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1998 Volleyball Schedule

AUGUST
28-29 at Grand Canyon Classic, Phoenix AZ
28 vs. Central Missouri ................................................................. 2 p.m.
    vs. Western New Mexico............................................................... 4:30 p.m.
29 vs. Grand Canyon ................................................................. 3 p.m.

SEPTEMBER
3 vs. Seattle Pacific ................................................................. 7 p.m.
4-5 SDSU Burger King Classic
    4 vs. Moorhead State ................................................................. 7:30 p.m.
    5 vs. Chadron State ................................................................. 1 p.m.
    vs. Wayne State ................................................................. 3:30 p.m.
8 at Southwest State ................................................................. 7 p.m.
11-12 at NCC/Northern Sun Tournament-Mankato, MN
    11 vs. Northern State ................................................................. 2 p.m.
    vs. North Alabama ................................................................. 6 p.m.
    12 vs. Minnesota-Duluth .......................................................... 9:30 p.m.
    18 * Northern Colorado ........................................................ 7 p.m.
    19 * Nebraska-Omaha ............................................................ 7 p.m.
    25 * at Morningside ............................................................... 7 p.m.
    26 * at South Dakota ............................................................... 7 p.m.
    29 * North Dakota State ........................................................ 7 p.m.

OCTOBER
2 * St. Cloud State ................................................................. 7 p.m.
3 * Mankato State ................................................................. 7 p.m.
6 * at Augustana ................................................................. 7 p.m.
16 * at Nebraska-Omaha ........................................................ 7 p.m.
17 * at Northern Colorado .................................................. 7:30 p.m (MT)
23 * at North Dakota State ................................................ 7 p.m.
24 * at North Dakota ............................................................... 7 p.m.
30 * South Dakota ............................................................... 7 p.m.
31 * Morningside ............................................................... 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER
3 * North Dakota ............................................................... 7 p.m.
6 * at Mankato State ............................................................... 7 p.m.
7 * at St. Cloud State ............................................................... 7 p.m.
10 * Augustana ................................................................. 7 p.m.
13 Winona State ................................................................. 6 p.m.
14 Minnesota-Morris ............................................................... 7 p.m.
20-22 North Central Regional

* Indicates North Central Conference Matches
Dr. Peggy Gordon Elliott became South Dakota State University’s 18th president on January 1, 1998, following the retirement of Robert T. Wagner. Before becoming president of SDSU, Elliott was a senior fellow and acting vice president for Academic and International Programs at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in Washington, D.C. She has extensive higher education leadership experience at The University of Akron, where she served as president from 1992 to 1996, and Indiana University Northwest, where she was chancellor from 1983 to 1992. Elliott earned her doctorate in secondary education from Indiana University, her master’s degree in English and secondary education from Northwestern University, and her bachelor’s degree from Transylvania University. She taught high school in Gary, Indiana, and moved into various teaching and administrative positions in the Indiana University system. She amassed a broad range of national experience and made extensive contacts in the Washington community. Elliott currently serves on the corporate boards of Lubrizol Corporation and A. Shulman Incorporated.

Dr. Fred Oien became the 11th athletic director at South Dakota State University July 1, 1990. Oien earned his Bachelor’s Degree at SDSU in 1972 and has been on the SDSU staff since 1979, serving as athletic business/ticket manager since 1981. Oien is a 1968 graduate of Baltic, SD, High School. He added a Master’s Degree at SDSU in 1975, then completed his doctorate (Ed.D) at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in 1979. Oien taught physical education and health at the Brookings Middle School 1973-76, during which time he was varsity golf coach for both boys and girls, and middle school basketball and football coach. His golf teams won state championships for both boys and girls. Oien was also women’s golf coach at SDSU, guiding the Jacks to one North Central Conference championship. The SDSU women’s golf team of 1982 was voted South Dakota Women’s College Team of the Year. Oien, and his wife, Mary, have two children.

Dr. Hellickson has been South Dakota State University’s faculty representative to the North Central Conference and NCAA since 1977, and as such is also chairman of the Athletic, Intramural and Recreation Committee on campus. Hellickson returns to the classroom this fall as a professor in agricultural engineering, after serving several years as director of agriculture extension at SDSU. He has been on the SDSU staff since 1969, serving as a professor in agricultural engineering until he was appointed as head of that department during the summer of 1982. Dr. Hellickson’s specialty has been in the area of livestock structures and environment with recent emphasis on solar energy use in agriculture. A native of Belfield, ND, he earned a Bachelor's Degree in agricultural engineering from North Dakota State University in 1964, added a Master's Degree in Ag Engineering from NDSU in 1966, then earned a Ph.D. in engineering at West Virginia University in 1969. He was included in Outstanding Young Men of America in 1970. Hellickson was presented the North Central Conference Meritorious Service Award at the November 1990 meeting.

