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Mid-Con Tournament MVP



**Kristin Meyerson, Oral Roberts
Sr., S, Moundsview, Minn.**

Meyerson, the Mid-Con Setter of the Year, directed Oral Roberts to its fifth straight Mid-Con Tournament title with wins over IUPUI and Valparaiso. Against IUPUI in a three-game win, Meyerson dished out 39 assists and helped the Golden Eagles to a .308 hitting percentage. Three players hit better than .300 in the match, thanks to Meyerson's distribution. In the championship match against Valparaiso, a four-game win, Meyerson upped her assist total to 53. She also added three service aces, eight digs and two blocks, while helping the team to a .288 hitting percentage. Oral Roberts will make its seventh NCAA Tournament appearance in as many years.

2001 Players of the Week

Sept. 4: Tess Pierce, Oakland
 Sept. 10: April Syko, Oral Roberts
 Sept. 17: None chosen
 Sept. 24: Maja Kuljis, Oral Roberts
 Oct. 1: Amber King, Western Illinois
 Oct. 8: Angela Domrese, Chicago State
 Oct. 15: Sara Sparks, IUPUI
 Oct. 22: Maja Kuljis, Oral Roberts
 Oct. 29: Lindsey Zerr, UMKC
 Nov. 5: Cyndi Norman, Valparaiso
 Nov. 12: Angie Nordquist, Valparaiso

STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE						OVERALL						
	W	L	Pct.	Stk.	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk.	H	A	N
Oral Roberts	11	1	.917	W2	6-0	5-1	19	7	.731	L2	13-0	6-4	0-3
Valparaiso	10	2	.833	W5	6-0	4-2	12	17	.414	L1	7-8	4-7	1-2
UMKC	7	5	.583	W2	4-2	3-3	8	20	.286	L1	4-5	3-10	1-5
IUPUI	6	6	.500	W2	4-2	2-4	8	21	.276	L1	6-7	2-12	0-2
Western Illinois	4	8	.333	L2	3-3	1-5	4	19	.174	L3	3-6	1-10	0-3
Chicago State	2	10	.167	L2	2-4	0-6	2	24	.077	L2	2-8	0-12	0-4
Oakland	2	10	.167	L4	2-4	0-6	6	22	.214	L6	2-9	0-12	4-1

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

NCAA TOURNAMENT (at Manhattan, Kan.)

Friday, November 30

No. 2 Nebraska def. Oral Roberts, 3-0 (30-8, 30-15, 30-23)

(Rankings are AVCA and as of Nov. 26)

MID-CON TOURNAMENT RESULTS

(at Tulsa, Okla.)

Friday, November 16

SEMIFINALS

Match 1 - No. 2 Valparaiso def. No. 3 UMKC, 3-1 (26-30, 32-30, 30-18, 30-24)

Match 2 - No. 1 Oral Roberts def. No. 4 IUPUI, 3-0 (30-19, 30-15, 30-24)

Saturday, November 17

CHAMPIONSHIP

Match 3 - No. 1 Oral Roberts def. No. 2 Valparaiso, 3-1 (30-25, 30-20, 28-30, 30-18)

2001 Mid-Con

All-Tournament Team

Marion Hansen, Valparaiso
 Jaime Heenan, UMKC
 Patricia Menezes, Oral Roberts
 Kristin Meyerson, Oral Roberts (MVP)
 Angie Nordquist, Valparaiso
 Ivana Placko, Oral Roberts
 Angela Vinson, IUPUI



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AROUND THE MID-CON...

Chicago State (2-24, 2-10 Mid-Con): The Cougars failed to qualify for the 2001 Mid-Con Tournament... Chicago State's two league wins this season (over Western Illinois and Oakland) are its most in one year since joining the Mid-Con in 1994.

IUPUI (8-21, 6-6 Mid-Con): The Jaguars lost in three to top seed Oral Roberts in the Mid-Con Tournament semifinals... Angela Vinson was named to the all-tournament team... Sara Sparks was honored on the all-conference first team, while Jennifer Mertz was cited on the second team... Erica Kulma was named the league's first-ever Defensive Specialist of the Year.

UMKC (8-20, 7-5 Mid-Con): UMKC lost in the Mid-Con Tournament semis to second-seeded Valparaiso... Jaime Heenan was named to the all-tournament team... Sara Foster and Lindsey Zerr were both honored on the all-conference second team.

Oakland (6-22, 2-10 Mid-Con): The Golden Grizzlies failed to qualify for the 2001 Mid-Con Tournament.

Oral Roberts (19-7, 11-1 Mid-Con): The Golden Eagles won their fifth straight Mid-Con Tournament title after knocking off IUPUI in the semifinals and Valparaiso in the championship match... Kristin Meyerson was named the Mid-Con Tournament MVP, while Patricia Menezes and Ivana Placko joined her on the all-tournament team... Meyerson, Maja Kuljis and Menezes were cited as first-team all-conference selections, with Kuljis earning Player and Freshman of the Year honors, and Meyerson winning Setter of the Year accolades... April Syko and Celeste Jones were named to the second team... the Golden Eagles made their seventh consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance, losing to No. 2 Nebraska in three games in the first round.

Valparaiso (12-17, 10-2 Mid-Con): Valparaiso finished as the runner-up in the Mid-Con Tournament... Marion Hansen and Angie Nordquist were both named to the all-tournament team... Carrie Goodrich and Cyndi Norman were both cited to the all-conference first team... Becky Madden was named the Mid-Con Coach of the Year... Valpo's 12 wins were its most since 1997.

Western Illinois (4-19, 4-8 Mid-Con): The Westerwinds failed to qualify for the 2001 Mid-Con Tournament... Amber King was named to the all-conference second team.

