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*Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference match
Dragons Eye Return To The NSIC Summit This Fall

by Larry Scott,
MSU Sports Information Director

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 Stadtlander 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

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By Position

Setter:
Emily Holte, Sara Myskevitz

Outside Hitter:
Leah Halvorson, Carrie Hegg, Emily Hegg, Stacy Stadtlander, 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 Stadtlander

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

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Career Bests
Kills: 8 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

Carrie Hegg
Senior / 5-8 / Outside Hitter / McIntosh, Minnesota

Responded to lofty pre-season billing a year ago with a marvelous campaign. . . Decorated with NAIA second team All-American honors as a junior, also named to the All-NSIC and All-NAIA District 13 honor teams. . . Played in all 122 games last fall, topped Dragons with 421 kills, 541 digs and 1280 total attempt. . . Third in the NSIC in both kills, 3.78, and digs, 4.71. . . Transferred to Moorhead State last year after two seasons at North Dakota State. . . Appeared in 37 matches for the Bison (35-5) in 1992, had 19 service aces and 132 digs. . . Graduate of Win-E-Mac High School, four-year starter for club that captured Minnesota State Class A title in 1988 and placed second in 1987 and 1990. . . Two-time all-state pick, two-time Pine-to-Prairie MVP. . . Four-time all-conference volleyball choice, two-time basketball selection. . . One of six Hegg sisters to participate in volleyball, including current Dragon freshman Emily and former NDSU standouts Nikki and Teresa Hegg. . . Member of National Honor Society at WSH. . . Elementary Education major. . . Born Dec. 22, 1972. . .

Emily Holte
Freshman / 5-2 / Setter / Shelly, Minnesota

One of four freshmen recruits invited to varsity pre-season camp in 1994. . . Will serve apprenticeship to incumbent setter Sara Myskevitz as a frosh. . . Four-year fixture in Norman County West High School starting array, honored as member of 1993 Minnesota Class A All-State team. . . Four-time All-Pine-to-Prairie Conference selection for the Panthers. . . Three-time all-conference basketball pick at Norman County West. . . Business Administration major. . . Born September 23, 1975. . .

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Career Bests

Kills: 20 vs. UM Morris, 10/20/93
Attacks: 61 vs. UM Duluth, 10/23/93
Percentage: .500 vs. Concordia College, 9/17/93
Service Aces: 6 vs. Concordia College, 9/17/93
Solo Blocks: 4 vs. Southwest State, 10/13/93
Block Assists: 3 vs. Graceland College, 9/8/93
Digs: 28 vs. UM Duluth, 10/23/93
Assists: 5 vs. Southwest State, 10/30/93
Angie Michels

Freshman / 5-10 / Middle Blocker / Moorhead, Minnesota

Product of classy Moorhead High School program, one of four freshmen imports extended invitations to pre-season drills. . . Joins fellow ex-Spuds Shawnette VanderWolde and Tanya Wales in Dragon camp. . . Three-year starter for ex-Dragon Karin Schumacher at MHS, voted Spuds’ captain and Most Valuable Player as a senior. . . Named finest Best Defensive Player at Moorhead High and Most Dedicated player as a junior. . . Three-year softball starter as well, captain and Region 8A A2 honor selection last spring. . . Criminal Justice major. . . Born April 14, 1976. . .

Shannon McQuade

Junior / 5-11 / Middle Blocker / Bismarck, North Dakota

Sara Myskevitz

Junior / 5-6 / Setter / Chanhassen, Minnesota

Installed as Dragons’ starting setter in ‘83 and responded handsomely to the challenge... Played in all 122 games, credited with club high 1330 assists, 335 digs, 109 kills, 60 serve aces and 35 blocks... Named to the 1993 All-NAIA District 13 honor team, headlined district with 10.9 apg... Topped the NSIC with 13.16 apg... Ranks fourth on the Dragon all-time assist ledger with 1445 assists... Two-year letterwinner at State, participated in the 1992 NAIA National Championships as a freshman backup setter... Appeared in 89 games and collected 115 assists as a frosh... Graduate of Minnetonka High School, volleyball captain as a senior... Four-year volleyball letterwinner at MHS, voted Most Valuable Player three years... Three-time All-Lake Blue Conference selection, honorable mention All-Metro pick as a senior... Lettered in track and basketball for the Skippers as well, qualified for regional finals in the 100 meters as a senior... Varsity track letterwinner at Moorhead State as a freshman... Physical Education major... Born March 27, 1974...

