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Volleyball News from the MSU SideOut Club  
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## Spartans Enter NCAA Tournament Play for the Fourth Straight Year

The Michigan State volleyball team has earned itself another week of practice and extended its season at least one match, by winning a fourth consecutive NCAA tournament invitation.

The Spartans will play Butler on Friday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. CST in Lincoln, Nebraska. The winner of the match will play the University of Nebraska on Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. Nebraska is the number 7 seed in the country, so has a bye in the first round.

MSU played Butler in September this year, defeating them 3-0. Butler is making its first NCAA tournament appearance.

The full tournament bracket is shown on page 3. The top sixteen teams, who will host the first and second round playoffs, are in boldface. The top eight teams have their seeds shown in parentheses.

This is the first time in the history of the tournament that top regional seedings have gone to two Big Ten teams—Penn State and Wisconsin. The Big Ten placed a total of six teams into the tournament, as did the Pac-10 and Big 12. Penn State is one of only four teams in the nation that have played in every NCAA tournament since it was begun in 1981. In contrast, Michigan is making its first appearance.

### Spartans Make Excellent Showing in Individual Big Ten Honors

Veronica Morales and Jenna Wrobel were named to the All-Big-Ten team for 1997, making MSU the only team other than conference leaders Penn State and Wisconsin to place more than one player on the team. Lindsey Clayton also received an honorable mention award.

The awards should be particularly rewarding for Veronica, who was an honorable mention selection her first three years, and Lindsey, who just became a starter her senior year. Jenna's award was her third, so she'll be hoping for four straight next year. Congratulations to all of our players!

### The 1997 All-Big-Ten Volleyball Team

Bonnie Bremner, S, Penn State  
Lauren Cacciamani, MB, Penn State  
Amy Lee, OH, Wisconsin  
Vanessa Wouters, OH, Ohio State  
Becky Bauer, S, Minnesota  
Heather Dodaro, MB, Wisconsin  
Kelly Kennedy, MB, Wisconsin  
Linnea Mendoza, S, Michigan  
**Veronica Morales, OH, Michigan State**  
Colleen Neels, S, Wisconsin  
**Jenna Wrobel, OH, Michigan State**  
Terri Zemaitis, MB, Penn State

Honorable Mention: **Lindsey Clayton, Michigan State**; Sara Sorrell, Illinois; Julie Flatley, Indiana; Karen Chase, Michigan; Sarah Jackson, Michigan, Nicole Branagh, Minnesota, Jen Flynn, Ohio State, Christy Cochran, Penn State.

### Player of the Year

Bonnie Bremner, Penn State

### Freshman of the Year

Dana Stearns, Ohio State

### Co-Coaches of the Year

John Cook, Wisconsin;  
Russ Rose, Penn State

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## Banquet Set for February 8

The 1997-98 Spartan Volleyball Banquet will be held Sunday February 8 starting at 1:00 p.m. The location will be the same as last year, the Hawk Hollow Golf Course on Chandler Road in Bath.

We hope all Spartan fans will come and join the fun as we review the past year, honor the team's seniors, and give out awards for everything under the sun. The banquet will also feature raffles and a last chance this season to buy MSU volleyball apparel. Ticket information will be sent to all SideOut Club members as soon as it's available.

## Another Record for Veronica

In her last regular-season match, Veronica Morales dug her 1,467<sup>th</sup> ball, which made her MSU's all-time career leader in digs, surpassing previous leader Jill Krumm (1986-89) by one dig.

## Thanks to the Volunteers

One of the most gratifying developments this season was the huge increase in volunteers from among the Club membership. We would like to extend our thanks to those listed below, who contributed their time this season. (Our records are not complete, so please excuse any omissions or misspellings. Not included are the Board members, many of whom

work for the Club at matches in addition to the many hours they put in as Board members.)

Mike Smith	Jean Potter	Barbara Falconer
Cathy Caswell	Shirley Garrity	Keith Garrity
Kate Weldon	Dean Johnson	Sally Middleton
Kay Schmid	Andy Kurtz	Tom Minnema
Ron Berby	Tom Hill	Althea Phillips
Ann Purvis	Diane Hill	Rosemary Carlson
Carl Carlson	Keith Willard	Jim Johncox
Pam Badders	David Rockey	Jacob Janetzke
Jim Pifer	Betsy Pifer	Madeleine Holben
Thurm Brown	Donna Schultz	Georgia Johnson
Bob Picketts	Bill Mathias	Bob Lovell
Joe Dean	Dave Modeen	Kim V.
Jenny Bond	David Martz	Jim Wagner

The success of the volunteer program also owes a lot to Board member Jim Ellis, who took on the responsibility of recruiting and co-ordinating volunteers. And, at the risk of overlooking others, we'd like to single out Dennis Eagle for his enthusiasm and for stepping forward to become the unofficial manager of the merchandise counter this year. We hope to include more members next year!

