



BRUINS VOLLEYBALL

BELLEVUE UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL

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Letter from Coach Siedlik,

I hope you are all having a great 2007. I am very blessed to have been around such a great group of young women and staff here at BU. This newsletter will be sent out monthly (hopefully!) to give those fans an inside scoop about Bruin Volleyball. It's our way of wanting our name to be out in the community.

I want to thank all of the parents, alums, and fans for their support throughout the year. What a great experience for these players at the MCAC Tournament! We did it! I can only see more improvement from the program after making that big step!

Looking forward to seeing you all at our spring tournaments!

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Bruins End Season Hungry For More

Not only did the Bruins have a great year, but the team didn't graduate any players making Head Coach Siedlik very anxious to get preseason started. The team finished 31-9, 19th in the final NAIA ranking, winning the school's first ever MCAC Tournament title. "I am very excited to see what this team is made of in the next year. I wanted a challenge coming to a new program. I am ready for it!"

The Bruins had seven MCAC All-Conference selections, four All-Region selections, and one All-American Honorable Mention. Jennifer Kozlik, a junior from Bellevue, achieved the prestigious Academic All American award. This award is given to student-athletes with junior or seniors standing and maintaining a GPA of 3.5 and above.

Siedlik was chosen by her coaching peers as MCAC and

Region Coach of the Year and was presented with the honors at the AVCA Convention held in Omaha during the NCAA Championships. "I owe a lot of the team's success to my assistants. Coming in every-day with the same goal and working hard is what Amy and Katie did. I couldn't have asked for a better group to coach with. The team responds to them well. I firmly believe it's all about chemistry and it starts with the coaching staff."

Going into next season will be a matter of how well the team works in the off-season. A combination of lifting, conditioning, and skill improvement is the key to another successful season in 2007. The Bruins are already set with a returning lineup as Siedlik has signed three players that want to continue their commitment and excellence at Bellevue University.

Siedlik Signs Three for 2007

The Bruins signed three recruits for the 2007 season. All three players will make a significant impact on the team and it's road to a national championship. Siedlik said, "All I can say about this group is that they are competitive and they love the game. My goal here is to compete year after year at the national level. Last season's success put us even closer to that goal. This made it more enticing to these recruits to be a part of it."

Katy Gregory, SR, Omaha, Mercy HS: Katy is an outside hitter and plays for Premier

Volleyball Club. Her parents are Dave and Renee. "I have known Katy for years. Katy is a very smart player that has court sense of an experienced senior player. She jumps very well for her height and ball control that will help us in big matches. When she goes, the team gets rolling."

Kala Holmes, SR, Nebraska City Lourdes HS: She is an outside for Premier Volleyball Club. Her parents are Loren and Beth. "Kala has been on my radar for a couple years. She is athletic and a hard worker. She is only going to get better and better in her



2006 MCAC Tournament Champs

MCAC All Conference: Amber Jarzynka, Candace Clow, Jennifer Horne, Cara Fleischman, Rachel Muller, Jennifer Kozlik

Region IV: Jarzynka, Clow, Horne, Fleischman

Academic All American: Kozlik

All American Honorable Mention: Jarzynka

college career."

Jaclyn Thorson, SR, Mead HS: She is an outside hitter and a three sport athlete. Her parents are Wayne and Kim. "Jaclyn is competitive, tall, and could be that diamond in the rough. She has exceptional ball control skills and can see the court. She may surprise quite a few people with what she can do still." Jaclyn was chosen by the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World Herald First Team All State Class D-1.

Spring Schedule Announced

For the 2007 spring season, Bellevue will travel to UN-Kearney (3/31), Hastings College (4/14), UN-Omaha (4/21) and to close out their spring, Bellevue will host a tournament (4/28).

