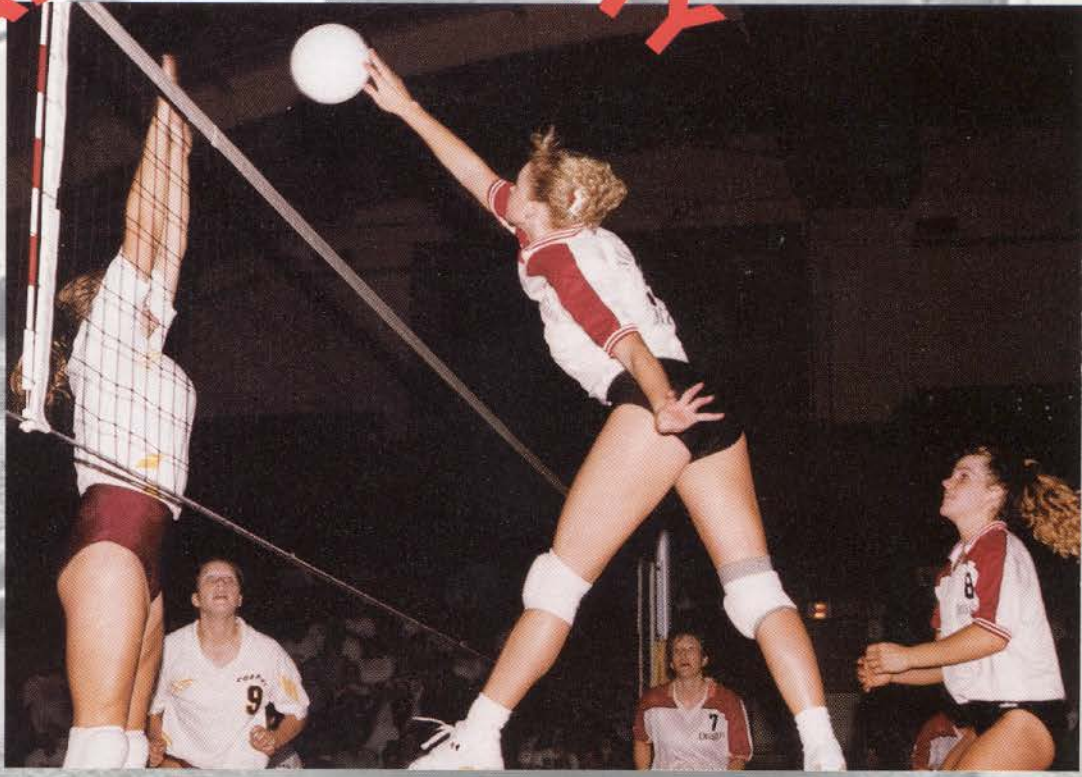


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WOORHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY



VOLLEYBALL



1994 Schedule

Date	Opponent	H/A	Time
SEPTEMBER			
2-3	SSU Pre-Season Classic	Away	TBA
7	Concordia College	Away	7:00
9-10	Bemidji State Invitational	Away	TBA
13	NORTH DAKOTA	Home	7:00
14	South Dakota	Away	7:00
21	*NORTHERN STATE	Home	7:00
23-24	DRAGON INVITATIONAL	Home	TBA
28	*Bemidji State	Away	7:00
30-1	SDSU Burger King Classic	Away	TBA
OCTOBER			
7	Jamestown College	Away	7:00
8	*WINONA STATE	Home	1:00
12	*UM MORRIS	Home	7:00
14	*UM Duluth	Away	5:00
15	UMD Invitational	Away	TBA
18	North Dakota	Away	7:30
21-23	NSIC Championships at Duluth	Away	TBA
26	CONCORDIA COLLEGE	Home	7:00
28	North Dakota State	Away	7:00
NOVEMBER			
1	*Southwest State	Away	7:00

*Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference match

Dragons Eye Return To The NSIC Summit This Fall

by Larry Scott,
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When Moorhead State University officially christens its 1994 campaign by enrolling in the SSU/NAIA Pre-Season Classic in early September, the Dragons have an instant opportunity to reestablish some national credibility, and to lay the foundation for a ninth consecutive winning season.

Ambitious goals, perhaps, but not to the rebuilt Dragons of '94 who want more, much more, from the approaching season.

Becky Schulze begins her fourth season as boss of the Dragons with seven varsity letterwinners, but some refurbishing must be done. Missing is four-year letterwinner Michelle Larson, the NAIA District 13 Player of the Year last fall, and NAIA Academic All-American Sara Radniecki. Still, MSU has every reason to believe it can surpass last year's 23-12 finish.