## One Season Ends, Another Begins

While women's volleyball takes a break, at least until the spring practice tournaments, fans can still see some high-level volleyball right here on campus, thanks to the MSU men's club team. Although we don't have a men's varsity team (there are only about 70 men's varsity volleyball programs in the nation), MSU competes with other Big Ten schools and other colleges and universities from the Midwest and Canada. Since its inception in 1989, MSU has consistently been ranked among the top ten club teams in the nation.

The next home date for the men's team is Saturday December 6, when they host an all-day tournament at the IM West Sports Arena. They will open their regular season at the IM West on January 16 at 7:30 pm. The full schedule will be available on their web site: <<http://www.msu.edu/user/msuvball/vball.htm>>

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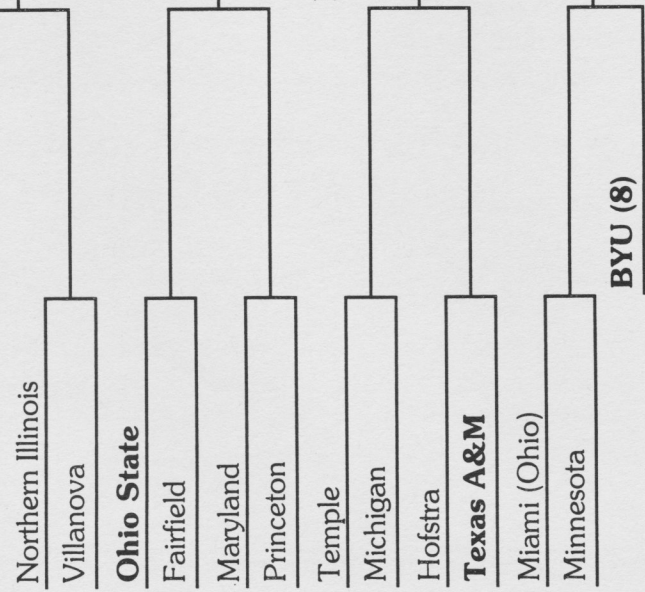
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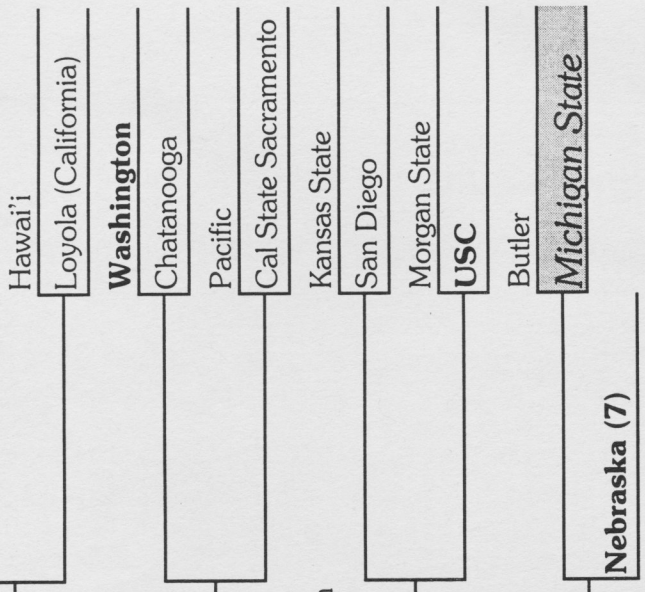
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**Penn State (1)**