ORAL ROBERTS CONTINUES MID-CON DOMINANCE

The Oral Roberts volleyball team has played in the Mid-Continent Conference for five seasons now, and they have not failed to win both the Mid-Con regular-season and tourney titles in each of those campaigns (1997's was actually a divisional title). After posting an 11-1 record during league play to clinch their fourth regular-season crown in a row, head coach Amy Farber Knowles' Golden Eagles captured their fifth consecutive Mid-Con Tournament championship by taking out IUPUI and Valparaiso in the semifinals and finals, respectively. By winning the league tournament, Oral Roberts assured itself of a seventh consecutive trip to the NCAA Volleyball Tournament. Oral Roberts is now 10-0 all-time in Mid-Con Tourney play, and 67-3 against league foes (including the regular season and tournament) since joining the Mid-Con in 1997.

ORAL ROBERTS' KULJIS NAMED MID-CON FRESHMAN, PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The Golden Eagles boasted the league's top rookie and its top player this season, and it just so happens that the same player fitted both bills. Oral Roberts freshman Maja Kuljis was an overwhelming choice for both the league's Freshman of the Year and Player of the Year honors. A first-team all-conference selection, she ranks in the league's top ten in hitting percentage, kills, digs, service aces and blocks, the only Mid-Con player to hold that distinction this season. Kuljis was joined on the all-conference first team by teammates Kristin Meyerson (the Mid-Con Setter of the Year and Tournament MVP) and Patricia Menezes.

MID-CON VS. NON-CONFERENCE RANKED OPPONENTS (as of 12/3/01)

	AVCA		
	Top 10	Top 25	Region
Chicago State	0-0	0-0	0-1
IUPUI	0-0	0-0	0-2
UMKC	0-0	0-0	0-3
Oakland	0-0	0-0	0-1
Oral Roberts	0-1	0-2	0-3
Valparaiso	0-0	0-1	0-2
Western Illinois	0-0	0-0	0-1
Total	0-1	0-3	0-13

MID-CON COACHING RECORDS (as of 12/3/01)

Only three of the seven Mid-Con volleyball coaches are currently at their first NCAA Division I head coaching job. One Mid-Con coach, Oral Roberts' Amy Farber-Knowles, is in her second head coaching job within the Mid-Con. She served as the head coach at former member Northeastern Illinois for one season before arriving in Tulsa.

	School	Win %	Career	Win %
CHICAGO STATE				
Heidi Cartisser (2nd year)	7-42	.143	7-42	.143
IUPUI				
Steve Payne (5th year)	67-89	.429	67-89	.429
UMKC				
Steve Dallman (4th year)	53-71	.427	85-139	.379
OAKLAND				
Ed Tolentino (3rd year)	18-68	.209	18-68	.209
ORAL ROBERTS				
Amy Farber-Knowles (5th year)	122-48	.718	128-76	.627
VALPARAISO				
Becky Madden (3rd year)	29-63	.315	46-77	.374
WESTERN ILLINOIS				
Michelle Gomez (3rd year)	20-56	.263	20-56	.263

2001 Mid-Con Volleyball Preseason Poll

School	Pts
1. Oral Roberts (6)	6
2. IUPUI	13
3. UMKC (1)	14
4. Valparaiso	21
5. Western Illinois	28
6. Oakland	29
7. Chicago State	36

(first place votes in parentheses)

2001 Mid-Con Volleyball All-Conference Teams

FIRST TEAM	Pos.	Yr.	PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Carrie Goodrich, Valparaiso	MB	Sr.	Maja Kuljis, Oral Roberts
Maja Kuljis, Oral Roberts	MB	Fr.	
Patricia Menezes, Oral Roberts	RS	Jr.	FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR
Kristin Meyerson, Oral Roberts	S	Sr.	Maja Kuljis, Oral Roberts
Cyndi Norman, Valparaiso	S	So.	COACH OF THE YEAR
Sara Sparks, IUPUI	OH	Sr.	Becky Madden, Valparaiso
SECOND TEAM			SETTER OF THE YEAR
Sara Foster, UMKC	MH	So.	Kristin Meyerson, Oral Roberts
Celeste Jones, Oral Roberts	MB	Fr.	
Amber King, Western Illinois	MB	Sr.	DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR
Jennifer Mertz, IUPUI	S	Sr.	Erica Kulma, IUPUI
April Syko, Oral Roberts	OH	Jr.	
Lindsey Zerr, UMKC	MH	So.	

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NCAA TOURNEY TIDBITS...

ORAL ROBERTS MAKES SEVENTH STRAIGHT NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCE

Since joining the Mid-Continent Conference in 1997, Oral Roberts has been the premier team in the league. The Golden Eagles have earned five straight berths as a Mid-Con representative, and seven consecutive trips overall. Oral Roberts lost in three games to No. 2 Nebraska in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

LONG NON-CONFERENCE WINLESS STREAK SNAPPED

Oral Roberts stopped a long losing streak for Mid-Con teams in non-conference play when it beat Arkansas-Little Rock on November 23. Mid-Con teams had lost 37 consecutive non-conference matches, dating back to the Golden Eagles' three-game win over Oklahoma on September 26.

MID-CON IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

Only two different institutions have represented the Mid-Con in the NCAA Tournament - former member Northern Illinois (1993) and Oral Roberts (1997, 98, 99, 2000, 01). Mid-Con teams are 2-6 all-time in the NCAA Tournament, with Northern Illinois posting a first-round win in 1993 over Illinois State, and Oral Roberts winning a first-round contest over Arizona in 1997.

MID-CON AGAINST THE NCAA FIELD

Mid-Con teams had no success against this season's NCAA Tournament field. The league combined to go 0-15 against the NCAA field, with Oral Roberts dropping three of those matches (Colorado, Arkansas, Nebraska).