Bernadette begins her sixth year as assistant athletic trainer at South Dakota State. Olson received her bachelor's degree in physical education studies with an emphasis in athletic training and sports medicine at the University of Delaware in 1988 prior to working from August 1988 to June 1992 as the assistant athletic trainer in the Washington and Lee University athletic department in Lexington, VA. She received her master's degree in August 1993 at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, in physical education with a specialization in athletic training and worked as the primary athletic trainer for the Cavalier women’s basketball and volleyball programs. Apart from her duties as the assistant athletic trainer at SDSU, Olson is also a clinical instructor.
SCHOOL – South Dakota State University
LOCATION – Brookings, SD 57007-1497
NICKNAME – Jackrabbits
COLORS – Yellow and Blue
HOME ARENA – Frost Arena (9,000)
ENROLLMENT – 8,100 (est.)
PRESIDENT – Dr. Peggy Gordon Elliott
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR – Dr. Fred M. Oien
CONFERENCE – North Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
NATIONAL AFFILIATION – NCAA Division II
HEAD COACH – Mary Byrne (Nebraska, 1985)
– sixth season (101-66)
– Office Telephone: 605-688-5819

ASSISTANT COACH -- Gregg Whitis
(Olivet Nazarene, 1991)
– first season
– Office Telephone: 605-688-5737

1997 RECORD – Won 26, Lost 9

SPORTS INFORMATION –
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Office Telephone: 605-688-4822
Home Telephone: 605-692-1679

LETTERWINNERS LOST: (3)
**** Arika Sanders
**** Merridee Rodel
**** Tria Smith

LETTERWINNERS RETURNING: (8)
*** Julie Nihart
*** Roxie Rath
*** Krista Zaczkowski
** Liz Force
** Connie Pedersen
** Stacey Schneider
** Sarah Worklan
* Rose Eben

NON-LETTERWINNERS RETURNING: (1)
MH/OH: Erica Backhuus, 5-10, So., Bennington, NE

NEWCOMERS: (4)
OH: Elizabeth Archer, 5-9, Fr., Apple Valley, MN
S: Grethe Bornhoft, 5-7, Fr., Tyler, MN
OH: Daynica Drake, 5-9, Fr., Tyler, MN
MH/OH: Shauna Sturm, 5-11, Fr., Springfield, MN

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1998 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

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* indicates letterwinners
HEAD COACH: MARY BYRNE  Assistant Coach: Gregg Whitis
Graduate Assistant: Pam Peetz

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The mission for the 1998 South Dakota State University volleyball team is simple: contend for a conference title and return to postseason play.

Accomplishing those goals, however, is never easy with a tough non-conference schedule and playing in the always-rugged North Central Conference.

Coming off a 26-9 season (13-5 in the North Central Conference) in which the Jackrabbits qualified for their first-ever appearance NCAA tournament and placed second in the North Central Regional, sixth-year coach Mary Byrne says the foundation has been set for SDSU to join the elite in the Division II ranks.

"It's going to be a great season to build on, but we can't rely on that. Something I really stress is that it's just not going to happen for us (we have to make it happen)," Byrne said.

An experienced group of veteran players, including three seniors, will lead the Jackrabbits this season.

"They know what they want and have high expectations of themselves,“ Byrne said of the team's eight returning letterwinners. "They definitely have the desire to take that extra step."

The three seniors Byrne is counting on to get back to NCAA tournament play are all-conference setter Julie Nihart and hitters Roxie Rath and Krista Zaczkowski. Rath, an all-region selection, is the top returning hitter; she recorded 341 kills last season and led the team with 25 solo blocks and 95 block assists. Zaczkowski recorded 49 kills last year.

Junior hitters Liz Force and Connie Pedersen also will be counted on to offset the losses of all-conference performers Arika Sanders and Merridee Rodel. Sanders became SDSU's first-ever volleyball All-American during the 1997 campaign and ended her career No. 6 on the career kills list with 974. Rodel ended four solid years second on the career kills list with 1,386.

Force, who missed 10 matches because of injury last season, will share time at the outside and middle positions. Pedersen, a lefthanded hitter, is expected to contribute more this season from the right side of the court.

Adding more depth to the 1998 lineup are junior back row specialists/hitters Sarah Worklan and Stacey Schneider and sophomore hitters Erica Backhuus and Rose Ebnet. Ebnet played in all but one match last season and is expected to contribute greatly from the left side this year.

