. Assistant
1st Year

After finishing her volleyball playing career in 2004 and then using up her last year of basketball eligibility in 2005-06, Dani McHenry became the Lady Blues volleyball graduate assistant coach at the start of this season.

McHenry was a two-time AVCA All-American and her honor in 2003 was the first ever for a Washburn player.

While at Washburn she helped lead the Lady Blues to their first NCAA tournament appearance in 2002 and they repeated that in 2004, advancing to the second round. She also helped WU win its first MIAA title in 2002. To go with her All-American honors,

McHenry also earned first-team all-region recognition twice and three first-team all-MIAA honors.

McHenry also played basketball for her father, Ron McHenry, and was with the Lady Blues as they won four conference titles and a national championship in 2004-05.

McHenry graduated from WU with a bachelor's degree in 2005 and she will work towards a master's degree. McHenry is engaged to former Washburn baseball player Jesse Schmidt.