Siedlik anticipates a very competitive spring schedule that will prepare them for a tough 2007. The Bruins could face numerous NCAA Division II powerhouses like UN-Kearney and UN-Omaha. "I don't want anything easy. I want us to be prepared for big matches so when we get to November,

we are wanting the challenge."

The Bruins will host a four team tournament held in the Gordon Lozier Center. Dana and Doane College from the GPAC along with 2006 Junior College Division I Champions Iowa Western CC will be in attendance at the tournament.

"This tournament will be a great indication to get us to the next level. All of these matches will be exciting!" After the final match, the Bruins will host an end of the

year social celebrating the program's hard work. Please stay tuned for details.

April 28 SPRING TOURNAMENT @ BU

10-10:50 Dana vs. IWCC BU ref

11-11:50 BU vs. Doane IWCC ref

12-12:50 Doane vs. IWCC Dana Ref

1-1:50 Dana vs BU Doane Ref

2-2:50 Doane vs. Dana BU ref

3-3:50 BU vs. IWCC Doane Ref

Fundraising Events

Siedlik is on a mission to make this a spectacular year. The program has already signed three recruits, two of which participated in the Bruin Recruit Camp last summer. This was a successful avenue for fundraising.

The Bruins will be host to their first annual High School Summer League where twenty-four high school teams will come in every

Sunday and Monday afternoon for six weeks and play two matches a night. This is a great way to prepare them for their season and an opportunity for future recruits to explore Bellevue's campus. The women's athletic programs are also going to head up their second annual golf outing tentatively set in early June.

Siedlik will be announcing camps, and high school tour-

naments to round out the list of fundraising for the volleyball team. "My goal is to have our name out in the community as much as we can. If 300 high school athletes know about Bellevue University volleyball, then the program can sell itself. "

2007 Schedule

The fall will bring a huge challenge to the program adding a tough schedule allowing the Bruins to take the next step towards a national tournament. "I did not make this an easy schedule to prepare us for post-season play. Taking the easy route will sell us short."

Starting off in August the team will fly to Brownsville, Texas. During Labor Day weekend, Bellevue will host their annual Bruin Classic. Midland, Dakota State, Grand View, Kansas Wesleyan, and NCAA Division

II Chadron State will make the trip. The following week Bellevue will travel to UN-Kearney to face 2005 NCAA Div. II Runner up. Following UNK will be Northwestern College, who wanted a rematch of last year's loss in Orange City. Bruins will travel some to face GPAC foes at the Hastings Tournament. Next season's conference will be a tough one again with Park, CSM, and Ozarks. These teams have had significant losses to their rosters due to graduation. The 2006 MCAC Tournament Champions did not have any

seniors. Finishing out the regular season the team will head to Georgetown, KY for the Boneyard Brawl at Georgetown College. The MCAC Conference Tournament host will be the Regular Season Champions, and the Region IV host will be determined in the sixth week of the regional rankings. The 2007 NAIA National Championship will be hosted by Columbia College for the second year. Stay tuned for more updates!!

Check out
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for any
Bruin Athletics
updates.

2007 Schedule

August 24-25 @ Brownsville, TX
August 31-Sept 1 BU Tourn.
Sept 5 @ UN-Kearney
Sept 7 @ Northwestern
Sept 11 @ College of Saint Mary
Sept 14-15 @ Hastings Tourn
Sept 21 Concordia University
Sept 22 Central Christian
Sept 25 Peru State
Sept 28 Haskell
Sept 29 Park University
Oct 12-13 MCAC Midseason @ Ozarks
Oct. 16 College of Saint Mary
Oct. 19 College of the Ozarks
Oct. 20 Okla. Wesleyan
Oct 24 @ Peru State
Oct. 26-27 @ Georgetown, KY
Oct. 30 York College
Nov 2 @ Haskell
Nov 3 @ Park University
Nov 9-10 MCAC Conference Tourn.
Nov 15-17 Region IV Tourn.
Nov 28-Dec. 1 NAIA National Tournament in Columbia, MO