"We have great depth at some key positions,” Byrne said.

Among the newcomers is 5-11 hitter Shauna Sturm, an all-state performer in three sports — volleyball, basketball and softball — at Springfield (MN) High School. She is joined in the freshman class by hitter Elizabeth Archer, Apple Valley, MN, and two Tyler, MN, natives: setter Grethe Bornhoft and hitter Daynica Drake.

Byrne said the freshmen will contribute depth and athleticism to a team already loaded with quickness.

"It's just unbelievable how athletic this team is,” Byrne said.

Those abilities will allow the Jackrabbits to employ a quick transitioning offense, Byrne said.

“If we can pass the ball and play defense, the offense will take care of itself,” Byrne said, noting the play of Nihart. A senior, Nihart needs 526 set assists to surpass Gail Ahlquist's career mark of 3,774. The Fridley, MN, native already holds the single-season set assist mark with 1,550, set in 1996.

SDSU opens the season at the Grand Canyon Classic in Phoenix, AZ, August 28-29.
MARY BYRNE
Head Coach

In her career at SDSU, Mary Byrne has built a program that has taken the steps necessary to contend for conference and regional titles. Byrne enters her sixth season at the Jackrabbit helm tied with Deb Allyn for second in career wins with 101. Byrne’s overall winning percentage at SDSU is an impressive .605 (101-66).

Last season Byrne guided the Jacks to the first postseason appearance in school history, placing second to the University of Nebraska-Omaha at the North Central Region tournament. The team’s 26 victories were the most for an SDSU team since the 1990 team recorded 28.

Byrne also earned North Central Region Coach of the Year honors from the American Volleyball Coaches Association last season.

Prior to coming to SDSU, Byrne, a native of Marshall, MN, was an assistant at Southwest State University and head coach at Marshall High School, where she coached the Tigers to a 26-4 record and a second-place state tournament finish. She also earned Region 2AA and Class AA High School Coach of the Year honors.

Byrne is a 1985 graduate of the University of Nebraska, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in recreation. As a player with the Cornhuskers, she was an AAU All-American and earned all-Big Eight honors three times.

GREGG WHITIS
Assistant Coach

Gregg begins his first season with the Jackrabbit volleyball team and is the program’s first full-time assistant.

A native of Bourbonnais, IL, he was head coach last year at Kankakee (IL) Community College, where his team was 27-8 and finished second in the region. Prior to that he was an assistant coach for two seasons at Indiana State University and head volleyball coach at Effingham-St. Anthony High School in Illinois for three seasons.

Gregg is a 1991 graduate of Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, IL.

PAM PEETZ
Graduate Assistant

Pam, a 1993 graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, enters her second season as a graduate assistant at SDSU.

She was head coach at Beatrice High School for one season and head coach three years at Ashland-Greenwood High School in Nebraska prior to coming to SDSU.

Pam is pursuing her master's in Health, Physical Education and Recreation, with a specialization in sports administration.
JULIE NIHART
5-7, Sr., Setter
Fridley, MN
Major: Early Childhood Education

Julie returns as one of the top setters in the league ... team captain ... led the NCC in set assists last season (12.36 apg) and earned all-conference and North Central Region All-Tournament Team honors... was selected all-North Central Region by the American Volleyball Coaches Association ... NCC setter of the week three times last season ... comes into the season with 31 straight matches of 30 or more set assists ... set a school record with 1,550 set assists in 1996 ... needs 526 set assists to break career assist mark... born May 26, 1977 ... parents are Dennis and Jackie Nihart

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Set assists: 76, vs. St. Cloud State, 10-18-96
Kills: 7, vs. Mankato State, 11-14-97
Service aces: 5, vs. Morningside, 10-3-97

ROXIE RATH
5-10, Sr., Middle Hitter
Doniphan, NE
Major: Consumer Affairs

Roxie is the team’s top returning hitter and will be relied on to lead the Jacks offensively ... team captain ... has led the team in blocks the last two seasons and ranks second on the all-time school list for block assists (211) ... fifth in NCC in blocks per game last year (1.06) ... named all-North Central Region by the American Volleyball Coaches Association and honorable mention all-conference in 1997 ... president of SDSU Student Athlete Advisory Committee and member of NCC Student Athlete Advisory Committee ... born August 26, 1976 ... parents are Rick and Robbie Rath

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Career Highs
Kills: 20, vs. No. Colorado, 10-4-96; 20, vs. St. Cloud State, 10-18-96
Solo blocks: 6, vs. No. Colo., 10-4-96
Block assists: 9, vs. Humboldt State, 8-31-97
KRISTA ZACZKOWSKI
5-11, Sr., Outside Hitter
Sauk Centre, MN
Major: Dietetics