AVCA TOP 25 POLL

(as of Dec. 3, 2001)

School	Record	Pts
1. Long Beach State (63)	30-0	1,622
2. Nebraska (1)	29-1	1,558
3. Stanford (1)	29-2	1,498
4. Arizona	23-4	1,408
5. Southern California	24-3	1,363
6. Wisconsin	27-3	1,305
7. Florida	27-12	1,229
8. Pepperdine	23-3	1,171
9. Colorado State	29-3	1,038
10. Ohio State	27-3	1,036
11. Hawaii	29-5	958
12. Pacific	28-7	916
13. Utah	25-6	842
14. UCLA	20-8	829
15. Texas A&M	25-5	731
16. Northern Iowa	31-1	645
17. Penn State	22-8	546
18. Kansas State	20-8	522
19. Michigan State	21-8	461
20. Illinois	21-9	373
21. BYU	20-9	204
22. Utah State	20-11	176
23. Colorado	19-11	121
24. San Jose State	25-8	116
25. San Diego	22-9	95

RECEIVING VOTES: Santa Clara 82, North Carolina 81, **Notre Dame 60**, South Carolina 43, UC Santa Barbara 36, **Arkansas 16**, Cincinnati 11, Minnesota 10, **Louisville 7**, Washington State 7, Northern Illinois 2

Boldface indicates Mid-Con opponent in 2001

MID-CON AGAINST NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS (as of 12/3/01)

The Mid-Continent Conference has posted an 14-55 (.141) record against non-conference opponents this season, including an 13-80 (.140) record against NCAA Division I competition.

	vs. Division I	vs. Non-Division I	Total
Chicago State	0-12	0-2	0-14
IUPUI	1-14	1-0	2-14
UMKC	1-14	0-0	1-14
Oakland	4-11	0-1	4-12
Oral Roberts	6-6	0-0	6-6
Valparaiso	1-12	0-2	1-14
Western Illinois	0-11	0-0	0-11
Total	13-80	1-5	14-85

2001 Non-Conference Schedule & Results

AMERICA EAST (0-1)

Towson def. Oakland, 3-2
Chicago State vs. Binghamton, cancelled

ATLANTIC 10 (0-0)

Western Illinois vs. Fordham, cancelled

ATLANTIC COAST (0-2)

Clemson def. Oral Roberts, 3-1
North Carolina State def. IUPUI, 3-2

ATLANTIC SUN (1-0)

IUPUI def. Jacksonville State, 3-1
IUPUI at Florida Atlantic, cancelled

BIG 12 (1-6)

Iowa State def. Western Illinois, 3-0
Colorado def. Oral Roberts, 3-1
Missouri def. IUPUI, 3-1
Kansas def. UMKC, 3-1
Oral Roberts def. Oklahoma, 3-0
Missouri def. UMKC, 3-0
No. 2 Nebraska def. Oral Roberts, 3-0

BIG EAST (1-1)

No. 24 Notre Dame def. Valparaiso, 3-0
Valparaiso def. Syracuse, 3-0
IUPUI vs. Miami (Fla.), cancelled
Valparaiso vs. Boston College, cancelled
IUPUI vs. Boston College, cancelled
Valparaiso vs. Miami (Fla.), cancelled

BIG SKY (0-4)

Montana State def. Valparaiso, 3-0
Montana State def. Valparaiso, 3-0
Montana State def. Chicago State, 3-0
Cal State Sacramento def. UMKC, 3-0
Chicago State vs. Eastern Washington, cancelled
Chicago State vs. Portland State, cancelled

BIG TEN (0-4)

Purdue def. IUPUI, 3-0
Michigan def. Oakland, 3-0
Purdue def. Valparaiso, 3-1
Iowa def. Western Illinois, 3-0
Oral Roberts at Minnesota, cancelled

BIG WEST (0-0)

Oakland at UC Riverside, cancelled
Oakland at Cal State Fullerton, cancelled

COLONIAL ATHLETIC (0-1)

James Madison def. Valparaiso, 3-1
William & Mary at UMKC, cancelled

CONFERENCE USA (0-3)

Louisville def. UMKC, 3-0
Marquette def. Chicago State, 3-0
Louisville def. IUPUI, 3-0
Southern Mississippi at UMKC, cancelled

HORIZON (0-11)

UW-Milwaukee def. UMKC, 3-0
Cleveland State def. Chicago State, 3-0
Cleveland State def. Oakland, 3-0
UW-Green Bay def. Chicago State, 3-0
Illinois-Chicago def. Chicago State, 3-0
UW-Green Bay def. Oakland, 3-0
Illinois-Chicago def. Valparaiso, 3-1
Illinois-Chicago def. IUPUI, 3-0
UW-Milwaukee def. Valparaiso, 3-0
Butler def. IUPUI, 3-2
Loyola def. Valparaiso, 3-0
Western Illinois vs. Loyola, cancelled

IVY (0-0)

Yale at UMKC, cancelled
Oakland vs. Pennsylvania, cancelled

METRO ATLANTIC ATHLETIC (3-0)

Oakland def. Rider, 3-0
Oakland def. Niagara, 3-0
Oakland def. Canisius, 3-0

MID-AMERICAN (0-12)

Toledo def. Chicago State, 3-1
Eastern Michigan def. IUPUI, 3-1
Miami (Ohio) def. Valparaiso, 3-0
Ball State def. IUPUI, 3-0
Central Michigan def. Chicago State, 3-1
Western Michigan def. Valparaiso, 3-0
Central Michigan def. Oakland, 3-0
Bowling Green def. Oakland, 3-0
Toledo def. Oakland, 3-0
Central Michigan def. Oakland, 3-0
Toledo def. IUPUI, 3-0
Eastern Michigan def. Oakland, 3-0
Eastern Michigan def. Oakland, 3-0

MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC (2-0)

Oakland def. Delaware State, 3-0
UMKC def. Morgan State, 3-2

MISSOURI VALLEY (1-17)

