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MSU Hosts Spring Tournament

Jenison Fieldhouse will see its first ever intercollegiate volleyball tournament on April 15. To close spring training season, the MSU Spartans will host eight teams from Michigan and around the Midwest. The in-state teams will include UM, Central, Eastern, and Western. On the three weekends prior to this, MSU will play in tournaments at UM, Illinois, and Illinois State.

Volunteers Needed

The SideOut Club will be providing workers for the spring tournament to sell tickets, act as line judges, flip score markers, and to help with other responsibilities of running the tournament. If you can help us out at Jenison on April 15, please call Dianna Kaplinski at 394-3557.

We also need fans who want to offer their time and skills to support the Spartans next season in many different capacities within the Club. In particular, there are still openings on the Board of Directors for several individuals who can be instrumental in planning Club activities and conducting them successfully. Call Bob Alim-Young at 372-9649 to volunteer.

Don't Miss the Annual Banquet!

Reserve Sunday April 9 on your calendar for the second Spartan Volleyball Banquet. Join the players, coaches, and other fans to celebrate the past season, MSU's best since 1980.

The afternoon will start at 1:00pm with a buffet lunch, donated by the Korner Kitchen restaurant. This will be followed by the presentation of player awards for accomplishments of the past season, and, of course, fans will have a chance to meet and mingle with the players and coaches. Tickets will be \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children 12 years old and under. Look for the announcement of the location in a few weeks.

..Followed by the SideOut Club Membership Meeting

Immediately following the banquet, the MSU SideOut Club will hold a brief meeting for members, to preview plans for next season. Plan to stay for a few minutes to hear what's new, and give us your ideas for supporting Spartan volleyball.

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1995 Schedule Released

MSU has announced the tentative fall 1995 Spartan volleyball schedule, and SideOut Club members will be among the first to see it.

Fans get a special treat this year as the Spartans play most of their pre-conference matches at home. For the last several years the team has spent much of September on the road, so many fans didn't get to see them until their home Big Ten opener.

Of special note is the fact that MSU is hosting not one, but two tournaments. This matches the total number of tournaments hosted here in the last ten years. Be sure to come out to see the non-regional teams making a rare visit.

In between those two tournaments, the Spartans take a road trip to California, to play in the UCSB Invitational Tournament. This will be the first time in fifteen years the team has been invited to California to play the strong competition there. MSU is expected to be one of the top seeds, along with hosts UC Santa Barbara, Florida, and Long Beach State.

And be sure to start the season with the casual atmosphere of the alumni match on August 26, as players from the last decade or more of Spartan volleyball return to take on this year's team.

8/26 ALUMNI
 9/2-3 MSU TOURNAMENT
 (Illinois State, Baylor,
 SDSU & Bowling Green)
 9/8-9 @UCSB Invitational
 (incl. Florida, Long Beach,
 others)
 9/15-16 MSU TOURNAMENT
 (New Orleans, Maryland &
 Montana State)
 9/20 CENTRAL MICHIGAN
 9/22 NORTHWESTERN
 9/23 PURDUE
 9/27 @Michigan
 9/30 @Iowa
 10/6 @Illinois
 10/7 @Indiana
 10/13 WISCONSIN
 10/14 MINNESOTA
 10/20 @Ohio State
 10/21 @Penn State
 10/25 MICHIGAN
 10/27 IOWA
 10/28 LOUISVILLE
 11/3 INDIANA
 11/4 ILLINOIS
 11/10 @Minnesota
 11/11 @Wisconsin
 11/17 PENN STATE
 11/18 OHIO STATE
 11/24 @Purdue
 11/25 @Northwestern

 11/29 NCAA 1st round
 12/2 NCAA 2nd round
 12/8-9 NCAA Regionals
 12/14-16 NCAA Championships
 Univ. of Massachusetts

1994 Highlights

The Spartan women's slogan for 1994 was "On the Rise", and they certainly lived up to it. Some season highlights:

- ◆ An overall record of 17-14, the team's best since 1980.
- ◆ A Big Ten record of 9-11, their best ever, with a seventh-place finish, one game out of fifth.
- ◆ Huge wins over Notre Dame (a top fifteen team) and Penn State (a Final Four team).
- ◆ An invitation to play in the NCAA tournament, the first ever for MSU.
- ◆ A new attendance record of over 800 fans at the Penn State match.

And, of course, the other major news (certainly *not* a highlight), was the loss of not one, but two setters to knee injuries. Both Courtney DeBolt and Julie Pavlus have had their torn anterior cruciate ligaments repaired. Although they won't see any playing time during the spring season, they are both expected to be at full strength for the fall.