Krista has worked hard during the off season and should see more playing time this season as a left-side hitter ... good blocker who plays high at the net ... reached double figures in kills twice in 1997, including career-high 12 kills against North Dakota ... named to the honorable mention academic all-conference team in 1996 ... enjoys the outdoors, biking and walking ... born May 23, 1977 .... parents are Dale and Jan Zaczkowski

Career Highs
Kills: 12, vs. North Dakota, 10-31-97
Service aces: 4, vs.
Northern Colorado, 11-4-95
Block assists: 5, vs.
Morningside, 11-16-96

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Jackrabbits earn academic award

The South Dakota State University volleyball team was one of 11 NCAA Division II teams honored by the American Volleyball Coaches Association with its 1997-98 AVCA Team Academic Award.

The Jackrabbits compiled a team cumulative grade point average of 3.34 during the last academic year, placing them in a tie for fourth among the teams receiving the award. Teams must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.3 to qualify for the award.

SDSU’s success wasn’t limited just to the classroom in 1997. The Jacks finished the season with a 26-9 record (13-5 in the North Central Conference) and placed second in the North Central Regional.

Teams earning the AVCA award:
- Newberry College, 3.46 GPA
- Drury College, 3.41 GPA
- University of North Florida, 3.37 GPA
- SDSU, 3.34 GPA
- Seattle Pacific University, 3.34 GPA
- West Virginia Wesleyan College, 3.33 GPA
- Augustana College, 3.33 GPA
- Central Missouri State University, 3.31 GPA
- North Dakota State University, 3.31 GPA
- Regis University, 3.31 GPA
- Valdosta State, 3.31 GPA
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### Meet the Jacks

#### Liz Force
6-0, Jr., Middle/Outside Hitter
Bellevue, NE
Major: Physical Education-HPER

Liz is coming off a strong spring season and is expected to help offset the loss of hitters Arika Sanders and Merridee Rodel ... a versatile and athletic player, she may move to the left outside hitting position ... battled minor injuries her first two seasons, but is healthy heading into fall camp ... enjoys all sports and spending time with family and friends ... born August 24, 1978 ... parents are Jim and Judy Force

#### Connie Pedersen
5-9, Jr., Outside Hitter
Sherman, SD
Major: Psychology

Connie possesses a tremendous work ethic and has become a solid player through spring ball ... an aggressive server who should see more playing time this season on the right side, an ideal position for a left-handed hitter ... graduate of Pipestone-Jasper (MN) High School ... enjoys spending time with family and friends ... born July 14, 1978 ... parents are Juel and Sheila Pedersen

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**Career Highs**
- Kills: 16, vs. Wayne State, 9-7-96
- Digs: 11, vs. San Francisco State, 8-30-97
- Solo blocks: 5, vs. Mankato State, 9-20-96

**Career Highs**
- Kills: 10, vs. Northern Colorado, 10-4-96
- Digs: 19, vs. Cameron, 8-31-96
- Service aces: 5, vs. Northwest Missouri, 9-27-96

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**1997 SDSU VOLLEYBALL STATISTICS — FINAL**
Stacey Schneider
5-8, Jr., Hitter/Defensive Specialist
Luvern, MN
Major: Early Childhood Education

Stacey is among the top defensive players on this year’s squad and will again see most of her playing time in the back row ... is the quickest player on the team and has big match experience that will have a significant impact on the Jacks this season... enjoys drawing ... born June 29, 1978 ... parents are Russ and Jan Schneider

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Sarah Worklan
5-8, Jr., Setter/Outside Hitter
Lake Villa, IL
Major: Consumer Affairs

Sarah is another player who will counted on to contribute from the back row and as a utility player ... known for hard work and hustle, those qualities should help her earn more playing time this season ... born December 9, 1977 ... enjoys reading and rollerblading... parents are Dave and Teresa Worklan

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Rose Ebneth
5-10, So., Outside Hitter
Pequot Lakes, MN
Majors: Pre-Chiropractic, Econ.