Illinois State def. UMKC, 3-1
Drake def. Western Illinois, 3-2
Bradley def. Western Illinois, 3-0
Southern Illinois def. IUPUI, 3-0
Drake def. Chicago State, 3-0
Oral Roberts def. Bradley, 3-2
Drake def. Western Illinois, 3-1
SW Missouri State def. Oral Roberts, 3-1
Wichita State def. UMKC, 3-2
Indiana State def. IUPUI, 3-1
Southern Illinois def. Western Illinois, 3-0
Indiana State def. Chicago State, 3-0
SW Missouri State def. IUPUI, 3-0
Drake def. UMKC, 3-1
Indiana State def. Valparaiso, 3-0
SW Missouri State def. UMKC, 3-0
Creighton def. UMKC, 3-1
Bradley def. Western Illinois, 3-0

NORTHEAST (0-1)

Robert Morris def. Oakland, 3-0

OHIO VALLEY (0-6)

Eastern Kentucky def. Chicago State, 3-0
Austin Peay def. Western Illinois, 3-0
Eastern Illinois def. IUPUI, 3-0
SE Missouri State def. Western Illinois, 3-0
Eastern Illinois def. Chicago State, 3-0
Eastern Illinois def. Western Illinois, 3-0

SOUTHEASTERN (0-3)

Kentucky def. Valparaiso, 3-0
Arkansas def. UMKC, 3-1
Arkansas def. Oral Roberts, 3-0
Oral Roberts vs. Mississippi, cancelled

SOUTHLAND (1-0)

Oral Roberts def. Northwestern State, 3-0
Stephen F. Austin at UMKC, cancelled

SUN BELT (1-4)

Western Kentucky def. Chicago State, 3-0
Arkansas-Little Rock def. UMKC, 3-0
Western Kentucky def. IUPUI, 3-0
Middle Tennessee State def. Western Illinois, 3-0
Oral Roberts def. Arkansas-Little Rock, 3-2
IUPUI at Florida International, cancelled
Valparaiso at Florida International, cancelled

WEST COAST (0-1)

No. 24 Loyola Marymount def. Oral Roberts, 3-1
Chicago State at Portland, cancelled
Oral Roberts vs. Santa Clara, cancelled

WESTERN ATHLETIC (2-2)

Fresno State def. UMKC, 3-0
Oral Roberts def. Louisiana Tech, 3-1
Oral Roberts def. SMU, 3-0
Tulsa def. UMKC, 3-1

NON-DIVISION I (1-5)

IPFW def. Chicago State, 3-0
IPFW def. Valparaiso, 3-2
IUPUI def. IPFW, 3-1
IPFW def. Valparaiso, 3-0
IPFW def. Oakland, 3-2
IPFW def. Chicago State, 3-0

OVERALL NON-CONFERENCE RECORD:
14-85 (.141)

DIVISION I NON-CONFERENCE RECORD:
13-80 (.140)

Rankings are AVCA and are current to the date that the match was played

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2000 MID-CON WRAP-UP

	MID-CON			OVERALL		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
IUPUI*	13	1	.929	18	14	.563
Oral Roberts*\$	13	1	.929	22	12	.647
UMKC	8	6	.571	12	19	.387
Valparaiso	7	7	.500	9	26	.257
Youngstown State	6	8	.429	14	15	.483
Western Illinois	5	9	.357	6	19	.240
Oakland	3	11	.214	6	22	.214
Chicago State	1	13	.071	5	19	.208

* Mid-Con Regular-Season Champion

\$ Mid-Con Tournament Champion

MID-CON TOURNAMENT (at Tulsa, Okla.)

SEMIFINALS

(1) IUPUI def. (4) Valparaiso, 3-0

(2) Oral Roberts def. (3) UMKC, 3-1

CHAMPIONSHIP

(2) Oral Roberts def. (1) IUPUI, 3-0

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Patricia Menezes, Oral Roberts

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Patricia Domingues, Oral Roberts

COACH OF THE YEAR

Steve Payne, IUPUI

TOURNAMENT MVP

Patricia Menezes, Oral Roberts

MID-CON: HOME, ROAD AND NEUTRAL (as of 12/3/01)

Mid-Con teams have combined to post a 37-42 (.468) record at home, and a 16-67 (.193) record on the road.

	Home	Streak	Away	Streak	Neutral	Streak
Chicago State	2-8	L2	0-12	L12	0-4	L4
IUPUI	6-7	L1	2-11	L1	0-2	L2
UMKC	4-5	L1	3-10	W1	1-5	L1
Oakland	2-8	L2	0-12	L12	4-1	W2
Oral Roberts	13-0	W13	6-4	L1	0-3	L3
Valparaiso	7-8	L1	4-7	L1	1-2	W1
Western Illinois	3-6	L2	1-10	L8	0-3	L3
Total	37-42		16-67		6-20	
Non-Conference	12-27		1-42		6-20	

ORAL ROBERTS PREDICTED TO WIN MID-CON VOLLEYBALL CROWN IN PRESEASON POLL

The Oral Roberts volleyball team was tabbed to finish in a pretty familiar position in the preseason coaches poll this season. The Golden Eagles, who have won four Mid-Con Tourney titles in as many years, were selected to finish first in the poll, receiving six first-place votes. IUPUI, which tied Oral Roberts for last year's regular-season championship, finished second in the poll, while UMKC, which got one first-place vote in the poll, was third. Valparaiso, last year's fourth seed in the tournament, was predicted to finish in that same spot this season, followed by Western Illinois, Oakland and Chicago State.

TACHIKARA IS OFFICIAL BALL OF MID-CON AGAIN IN 2001

The Mid-Continent Conference's official ball won't change this season, as the Mid-Con and Tachikara team up again in 2001. Tachikara volleyballs will be used in all league games as well as the 2001 Mid-Con Tournament.