Much of the Dragon optimism springs from the return of a group of trusty veterans, including senior NAIA second team all-American outside hitter Carrie Hegg, junior setter Sara Myskevitz, senior defensive specialist Tanya Wales and junior middle blocker Shawnette VanderWolde.

Sophomores Leah Halvorson, Robin Schroeder and Stacy Stadlander all filled backup roles last fall and will fill larger assignments this fall.

In addition, junior Shannon McQuade, a transfer from North Dakota State, will get a thorough look from Schulze and should

provide some vital inside firepower. Freshmen Emily Hegg and Angie Michels could make instant imprints at State as well.

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO SCHULZE:

New Look Dragons: "We gained a lot of maturity and confidence last year, and we've progressed since our last match of '93. This group learned a great deal last year as a young team. They are no longer trying to fill somebody's shoes, and they appear to have a lot more confidence."

Improvements: "Our biggest improvements should be defense and ball control. We should have more than one individual to go to at crunch time. In the past we have relied on just one player, but this year I am confident we have two or three players who can put the ball away for us when we really need it."

Goals: "Our first goal is to win the conference title. I think it's very important to have that focus. That will be especially important in the future when we get into the NCAA Division II, because our conference champion should qualify automatically for the national playoffs."

NAIA National Tournament:

"Winning the conference is our first goal, but we certainly want to go to the nationals, too. I am confident that we have an opportunity to do extremely well at the NAIA's this year. It's really up to our players if they want to accept that challenge."

Schedule: "I am very impressed by the strength of our schedule. Our tournament (Dragon Invitational) will be very exciting, with a lot of great teams coming to our court. In addition to our conference matches, we will get to play North Dakota State and North Dakota twice during the season, and we'll be going back to the SDSU tournament. We also open at the SSU/NAIA Pre-Season Classic. We would like to win that, but that means peaking very early."

NSIC Race: "University of Minnesota-Duluth will be very strong. They lost their setter but return almost everybody else. Southwest State and ourselves could also battle for the title. I don't know a lot about the rest of the league, with all the new coaches."

Coaches

Head Coach Becky Schulze



It is surely more than simple coincidence that Moorhead State University ascended to the elite upper echelon of collegiate volleyball shortly after the appointment of BECKY SCHULZE as Dragon head coach in 1991.

Indeed, much of the credit for the Dragons' recent good fortune can be directly traced to the arrival of Schulze as the fourth head coach in Moorhead State volleyball history.

She debuted in style with a 25-13 finish in 1991, the first rookie coach to reach the magical 25-win plateau at MSU. In her second season, Schulze and the Dragons matched the MSU single season record of 36 victories during a splendid 36-11 encore, and harvested 23 victories in 1993.

Schulze prodded the Dragons to a perfect Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference finish (12-0) in 1992 and a third trip to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Championships.

Schulze was saluted by volleyball coaching comrades as Coach of

the Year in both the NSIC and NAIA District 13 in 1992, and repeated as NAIA District 13 Coach of the Year last fall.

Schulze clearly brought a classy volleyball portfolio to her assignment at Moorhead State. She was a major contributor to the smashing volleyball success story at North Dakota State University as an undergraduate, and collected four varsity letters with the Bison. She secured a starting role at setter as a junior and sparked NDSU to a 73-9 record and matching North Central Conference Championships in 1988 and 1989.

Schulze's spirited play attracted the national spotlight as well. She was a two-time American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-American and an Asics Tiger/Volleyball Monthly All-American, an All-AVCA Region selection, and a three-time All-NCC selection. Schulze was honored as the All-NCAA Regional MVP in 1989.

In addition to her volleyball responsibilities at State, Schulze also serves as MSU softball coach and athletic department compliance officer. Last spring she guided the Dragons to a 26-11 finish and an appearance at the NAIA National Championships in her first year on the job.

A native of Minneapolis, Schulze graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1986, and completed a degree in sociology at Moorhead State in 1991.

Assistant Coach LaDawn Nesje

A four-year volleyball letterwinner at Northern State University and a three-year starter, LaDAWN NESJE begins her first season at Moorhead State University as varsity assistant coach this fall.

Nesje replaces Amy Gernand as Dragon varsity assistant coach.

Nesje started for three years at setter for the Wolves, and was saluted with National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) District 12 laurels as a senior. Nesje graduated from Northern State in 1993 with an elementary education major. She also served as a member of the Aberdeen (SD) Central volleyball coaching staff for four years.

A graduate of Washington High School in Sioux Falls, SD, Nesje competed in volleyball, basketball, tennis and softball. She was a two-year volleyball captain and was named to the select South Dakota State Class AA All-Star team following her senior season.