Rose is a strong, competitive player who stepped into the starting lineup last season as a freshman and made an immediate impact ... her versatility will allow her to see time as a left-side player this year ... a hard worker with sound volleyball skills ... fourth on the team in kills in 1997 ... enjoys working on the family game farm ... born March 10, 1979 ... mother is Mary Ebneth

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Career Highs

Service aces: 4, vs. Morningside, 11-16-96; 4, vs. Humboldt State, 8-31-96
Digs: 20, vs. Northern Colorado, 11-2-96

Career Highs

Service aces: 4, vs. Northwestern Missouri, 9-27-96
Digs: 13, vs. Northern Colorado, 11-2-96

Career Highs

Kills: 14, three times
Block assists: 6, vs. No. Colorado, 9-26-97; 6, vs. Wayne State, 10-7-97
ERICA BACKHUUS
5-10, So., Outside Hitter
Bennington, NE
Major: Computer Science

Erica did not play last season, but has worked hard in the off season to improve her skills and strength ... is expected to contribute from the left side ... played for the Lincoln (NE) Junior Program ... awarded the May Scholarship for academic excellence ... enjoys shopping and listening to music ... born April 4, 1979 ... parents are Mark and Jan Backhuus

ELIZABETH ARCHER
5-9, Fr., Outside Hitter
Apple Valley, MN
Major: Undecided

Elizabeth “Liz” possesses strong volleyball skills and athleticism that allows her to be an effective left-side player ... also will share some of the back row responsibilities ... graduate of Apple Valley High School, where she was a team captain, MVP and earned all-state and all-conference honors ... played for the Northern Lights club team ... born July 6, 1980 ... parents are Joan VanHoven and Dennis Archer

GRETHE BORNHOFT
5-7, Fr., Setter
Tyler, MN
Major: Pre-Medicine

Grethe (pronounced Greta) is slated to be the backup setter this year ... played six years for the Southwest Minnesota Juniors Volleyball Club ... high school teammate of fellow Jackrabbit freshman Daynica Drake ... lettered in volleyball four times at Russell-Tyler-Ruthton High School and earned all-conference honors three times ... all-area and honorable mention all-state selection ... member of the National Honor Society ... born April 18, 1980 ... parents are John and Margie Bornhoft

SDSU All-Conference Performers

1983
Paula Burma
Jenni Johnson

1986
Wendy Windschitl

1996
Merridee Peterson

1997
Julie Nihart
Arika Sanders
DAYNICA DRAKE
5-9, Fr., Outside Hitter
Tyler, MN
Major: Pre-Chiropractic

Daynica is an explosive player with great athletic ability and an impressive vertical jump ... earned all-conference and all-area honors twice and was an honorable mention all-state pick at Russell-Tyler-Ruthton High School ... was a high-school teammate of fellow Jackrabbit freshman Grethe Bornhoff ... also played for the Southwest Minnesota juniors club volleyball team ... born September 7, 1979 ... parents are Clair and Deanna Drake

SHAUNA STURM
5-11, Fr., Middle/Outside Hitter
Springfield, MN
Major: Business Administration

Shauna is being counted on to make an impact in the middle as a first-year freshman ... was an all-state performer in three sports — volleyball (twice), basketball and softball — at Springfield High School ... also was an academic all-state selection ... three-time all-conference selection ... was named co-player of the year in volleyball by KNUJ Radio in New Ulm, MN ... scored more than 1,000 career points in basketball ... parents are Robert and Sharon Sturm ... born October 15, 1979

**Sanders named All-American**

Jackrabbit Arika Sanders capped an outstanding career in 1997 by becoming the first SDSU volleyball player named to an All-American team — a second-team honor by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

After three years of steady improvement, Sanders exploded in her senior season, leading the team in a number of categories, including a school-record 513 kills, 1,317 attempts, 390 digs and 55 service aces.

For her career, Sanders finished sixth in school history in kills, 974; and fifth in digs, 1,051.

“Arika contributed greatly to our program,” head coach Mary Byrne said.

“Her personality added so much to the success of the ’97 team. She, along with teammate Merridee Rodel made a tremendous impact on SDSU volleyball.”

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KILLS
1. Wendy Windschitl, 1985-88 ............1,510
2. Merridee Peterson-Rodel, 1994-97, 1,386
3. Shannon Kalbfell, 1988-91 ............1,206
4. Lisa Freichels, 1989-93 ................1,147
5. Aprill Swanson-Tordsen 1991-94 ......995
6. Arika Sanders, 1994-97 ..................974
7. Taran Wendland, 1984-87 ...............870
8. Roxie Rath, 1995-present ..............813
10. Bridget Smith, 1995-96 .............. 719

DIGS
1. Gail Ahlquist, 1988-91 ....................1,404
2. Lisa Freichels, 1989-90, 92-93 .......1,360
3. Merridee Peterson-Rodel, 1994-97, 1,324
4. Linda Fusco, 1989-92 ....................1,282
5. Arika Sanders, 1994-97 .................1,051
7. Wendy Windschitl, 1985-88 ............980
10. Reagan Adolfson, 1992-95 ............826