OAKLAND'S PIERCE SHOWING OFF SENIORITY IN STYLE

Oakland's Tess Pierce started out the 2001 season with a bang, much like any senior would outline her final year of competition. Pierce helped lead the Golden Grizzlies to four wins in seven outings; Oakland won just six matches each of the last two years. Much of the Golden Grizzlies' success comes from the play of Pierce, who led the league in hitting percentage and blocks after two weeks. Pierce, who became the first Oakland player to win Mid-Con Player of the Week honors on September 4, had 13 blocks in Oakland's three-game win over Niagara.

VALPARAISO'S HANSEN SETS NEW DIG RECORD

Valparaiso's Marion Hansen put her name in the Crusader record book on September 21, when she collected a school-record 36 digs in a five-game loss to IPFW. Through 10 matches, Hansen had accumulated at least 10 digs in seven contests, including two of 20 or more.

IUPUI'S SPARKS BECOMES SCHOOL'S CAREER LEADER IN KILLS

IUPUI's Sara Sparks reached an important career milestone in her team's four-game loss at UMKC on September 29. Sparks collected 10 kills against the Kangaroos, which moved her into first place on the Jaguars' career list in that category. Sparks is also IUPUI's career leader in attack attempts.

CHICAGO STATE SNAPS 14-MATCH LOSING STREAK THANKS TO BIG BLOCKING EFFORT

It took more than a month for it to happen, but Chicago State finally picked up its first win of the 2001 campaign on October 6 with a five-game victory over visiting Western Illinois. The Cougars, who rebounded from an 0-27 1999 season by going 5-18 last year, lost 14 straight to start this season. However, Chicago State used a tremendous blocking effort to beat the Westerwinds. The Cougars tallied a school-record 20 team blocks in the victory, as all but two Cougars had at least one block in the win.

ORAL ROBERTS EARNS REGIONAL RANKING

The NCAA released its first regional rankings on October 1, and the Mid-Con's top team was represented. Oral Roberts was ranked 10th in the NCAA Central Region, but dropped out in the next ranking on October 15.

FIRST TIME SWEET FOR CRUSADERS

For the first time in the program's history, Valparaiso beat perennial league favorite Oral Roberts on November 2. The two teams traded the first four games before the Crusaders proved victorious in the fifth game with a 16-14 win. The Crusaders' entire defensive effort helped in the win, as Valparaiso had six players post at least 13 digs in the win, and also collected 18 blocks, with three players tallying eight.

2001 Mid-Con Volleyball Team-by-Team Results

CHICAGO STATE (2-24, 2-10 Mid-Con)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 31	at Toledo	L 3-1 (28-30, 30-15, 30-17, 30-16)
Sept. 1	vs. Western Kentucky\$	L 3-0 (30-17, 30-14, 30-26)
Sept. 1	vs. Cleveland State\$	L 3-0 (30-20, 30-21, 30-18)
Sept. 2	MONTANA STATE	L 3-0 (30-18, 30-14, 32-30)
Sept. 7	vs. Central Michigan%	L 3-1 (30-21, 31-29, 32-34, 30-25)
Sept. 8	at Marquette	L 3-0 (30-19, 30-19, 30-23)
Sept. 8	vs. Eastern Kentucky%	L 3-0 (30-24, 30-28, 30-22)
Sept. 9	DRAKE	L 3-0 (30-21, 31-29, 30-21)
Sept. 12	vs. Eastern Washington#	cancelled
Sept. 14	at Portland	cancelled
Sept. 15	vs. Portland State#	cancelled
Sept. 15	vs. Binghamton#	cancelled
Sept. 18	at IPFW	L 3-0 (30-12, 30-15, 30-21)
Sept. 21	UMKC*	L 3-1 (30-18, 26-30, 30-19, 30-23)
Sept. 22	ORAL ROBERTS*	L 3-0 (30-21, 30-16, 30-17)
Sept. 23	UW-GREEN BAY	L 3-0 (30-12, 30-23, 30-17)
Sept. 29	at Oakland*	L 3-0 (30-17, 30-21, 30-20)
Oct. 1	at Illinois-Chicago	L 3-0 (30-21, 30-22, 30-18)
Oct. 6	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	W 3-2 (30-22, 16-30, 30-23, 31-33, 15-10)
Oct. 12	at Valparaiso*	L 3-0 (30-21, 30-24, 30-21)
Oct. 13	at IUPUI*	L 3-0 (30-19, 30-18, 30-22)
Oct. 14	at Indiana State	L 3-0 (30-15, 30-18, 30-15)
Oct. 19	IPFW	L 3-0 (30-23, 30-15, 30-22)
Oct. 20	at Western Illinois*	L 3-1 (30-18, 27-30, 30-13, 30-27)
Oct. 23	at Eastern Illinois	L 3-0 (30-15, 30-21, 30-17)
Oct. 26	at Oral Roberts*	L 3-0 (30-14, 30-11, 30-13)
Oct. 27	at UMKC*	L 3-0 (30-19, 30-9, 30-26)
Nov. 2	OAKLAND*	W 3-2 (23-30, 19-30, 31-29, 30-25, 15-10)
Nov. 9	IUPUI*	L 3-1 (21-30, 30-16, 30-16, 30-26)
Nov. 10	VALPARAISO*	L 3-0 (30-20, 30-24, 30-26)