**East Region**

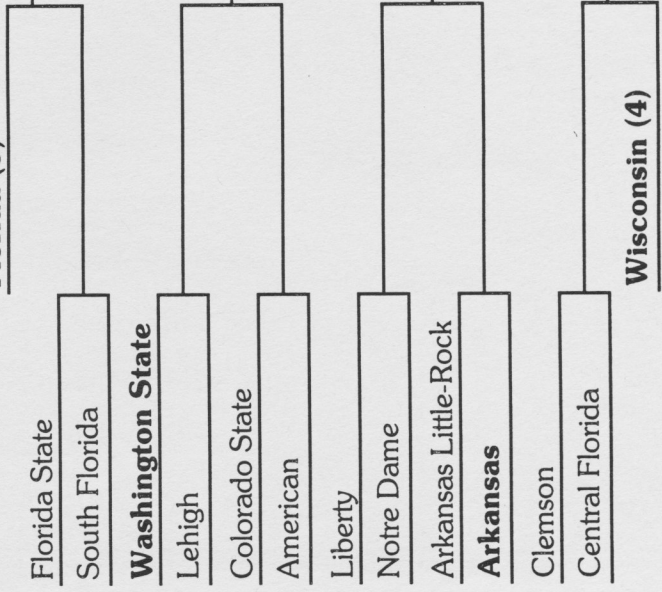
**Long Beach St. (2)**



**Nebraska (7)**

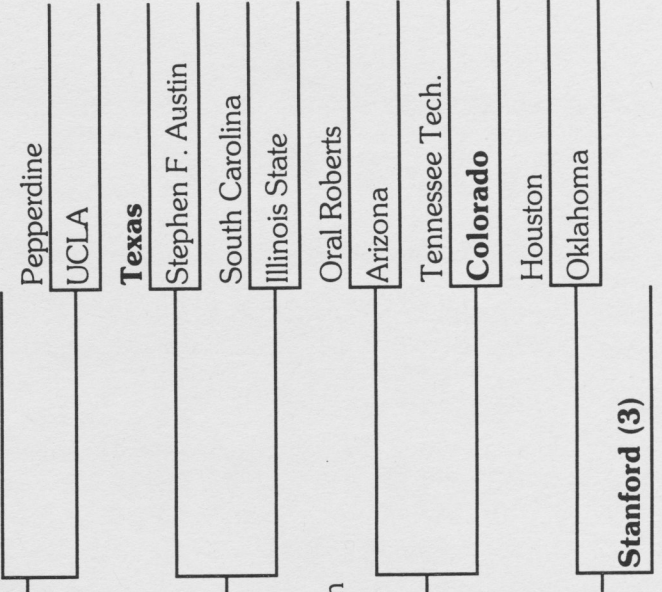
**Pacific Region**

**Florida (5)**



**Central Region**

**UCSB (6)**



**Stanford (3)**

**Mountain Region**

**1997 NCAA Division I Tournament**



## 1997 Schedule and Results

(All home matches are played in Jenison Field House)

8/29	W Duke	8-15, 15-12, 12-15, 15-3, 16-14
8/30	W Xavier	15-1, 15-9, 15-4
8/30	L USC	5-15, 15-12, 4-15, 7-15
9/5	W Drake	15-9, 15-9, 15-11
9/6	W Duquesne	10-15, 15-6, 15-7, 15-5
9/6	W BGSU	15-1, 15-5, 11-15, 15-8
9/9	L Russia (exhib.)	6-15, 2-15, 15-7, 15-17
9/12	L South Florida	13-15, 7-15, 12-15
9/12	L UCSB	15-12, 12-15, 6-15, 4-15
9/13	W LMU	15-8, 15-8, 15-11
9/13	W Portland St	15-13, 15-10, 13-15, 15-11
9/19	W Eastern Illinois	15-6, 15-9, 15-8
9/20	W Butler	15-10, 15-6, 15-7
9/20	W Kentucky	15-4, 15-9, 15-11)
9/26	L WISCONSIN	15-10, 4-15, 17-19, 3-15
9/28	W ILLINOIS	15-5, 13-15, 15-13, 15-12
10/3	L Michigan	15-13, 9-15, 3-15, 9-15
10/5	W Northwestern	15-6, 12-15, 15-10, 15-6

10/10	W Purdue	15-8, 15-6, 15-8
10/11	L Ohio State	11-15, 13-15, 15-5, 14-16
10/17	W IOWA	15-6, 15-7, 15-8
10/18	W MINNESOTA	15-1, 15-3, 15-8
10/24	W Indiana	13-15, 11-15, 15-10, 15-9, 15-12
10/25	L Penn State	9-15, 6-15, 9-15
10/31	W NORTHWESTERN	17-15, 15-7, 8-15, 13-15, 16-14
11/2	W MICHIGAN	15-13, 15-3, 8-15, 15-12
11/7	L OHIO STATE	12-15, 4-15, 13-15
11/8	W PURDUE	15-9, 8-15, 15-12, 12-15, 15-11
11/14	W @Illinois	15-10, 12-15, 15-13, 15-9
11/16	L @Wisconsin	10-15, 0-15, 15-12, 7-15
11/21	L @Minnesota	15-7, 13-15, 8-15, 11-15
11/22	W @Iowa	7-15, 15-13, 15-8, 15-12
11/28	L PENN STATE	5-15, 4-15, 5-15
11/29	W INDIANA	15-8, 15-10, 13-15, 15-8

12/5 Butler (@Nebraska) 7:30 p.m.  
 12/12-13 NCAA Regionals  
 12/18-20 NCAA Final Four  
 Spokane, Washington



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