HITTING PERCENTAGE LEADERS
1. Paula Burma, 1982-84 ..................345
2. Wendy Windschitl, 1985-88 ............282
3. Aprill Swanson-Tordsen 1991-94 ......275
5. Julie Barber, 1988 .....................217

based on minimum 600 total attacks

SERVICE ACES
1. Gail Ahlquist, 1988-91 .............. 203
2. Sue Nelson, 1983-86 ....................156
4. Lisa Freichels, 1989-90, 92-93 .......153
5. Taran Wendland, 1984-87 ..............145

SET ASSISTS
1. Gail Ahlquist, 1988-91 .............. 3,774
3. Julie Nihart, 1995-present ...........3,249
4. Tasha Kryger, 1985-88 .............. 2,908
5. Lisa Jacobson, 1981-84 .............. 1,436
7. Nancy Rolston, 1980-83 .............. 753

SOLO BLOCKS
2. Sarah Sargent, 1987-90 .............. 198
3. Gwen Langord, 1980-83 .............. 162
5. Shannon Kalbfell, 1988-91 ...........124
6. Taran Wendland, 1984-87 .............104

BLOCK ASSISTS
1. Aprill Swanson-Tordsen, 1991-94 ......280
2. Roxie Rath, 1995-present ............211
3. Taran Wendland, 1984-87 .............207
4. Lisa Jacobson, 1981-84 .............. 193
5. Gwen Langford, 1980-83 .............166
7. Shannon Kalbfell, 1988-91 ...........152
8. Sarah Sargent, 1987-90 .............145

SINGLE MATCH, SEASON RECORDS

KILLS
1. Merridee Peterson-Rodel, vs. St. Cloud State, 9-21-96
2. Arika Sanders, 1997
3. Wendy Windschitl, 1985-88

TOTAL ATTACKS
1. Merridee Peterson-Rodel vs. St. Cloud State, 9-21-96
2. Wendy Windschitl, 1985-88
3. April Swanson-Tordsen, 1991-94

HITTING PERCENTAGE
1. Paula Burma, 1982-84
2. April Swanson-Tordsen vs. Mankato State, 1993
3. Paula Burma, 1983

SERVICE ACES
1. Sue Nelson vs. Mankato State, 11-7-86
2. Julie Barber vs. USD, 10-19-89

SET ASSISTS
1. Jenni Dold vs. Wayne (NE) State, 10-27-95
2. Julie Nihart, 1996

SOLO BLOCKS
1. April Swanson-Tordsen vs. Moorhead State, 10-30-93
2. Sarah Sargent, 1990

BLOCK ASSISTS
1. Taran Wendland vs. Augustana, 10-31-87
2. Lisa Jacobson, 1984

DIGS
1. Lisa Freichels vs. Briar Cliff, 9-29-90
2. Lisa Freichels, 1990
Augustana College
at Sioux Falls, Oct. 6
at Brookings, Nov. 10
Location: Sioux Falls, SD
Enrollment: 2,000
Arena: Elmen Center (4,000)
Head Coach: Kim Sudbeck (4th year)
Preview/Review: Augustana returns four starters from a team that shared NCC honors last season. The Vikings finished the season with a 28-7 overall record and a 15-3 mark in the NCC. The Vikings will bring in five newcomers this season, including Tasha Feldman, a transfer from Morningside College who enters as a senior. Sarah Hayes and redshirt freshman Kari Peterson will be battling for the setting spot. Key returners for the Vikings include Lindsay Voss and April Evans.

Mankato State University
at Brookings, Oct. 3
at Mankato, Nov. 6
Location: Mankato, MN
Enrollment: 12,380
Arena: Otto Arena (5,000)
Head Coach: Doug Tully (1st year)
Preview/Review: The Mavericks, who finished 13-15 overall and 9-9 in the NCC, return seven lettermen, including four starters. Setter Nichole Roethig returns to run the offense after tallying more than 1,000 set assists last season. Her main targets will be hitters Alisha Hendrickson and Amy Olson, who combined for more than 500 kills in 1997. Coach Doug Tully is one of four first-year coaches in the North Central Conference.

Morningside College
at Sioux City, Sept. 25
at Brookings, Oct. 31
Location: Sioux City, IA
Enrollment: 1,200
Arena: Allee Gym (3,000)
Head Coach: Theresa Kathman-Trees (1st year)
Preview/Review: The newly renamed Mustangs, who finished last season with a 10-23 overall mark and a 3-15 slate in the conference, return seven lettermen and four starters from last year’s club. The Mustangs must replace setter Kate Ankrum and middle hitter Tasha Feldman. Ankrum finished her career as the Chiefs’ all-time leader in assists and ace serves. Feldman transferred to NCC rival Augustana. The Mustangs bring in nine newcomers, including Amelia Lewis, a transfer from Mesa State.