\$ at Toledo, Ohio % at Milwaukee, Wis. # at Portland, Ore. * Mid-Con match

IUPUI (8-21, 6-6 Mid-Con)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 1	EASTERN MICHIGAN	L 3-0 (30-23, 30-23, 30-22)
Sept. 2	JACKSONVILLE STATE	W 3-1 (32-34, 30-28, 30-28, 30-24)
Sept. 2	NORTH CAROLINA STATE	L 3-2 (17-30, 30-22, 30-24, 26-30, 15-7)
Sept. 5	at Ball State	L 3-0 (30-15, 30-23, 30-18)
Sept. 7	vs. Missouri\$	L 3-1 (30-24, 30-16, 31-33, 30-27)
Sept. 8	at Southern Illinois	L 3-0 (33-31, 30-21, 30-15)
Sept. 8	vs. Western Kentucky\$	L 3-0 (30-28, 30-17, 30-20)
Sept. 13	at Florida Atlantic	cancelled
Sept. 14	vs. Miami (Fla.)%	cancelled
Sept. 15	vs. Boston College%	cancelled
Sept. 15	at Florida International	cancelled
Sept. 18	EASTERN ILLINOIS	L 3-0 (30-26, 30-24, 30-21)
Sept. 21	OAKLAND*	W 3-1 (21-30, 30-19, 30-25, 32-30)
Sept. 25	IPFW	W 3-1 (30-24, 27-30, 30-27, 30-28)
Sept. 28	at Oral Roberts*	L 3-0 (30-28, 30-23, 30-22)
Sept. 29	at UMKC*	L 3-1 (30-23, 18-30, 30-22, 30-24)
Oct. 3	INDIANA STATE	L 3-1 (28-30, 30-26, 32-30, 30-23)
Oct. 6	at Valparaiso*	L 3-0 (30-22, 30-28, 30-28)
Oct. 9	at Purdue	L 3-0 (30-28, 30-25, 30-22)
Oct. 12	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	W 3-0 (33-31, 30-25, 30-25)
Oct. 13	CHICAGO STATE*	W 3-0 (30-19, 30-18, 30-22)
Oct. 14	SW MISSOURI STATE	L 3-0 (30-26, 30-25, 30-20)
Oct. 16	at Illinois-Chicago	L 3-0 (30-2, 31-29, 30-26)
Oct. 20	VALPARAISO*	W 3-1 (30-28, 30-25, 28-30, 30-27)
Oct. 26	at Toledo	L 3-0 (30-22, 30-22, 30-28)
Oct. 27	at Oakland*	L 3-2 (31-29, 27-30, 30-14, 16-30, 16-14)
Oct. 31	at Butler	L 3-2 (30-17, 30-19, 27-30, 21-30, 15-9)
Nov. 2	UMKC*	L 3-1 (31-29, 24-30, 30-26, 36-34)
Nov. 3	ORAL ROBERTS*	L 3-0 (30-17, 30-19, 30-24)
Nov. 6	at Louisville	L 3-0 (30-22, 30-13, 30-18)
Nov. 9	at Chicago State*	W 3-1 (21-30, 30-16, 30-16, 30-26)
Nov. 10	at Western Illinois*	W 3-2 (30-13, 27-30, 30-23, 27-30, 15-13)
Nov. 16	at Oral Roberts!	L 3-0 (19, 30-15, 30-24)

\$ at Carbondale, Ill. % at Miami, Fla. * Mid-Con match
! at Mid-Con Tournament; Tulsa, Okla.

UMKC (8-20, 7-5 Mid-Con)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 31	vs. UW-Milwaukee\$	L 3-0 (30-21, 30-11, 30-26)
Sept. 1	at Illinois State	L 3-1 (30-23, 30-17, 23-30, 30-23)
Sept. 1	vs. Louisville\$	L 3-0 (30-23, 30-12, 30-21)
Sept. 7	vs. Cal State Sacramento%	L 3-0 (30-20, 30-18, 30-20)
Sept. 7	vs. Arkansas-Little Rock%	L 3-0 (30-24, 30-23, 30-24)
Sept. 8	vs. Morgan State%	W 3-2 (30-24, 29-31, 30-26, 14-30, 15-13)
Sept. 8	at Fresno State	L 3-1 (30-20, 30-23, 29-31, 30-27)
Sept. 14	YALE	cancelled
Sept. 14	SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	cancelled
Sept. 15	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	cancelled
Sept. 15	WILLIAM & MARY	cancelled
Sept. 17	KANSAS	L 3-1 (28-30, 30-19, 30-23, 30-27)
Sept. 21	at Chicago State*	W 3-1 (30-18, 26-30, 30-19, 30-23)
Sept. 22	at Western Illinois*	L 3-2 (30-28, 30-25, 20-30, 20-30, 15-9)
Sept. 28	VALPARAISO*	L 3-0 (30-26, 32-30, 30-27)
Sept. 29	IUPUI*	W 3-1 (30-23, 18-30, 30-22, 30-24)
Oct. 2	WICHITA STATE	L 3-2 (30-18, 16-30, 30-21, 27-30, 15-11)
Oct. 6	at Oral Roberts*	L 3-0 (30-28, 30-27, 32-30)
Oct. 7	at Tulsa	L 3-1 (30-21, 30-21, 21-30, 30-27)
Oct. 10	at Missouri	L 3-0 (30-24, 30-19, 30-17)
Oct. 13	OAKLAND*	W 3-1 (30-26, 30-25, 19-30, 30-16)
Oct. 16	at Drake	L 3-1 (26-30, 30-14, 30-26, 30-24)
Oct. 19	ORAL ROBERTS*	L 3-0 (30-26, 30-22, 30-21)
Oct. 22	at Arkansas	L 3-1 (30-22, 30-13, 25-30, 30-20)
Oct. 23	at SW Missouri State	L 3-0 (30-24, 30-13, 30-14)
Oct. 26	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	W 3-2 (30-15, 28-30, 24-30, 30-14, 15-9)
Oct. 27	CHICAGO STATE*	W 3-0 (30-19, 30-9, 30-26)
Oct. 28	CREIGHTON	L 3-1 (30-24, 30-27, 23-30, 30-20)
Nov. 2	at IUPUI*	W 3-1 (31-29, 24-30, 30-26, 36-34)
Nov. 3	at Valparaiso*	L 3-1 (32-30, 25-30, 30-20, 30-24)
Nov. 9	at Oakland*	W 3-1 (30-23, 28-30, 30-25, 30-17)
Nov. 16	vs. Valparaiso!	L 3-1 (26-30, 32-30, 30-18, 30-24)

\$ at Normal, Ill. % at Fresno, Calif. * Mid-Con match
! at Mid-Con Tournament; Tulsa, Okla.