1994 Roster

By Number

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (H.S.)
12	Leah Halvorson	OH/MB	5-9	So.	Starbuck (Minnewaska)
8	Carrie Hegg	OH	5-8	Sr.	McIntosh (Win-E-Mac)
10	Emily Hegg	OH	5-10	Fr.	McIntosh (Win-E-Mac)
1	Emily Holte	S	5-2	Fr.	Shelly (Norman County West)
5	Shannon McQuade	MB	5-11	Jr.	Bismarck, ND
11	Angie Micheals	MB	5-9	Fr.	Moorhead
4	Sara Myskevitz	S	5-6	Jr.	Chanhassen (Minnetonka)
6	Robin Schroeder	U	6-0	So.	Plymouth (Osseo)
3	Stacy Stadlander	OH	5-9	So.	Buffalo
7	Shawnette VanderWolde	MB	5-10	Jr.	Moorhead
2	Tanya Wales	OH	5-7	Sr.	Moorhead
9	Kelly Ziemicki	DS	5-10	Fr.	Hopkins

By Position

Setter:

Emily Holte, Sara Myskevitz

Outside Hitter:

Leah Halvorson, Carrie Hegg, Emily Hegg, Stacy Stadlander, Tanya Wales

Middle Backer:

Shannon McQuade, Angie Michels, Shawnette VanderWolde

DS:

Kelly Ziemiecki

Utility:

Robin Schroeder

By Year

Seniors (2):

Carrie Hegg, Tanya Wales

Juniors (3):

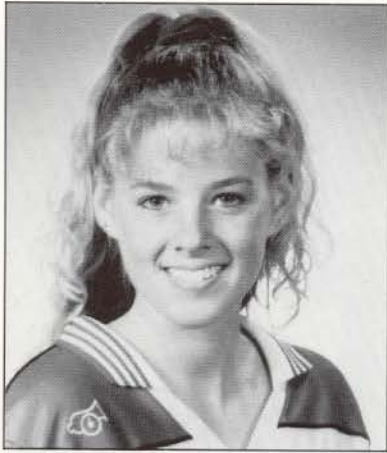
Shannon McQuade, Sara Myskevitz, Shawnette VanderWolde

Sophomores (3):

Leah Halvorson, Robin Schroeder, Stacy Stadlander

Freshmen (4):

Emily Hegg, Emily Holte,
Angie Michels, Kelly Ziemiecki



Leah Halvorson

Sophomore / 5-9 / Outside Hitter/Middle Blocker / Starbuck, Minnesota

Lettered at State as a freshman in a backup assignment, projected to fill larger role as a sophomore. . . Appeared in 16 varsity games, credited with 16 kills and a commendable .350 hitting percentage, also had 11 digs. . . Collected flock of prep honors at Minnewaska High School, three-year varsity starter, all-conference and second team all-area choice as a senior. . . Named Best Offensive Player as a senior, helped Lakers forge a 17-7 record in 1992. . . Competed with success in basketball as well at Minnewaska High. . . Psychology major. . . Born March 19, 1975. . .

Dragon Scorecard

Year	M	K	E	TA	PCT	SA	BA	BS	DG	AS
1993	16	16	2	40	.350	2	1	2	11	1

Career Bests

Kills: 6 vs. Minot State, 10/26/93

Attacks: 14 vs. Minot State, 10/26/93

Percentage: .357 vs. Minot State, 10/26/93

Service Aces: 1 vs. Wayne State, 10/30/93

Solo Blocks: 1 vs. Wayne State, 10/30/93

Block Assists: 1 vs. Wayne State, 10/30/93

Digs: 7 vs. Wayne State, 10/30/93

Assists: 1 vs. Wayne State, 10/30/93



Emily Hegg

Freshman / 5-10 / Outside Hitter / McIntosh, Minnesota

Talented import with true Dragon bloodlines. . . Becomes fourth Hegg to participate in intercollegiate volleyball. . . Older sister Carrie Hegg was saluted as a second team NAIA All-American last fall. . . Four-year volleyball starter, three-time all-conference selection at Win-E-Mac High School. . . Helped Patriots to a runnerup finish at the 1990 Minnesota State Class A Championships, and a fourth place finish in 1991. . . Honorable mention all-state pick in 1993. . . Lettered in basketball and track at WHS as well, All-Pine-to-Prairie Conference basketball choice as a junior and senior. . . Named to Honor Band in 1992 and 1993. . . Class Salutatorian at WHS. . . Accounting major. . . Born January 6, 1976. . .