Nebraska-Omaha
at Brookings, Sept. 19
at Omaha, Oct. 16
Location: Omaha, NE
Enrollment: 16,000
Arena: UNO Fieldhouse (3,500)
Head Coach: Rose Shiyes (9th year)
Preview/Review: The Mavericks return three starters and seven lettermen from last season’s team. Gone are All-Americans Tanya Cate and Erin Shafer. However, returning is Tracey Ankeny who was UNO’s first freshman All-American. Ankeny will be joined by setter Bethany Tygart and middle blocker Krista Niezwaja. The Mavericks bring in six newcomers as they battle for their third straight North Central Conference championship. UNO finished 26-9 last season, and 15-3 in the NCC.

North Dakota
at Grand Forks, Oct. 24
at Brookings, Nov. 3
Location: Grand Forks, ND
Enrollment: 11,521
Arena: Hyslop Sports Center (5,500)
Head Coach: Maria Bruggeman (1st year)
Preview/Review: The Sioux, who finished 10-24 overall and 2-16 in the NCC last season, return four starters and 11 lettermen. The Sioux have only two seniors on their roster and will be looking to the younger players to make key contributions. Key returnees include Kristi Rasmussen and Angela Hoffmann, who had 336 and 264 kills, respectively, in 1997.

Northern Colorado
at Brookings, Sept. 18
at Greeley, Oct. 17
Location: Greeley, CO
Enrollment: 10,500
Arena: Butler-Hancock Hall (4,500)
Head Coach: Linda Delk (23rd year)
Preview/Review: The Bears finished the 1997 season with a 18-11 record overall and a 12-6 record in the NCC. The Bears return five starters and five lettermen from a squad that finished fifth in the NCC last season. Headed the list of returnees is Tia Self, Kim Schiemenz, and Joyce Jordahl. Head coach Linda Delk reached a career high last season with 614 victories.

North Dakota State
at Brookings, Sept. 29
at Fargo, Oct. 23
Location: Fargo, ND
Enrollment: 9,784
Arena: Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse (2,000)
Head Coach: Zaudra Bina (4th year)
Preview/Review: North Dakota State, under head coach Zaudra Bina, returns five starters and eight lettermen from a 27-7 season a year ago. The Bison finished the 1997 season with a 14-4 conference record, finishing behind co-champions Augustana and UNO. Returning are all-NCC selections Janna Ruebke, Kara Deringer, and Carrie Jacobson. The Bison add five newcomers to their experienced squad, headlined by Alanna Hetland, who was a Gatorade Player of the Year.

St. Cloud State
at Brookings, Oct. 2
at St. Cloud, Nov. 7
Location: St. Cloud, MN
Enrollment: 14,200
Arena: Halenbeck Hall (7,500)
Head Coach: Dianne Glowa (22nd year)
Preview/Review: St. Cloud State finished with a 8-25 campaign last season and return three starters and eight lettermen, headlined by Shelly Geyen and Kim Pellmann. Geyen led the returnees with 301 kills last season, while Pellmann added 229 kills. Last season was only the fourth time in school history that the Huskies had a losing season. The Huskies hope to change that in 1998 with the help of five newcomers. Headlining the list is Andrea Thul, a transfer from Iowa State.

South Dakota
at Vermillion, Sept. 26
at Brookings, Oct. 30
Location: Vermillion, SD
Enrollment: 7,400
Arena: DakotaDome (8,100)
Head Coach: Kaaryn Hermson (1st year)
Preview/Review: The Coyotes, who finished 9-26 last season and 4-14 in the conference return five starters and eight lettermen. Setter Lisa Roberts returns to run the offense. The junior had 1,247 assists last season, combined with 179 digs. Leading the attack for the Coyotes is Nikki Daggitt and Tera Belak who recorded 339 and 315 kills in 1997.
LETTERWINNERS/COACHING RECORDS

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NOTES
- SDSU Claimed the SDAIAW championship five times (1972, 74, 75, 77, and 80) and were runners-up four times (1973, 78, 79, 81).
- SDSU has fashioned five consecutive winning campaigns — the first time since SDSU had four straight winning seasons from 1987-1990.
- SDSU has had 15 20-plus win seasons since volleyball began in 1966.
- SDSU had its first-ever All-American in volleyball in 1997 (Arika Sanders).
- SDSU participated in its first-ever NCAA Regional Tournament in 1997, advancing to the championship match.

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Although allocations fell short of the actual cost, the school was able to open in the fall of 1884 because the president, George Lilley, was willing to advance $500 (a third of his salary) to finish three rooms in the new Central building. “Old Central” was soon joined by South (1885) and North (1887), forming the nucleus of campus life for a decade and a half.