OAKLAND (6-22, 2-10 Mid-Con)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 31	vs. Delaware State\$	W 3-0 (30-10, 30-15, 30-12)
Sept. 1	at Robert Morris	L 3-0 (30-27, 30-16, 30-23)
Sept. 1	vs. Rider\$	W 3-0 (30-28, 30-18, 30-26)
Sept. 7	vs. Towson%	L 3-2 (26-30, 28-30, 30-13, 30-19, 21-19)
Sept. 7	at Cleveland State	L 3-0 (30-23, 30-22, 30-19)
Sept. 8	vs. Niagara%	W 3-0 (30-28, 30-25, 30-22)
Sept. 8	vs. Canisius%	W 3-0 (30-28, 30-25, 30-22)
Sept. 14	vs. Pennsylvania#	cancelled
Sept. 14	at UC Riverside	cancelled
Sept. 15	at Cal State Fullerton	cancelled
Sept. 18	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	L 3-0 (30-21, 34-32, 31-29)
Sept. 21	at IUPUI*	L 3-1 (21-30, 30-19, 30-25, 32-30)
Sept. 22	at Valparaiso*	L 3-0 (30-19, 30-21, 30-20)
Sept. 25	BOWLING GREEN	L 3-0 (30-27, 30-24, 30-20)
Sept. 28	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	L 3-2 (31-29, 19-30, 22-30, 30-28, 15-9)
Sept. 29	CHICAGO STATE*	W 3-0 (30-17, 30-21, 30-20)
Oct. 6	IPFW	L 3-2 (31-33, 30-24, 24-30, 30-22, 15-3)
Oct. 7	UW-GREEN BAY	L (30-21, 30-21, 30-27)
Oct. 9	at Michigan	L 3-0 (30-15, 30-22, 30-26)
Oct. 12	at Oral Roberts*	L 3-0 (30-12, 30-16, 30-16)
Oct. 13	at UMKC*	L 3-1 (30-26, 30-25, 19-30, 30-16)
Oct. 16	at Toledo	L 3-0 (30-23, 30-14, 30-25)
Oct. 23	at Central Michigan	L 3-0 (31-29, 30-28, 30-21)
Oct. 26	VALPARAISO*	L 3-0 (30-16, 30-20, 30-22)
Oct. 27	IUPUI*	W 3-2 (31-29, 27-30, 30-14, 16-30, 16-14)
Oct. 30	at Eastern Michigan	L 3-0 (30-16, 30-16, 30-25)
Nov. 2	at Chicago State*	L 3-2 (23-30, 19-30, 31-29, 30-25, 15-10)
Nov. 3	at Western Illinois*	L 3-0 (30-23, 30-12, 30-19)
Nov. 9	UMKC*	L 3-1 (30-23, 28-30, 30-25, 30-17)
Nov. 10	ORAL ROBERTS*	L 3-0 (30-27, 30-24, 30-22)
Nov. 13	EASTERN MICHIGAN	L 3-0 (30-19, 30-12, 30-24)

\$ at Moon Township, Pa. % at Cleveland, Ohio # at Riverside, Calif. * Mid-Con match

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ORAL ROBERTS (19-7, 11-1 Mid-Con)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 31	vs. No. 24 Loyola Marymount\$	L 3-1 (30-21, 20-30, 31-29, 30-24)
Sept. 1	vs. Clemson\$	L 3-1 (30-27, 26-30, 30-20, 30-24)
Sept. 2	at Colorado	L 3-1 (30-20, 30-25, 26-30, 30-27)
Sept. 7	NORTHWESTERN STATE	W 3-0 (30-14, 30-20, 30-16)
Sept. 8	LOUISIANA TECH	W 3-1 (30-24, 27-30, 30-14, 30-21)
Sept. 14	vs. Mississippi%	cancelled
Sept. 15	vs. Santa Clara%	cancelled
Sept. 15	at Minnesota	cancelled
Sept. 19	SMU	W 3-1 (30-21, 30-26, 25-30, 30-23)
Sept. 21	at Western Illinois*	W 3-0 (30-24, 30-25, 30-15)
Sept. 22	at Chicago State*	W 3-0 (30-21, 30-16, 30-17)
Sept. 23	at Bradley	W 3-2 (30-22, 34-32, 26-30, 24-30, 15-8)
Sept. 26	OKLAHOMA	W 3-0 (30-17, 30-21, 30-15)
Sept. 28	IUPUI*	W 3-0 (30-28, 30-23, 30-22)
Sept. 29	VALPARAISO*	W 3-1 (31-29, 30-13, 29-31, 30-27)
Oct. 2	at SW Missouri State	L 3-1 (23-30, 30-14, 30-19, 30-23)
Oct. 6	UMKC*	W 3-0 (30-28, 30-27, 32-30)
Oct. 12	OAKLAND*	W 3-0 (30-12, 30-16, 30-16)
Oct. 19	at UMKC*	W 3-0 (30-26, 30-22, 30-21)
Oct. 26	CHICAGO STATE*	W 3-0 (30-14, 30-11, 30-13)
Oct. 27	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	W 3-0 (30-13, 30-16, 30-26)
Nov. 2	at Valparaiso*	L 3-2 (30-22, 17-30, 30-24, 24-30, 16-14)
Nov. 3	at IUPUI*	W 3-0 (30-17, 30-19, 30-24)
Nov. 10	at Oakland*	W 3-0 (30-27, 30-24, 30-22)
Nov. 16	IUPUI!	W 3-0 (30-19, 30-15, 30-24)
Nov. 17	VALPARAISO!	W 3-1 (30-25, 30-20, 28-30, 30-18)
Nov. 23	ARKANSAS-LITTLE ROCK	W 3-2 (30-17, 25-30, 24-30, 30-16, 15-13)
Nov. 24	at Arkansas	L 3-0 (30-18, 30-24, 30-27)
Nov. 30	vs. No. 2 Nebraska (NCAA)	L 3-0 (30-8, 30-15, 30-23)

\$ at Boulder, Colo. % at Minneapolis, Minn. * Mid-Con match
! at Mid-Con Tournament; Tulsa, Okla.
(NCAA) NCAA Tournament match; Manhattan, Kan.