Robin Schroeder

Sophomore / 6-0 / Outside Hitter / Plymouth, Minnesota

Rookie season at Moorhead State disrupted by a leg injury... Played in four varsity games, had three kills... Should play more substantial role this fall... One of three freshmen to letter at MSU in 1993... Captain and honorable mention Region 5AA selection at Osseo Senior High School as a senior... Spent two seasons on the Orioles’ varsity roster... Elementary Education major... Born September 7, 1974...

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Career Bests

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Attacks: 4 vs. Jamestown College, 10/31/92
Percentage: .500 vs. Jamestown College, 10/31/92
Service Aces: 5 vs. South Dakota State 11/6/92
Solo Blocks: 0
Block Assists: 1 vs. Mayville State 9/11/92
Digs: 15 vs. Northern State 10/9/92
Assists: 22 vs. Jamestown College 10/31/92
Stacy Stadtlander
Sophomore / 5-9 / Outside Hitter / Buffalo, Minnesota

Made sizeable splash at State last fall as a freshman, one of three frosh to earn a varsity letter. ... Played in 39 varsity games, logged 55 kills, 67 digs, 18 assists and 17 blocks. ... Installed in Dragon starting lineup midway through '93 season. ... Three-year regular at Buffalo High School, three-time All-North Suburban Conference choice. ... Named to Minnesota All-State Academic team in 1992, captain and Offensive Player of the Year. ... Lettered in track and gymnastics at BHS as well, decorated with all-league high jump honors. ... Honors graduate. ... Undeclared major. 
Born October 3, 1974. ... 

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- **Attacks**: 25 vs. Northern State, 10/8/93
- **Percentage**: .545 vs. Southwest State, 10/13/93
- **Service Aces**: 3 vs. Minot State, 10/26/93
- **Solo Blocks**: 1 vs. Minot State, 10/26/93
- **Block Assists**: 3 vs. Minot State, 10/26/93
- **Digs**: 11 vs. UM Morris, 10/9/93
- **Assists**: 3 vs. Bemidji State, 10/8/93

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Shawnette VanderWolde
Junior / 5-10 / Outside Hitter / Moorhead, Minnesota

Two-year starter with the Dragons, poised for another substantial contribution in '94. ... Troubled by injuries during sophomore campaign, missed 18 games. ... Produced club high 84 blocks last fall, credited with 325 digs, 195 kills and 50 serve aces. ... Named to 1993 All-NSIC Academic team. ... Ranked fifth in the NAIA District 13 with .47 aces per games as a sophomore. ... Ninth on all-time Dragon assist ladder with 80. ... Lone rookie to claim starting role on 1992 playoff club, appeared in 125 games with 115 kills, 63 blocks, 29 service aces, 160 digs and 59 assists. ... Graduate of Moorhead High School, two-year prep starter under ex-Dragon Karin Schumacher. ... Elected volleyball captain as a senior, helped Spuds claim Region BAA crown and placed third at the 1990 Minnesota State Class AA Championships. ... Honor Student at MHS. ... Biology major. ... Nicknamed "Netto". ... Born August 1, 1974. ...

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**Career Bests**

- **Kills**: 13 vs. Wayne State 10/30/93
- **Attacks**: 49 vs. Winona State, 9/10/93
- **Percentage**: .833 vs. Graceland College, 9/3/93
- **Service Aces**: 5 vs. North Dakota, 10/17/93
- **Solo Blocks**: 4 vs. Montevallo, 9/4/93
- **Block Assists**: 6 vs. South Dakota, 10/29/93
- **Digs**: 20 vs. Winona State 9/10/93
- **Assists**: 7 vs. Azusa Pacific, 9/4/92

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Tanya Wales
Senior / 5-7 / Outside Hitter / Moorhead, Minnesota


Kelly Ziemiecki
Freshman / 5-5 / DS / Hopkins, Minnesota