**DEVELOPMENT**

During the first year of operation only preparatory classes were held. College classes started in 1885 with five teachers, 17 freshmen and 61 preparatory students. Growth was slow and erratic for many years, but by the turn of the century there were 242 students. By 1990, SDSU had an enrollment of more than 9,000 students with nearly 8,100 at the Brookings campus. It has granted more than 46,500 degrees since the college was chartered in 1881.

**COLLEGES ESTABLISHED**

The structure of the college became more complex as enrollments increased. The first nine chairs of instruction, established in 1884, included agriculture, science, mathematics, English, modern languages, military tactics, veterinary science, practical business, political and domestic economy and music. By 1907, the year the name of the institution was changed to South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, there were 22 departments on campus.

Reorganization into the five divisions which formed the basis for the designation of colleges was completed under President Charles W. Pugsley in 1923. In 1964, when “State College” was renamed South Dakota State University, there were six colleges: Arts and Science, Agricultural and Biological Sciences, Home Economics, Engineering, Nursing and Pharmacy, as well as a Graduate Division. A seventh, General Registration, was added later.

In 1975, the Division of Education was created, which became the College of Education and Counseling in 1991.

Today, degrees are offered through these eight colleges:

- Agriculture and Biological Sciences
- Arts and Science
- Education and Counseling
- Engineering
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- General Registration
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Graduate School

South Dakota State University is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

**STATE’S LARGEST**

Since 1881, South Dakota State University has grown from a campus of 80 acres to 271-acre campus with facilities worth more than $220 million. The university owns or leases another 15,000 acres for research throughout the state.

Peggy Gordon Elliott became SDSU’s 18th president on January 1, 1998, following the retirement of Robert T. Wagner.

With 8,162 students registered in the fall of 1997, enrollment at SDSU continues to be the largest of the state's institutions of higher education.

More than 200 majors, minors and options are available with more than 2,500 different course offerings. Master’s degrees are offered in more than 30 areas, and doctorates are available in eight fields. The university also offers degree programs through the Sioux Falls Center for Public Higher Education, RDTN, Internet and off-campus courses are available through the Office of Academic Affairs and Outreach.

Seventy-five percent of entering freshmen are in the upper half of their high school graduating class and 40 percent are in the top 25 percent. Seventy percent are residents of South Dakota, and 46 states and 41 countries are represented in the student body.

While at SDSU, students may join more than 100 clubs and organizations that are active on campus.
1998 Volleyball Schedule

AUGUST
28-29 at Grand Canyon Classic, Phoenix AZ
28 vs. Central Missouri .......................................................... 2 p.m.
   vs. Western New Mexico ............................................. 4:30 p.m.
29 vs. Grand Canyon .......................................................... 3 p.m.

SEPTEMBER
3 vs. Seattle Pacific .............................................................. 7 p.m.
4-5 SDSU Burger King Classic
4 vs. Moorhead State .................................................. 7:30 p.m.
5 vs. Chadron State ...................................................... 1 p.m.
   vs. Wayne State .................................................... 3:30 p.m.
8 at Southwest State ...................................................... 7 p.m.
11-12 at NCC/Northern Sun Tournament-Mankato, MN
11 vs. Northern State ................................................... 2 p.m.
   vs. North Alabama ................................................ 6 p.m.
12 vs. Minnesota-Duluth ........................................... 3:30 p.m.
18 * Northern Colorado .............................................. 7 p.m.
19 * Nebraska-Omaha ................................................... 7 p.m.
25 * at Morningside ...................................................... 7 p.m.
26 * at South Dakota ...................................................... 7 p.m.
29 * North Dakota State .................................................... 7 p.m.

OCTOBER
2 * St. Cloud State .......................................................... 7 p.m.
3 * Mankato State .......................................................... 7 p.m.
6 * at Augustana .......................................................... 7 p.m.
16 * at Nebraska-Omaha ............................................. 7 p.m.
17 * at Northern Colorado ........................................ 7:30 p.m. (MT)
23 * at North Dakota State ........................................... 7 p.m.
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31 * Morningside .......................................................... 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER
3 * North Dakota .......................................................... 7 p.m.
6 * at Mankato State ...................................................... 7 p.m.
7 * at St. Cloud State .................................................... 7 p.m.
10 * Augustana ............................................................ 7 p.m.
13 Winona State ............................................................ 6 p.m.
14 Minnesota-Morris ..................................................... 7 p.m.
20-22 North Central Regional

* Indicates North Central Conference Matches