



## 2005 Women's Volleyball Postseason Newsletter

### Season Review

The 2005 Clark volleyball team, led by second-year coach Kate Weiss, and assisted by Terry Malone and Katie Tubbs, kicked the season off by beating Mt. Ida, Plymouth State, and Johnson & Wales en route to winning the Plymouth State Tournament Championship. Kara Scimeca was named Tournament MVP, and Margo Labadorf and Tiffany Ong were selected to the All-Tournament Team.

The Cougars then returned home to their very challenging conference and non-conference schedule. For the second year in a row, Clark ended its season on a high note by beating WPI, Babson, and Mt. Holyoke. Clark had hoped to take down Wheaton College, the team's major conference rival, but lost in a heart-breaking match, 16-18 in the fifth game. For the second straight year, Clark qualified for the NEWMAC Tournament as the seventh seed. This year the Cougars lost to Springfield College in the quarterfinals, finishing the season 10-18.

Senior captain Kara Scimeca and sophomore Sarah Hunsucker led the attack from the middle. Scimeca led the team in hitting percentage, passing percentage, service aces, digs per game (4.07), and blocks per game. Scimeca broke Mary-Michal Erwin-Loschke's Clark record set in 1999 for digs per game (3.77) in a single season. She was also selected to play in the New England Women's Volleyball Association Senior Classic Match, an honor achieved by only four Clark players in the past ten years. Hunsucker contributed 219 kills, 49 aces and 47 blocks.

Junior setters Tiffany Ong and Lacy Christensen directed the team's offense. Ong recorded 574 assists and averaged 3.023 digs per game. Christensen added 215 assists and 35 kills. Senior Adiba Hassan made a position change from the right to the left side this year and was a force for the team recording 214 kills and averaged just over 3 digs per game. Junior Margo Labadorf, also on the outside, led the team by averaging 2.505 kills per game and recorded a team-high 243 kills. Senior libero Petra Kristie picked up 201 digs junior defensive player Regat Gebreberhan recorded 60 digs.

The first-year class made immediate contributions to the team's success this season. Karleen Porcena, a right side hitter from Roxbury, MA started every match and tallied 18 blocks and 76 kills. Magen Blake, a defensive specialist from Connecticut, was starting by the middle of the season. She added 101 digs and was second on the team in passing percentage. Defensive players Iliana Skroubelos (CT) and Elena Couto (Brazil) are quick and athletic and added depth to the team while gaining valuable experience.



### 2005 Results (Overall Record 10-18, NEWMAC 3-6)

#### September

Fri.-	2-	at Plymouth State University Tournament	
Sat.	3	vs Johnson & Wales University	L 2-3
		vs Mount Ida College	W 3-0
		vs Plymouth State University	W 3-1
		vs Johnson & Wales University	W 3-1
Sat.	10	vs Brandeis University	L 0-3
		at Endicott College	L 1-3
Tue.	13	at Smith College	L 0-3
Sat.	17	at United States Coast Guard Academy	L 0-3
Tue.	20	vs Wellesley College	L 0-3
Fri.-	23	at Bridgewater State College Tournament	
Sat.	24	vs Bridgewater State College	L 0-3
		vs Connecticut College	L 1-3
		vs Plymouth State University	L 1-3
		vs Rhode Island College	L 2-3
Wed.	28	at Springfield College	L 0-3

#### October

Sat.	1	at Connecticut College	L 0-3
		vs Keene State College	W 3-0
Wed.	5	vs MIT	L 0-3
Sat.	8	vs Rhode Island College	L 0-3
		at Eastern Nazarene College	W 3-0
Wed.	12	vs Wheaton College	L 2-3
Sat.	15	vs Eastern Connecticut State University	L 2-3
		at Newbury College	W 3-2
Tue.	18	at WPI	W 3-0
Sat.	22	vs Worcester State College	W 3-0
		vs Trinity College	L 0-3
Tue.	25	at Babson College	W 3-0
Sat.	29	vs Mount Holyoke College	W 3-0

#### November

Tue	1	NEWMAC Championship Quarterfinals	
		at #2 Springfield College	L 0-3

### Alumni Game

On October 29, 2005 following the team's final home game and victory over Mt. Holyoke, Clark hosted the annual alumni game. Alumni in attendance were Katie Tubbs '05, Nichole Willy '05, Melina Koukoulis '05, Layla Coleman '03, Kate Weiss '03, Sarah Haigh '02, Ellie Fitts '02, Elana Milstein '91, Elyse Darefsky '79, Laura Habacker '85, and Merle Olson '87. This was the largest alumni turnout in many years. Assistant Athletic Director and former head volleyball coach, Karen Farrell, also participated in the fun and hosted a reception at her home afterwards.

Friends of Clark Women's Volleyball has been formed under the umbrella of Friends of Clark Athletics. If you are interested in supporting the women's volleyball team and would like more information, please contact Head Coach Kate Weiss