VALPARAISO (12-17, 10-2 Mid-Con)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 31	MONTANA STATE	L 3-0 (30-20, 30-19, 30-20)
Sept. 1	MIAMI (OHIO)	L 3-0 (31-29, 30-28, 31-29)
Sept. 1	MONTANA STATE	L 3-1 (30-26, 27-30, 33-31, 30-25)
Sept. 7	at Western Michigan	L 3-0 (30-28, 30-26, 30-22)
Sept. 7	vs. James Madison\$	L 3-1 (31-29, 35-33, 28-30, 30-27)
Sept. 8	vs. Kentucky\$	L 3-0 (30-20, 30-20, 30-27)
Sept. 14	vs. Boston College%	cancelled
Sept. 15	vs. Miami (Fla.)%	cancelled
Sept. 15	at Florida International	cancelled
Sept. 18	at No. 24 Notre Dame	L 3-0 (30-22, 30-12, 30-17)
Sept. 21	IPFW	L 3-2 (30-19, 21-30, 25-30, 30-25, 15-10)
Sept. 22	OAKLAND*	W 3-0 (30-19, 30-21, 30-20)
Sept. 23	SYRACUSE	W 3-0 (30-20, 30-15, 30-26)
Sept. 28	at UMKC*	W 3-0 (30-26, 32-30, 30-27)
Sept. 29	at Oral Roberts*	L 3-1 (31-29, 30-13, 29-31, 30-27)
Oct. 2	at IPFW	L 3-0 (30-21, 30-28, 30-22)
Oct. 6	IUPUI*	W 3-0 (30-22, 30-28, 30-28)
Oct. 9	ILLINOIS-CHICAGO	L 3-1 (30-22, 30-32, 30-27, 30-15)
Oct. 12	CHICAGO STATE*	W 3-0 (30-21, 30-24, 30-21)
Oct. 13	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	W 3-1 (28-30, 30-23, 30-19, 30-28)
Oct. 20	at IUPUI*	L 3-1 (30-28, 30-25, 28-30, 30-27)
Oct. 21	at Indiana State	L 3-0 (30-26, 30-22, 30-25)
Oct. 23	PURDUE	L 3-1 (30-27, 23-30, 30-27, 30-26)
Oct. 26	at Oakland*	W 3-0 (30-16, 30-20, 30-22)
Oct. 30	UW-MILWAUKEE	L 3-0 (30-13, 30-23, 30-20)
Nov. 2	ORAL ROBERTS	W 3-2 (30-22, 17-30, 30-24, 24-30, 16-14)
Nov. 3	UMKC*	W 3-1 (32-30, 25-30, 30-20, 30-24)
Nov. 6	LOYOLA (ILL.)	L 3-0 (30-1, 30-26, 30-26)
Nov. 9	at Western Illinois*	W 3-0 (30-22, 30-17, 30-27)
Nov. 10	at Chicago State*	W 3-0 (30-20, 30-24, 30-26)
Nov. 16	vs. UMKC!	W 3-1 (26-30, 32-30, 30-18, 30-24)
Nov. 17	at Oral Roberts!	L 3-1 (30-25, 30-20, 28-30, 30-18)

\$ at Kalamazoo, Mich. % at Miami, Fla. * Mid-Con match
! at Mid-Con Tournament; Tulsa, Okla.

WESTERN ILLINOIS (4-19, 4-8 Mid-Con)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 31	at Iowa State	L 3-0 (30-28, 30-18, 30-18)
Sept. 1	vs. Drake\$	L 3-2 (30-28, 24-30, 30-23, 27-30, 15-13)
Sept. 7	at Bradley	L 3-0 (30-18, 30-18, 30-28)
Sept. 8	vs. Austin Peay%	L 3-0 (30-15, 30-27, 30-25)
Sept. 8	vs. Middle Tennessee State%	L 3-0 (30-25, 30-17, 30-14)
Sept. 14	vs. Loyola (Ill.)#	cancelled
Sept. 15	vs. Fordham#	cancelled
Sept. 21	ORAL ROBERTS*	L 3-0 (30-24, 30-25, 30-15)
Sept. 22	UMKC*	W 3-2 (30-28, 30-25, 20-30, 20-30, 15-9)
Sept. 26	DRAKE	L 3-1 (30-23, 28-30, 30-26, 31-29)
Sept. 28	at Oakland*	W 3-2 (31-29, 19-30, 22-30, 30-28, 15-9)
Oct. 2	at SE Missouri State	L 3-0 (30-22, 30-25, 30-20)
Oct. 6	at Chicago State*	L 3-2 (30-22, 16-30, 30-23, 31-33, 15-10)
Oct. 9	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	L 3-0 (30-23, 30-19, 30-20)
Oct. 12	at IUPUI*	L 3-0 (33-31, 30-25, 30-25)
Oct. 13	at Valparaiso*	L 3-1 (28-30, 30-23, 30-19, 30-28)
Oct. 20	CHICAGO STATE*	W 3-1 (30-18, 27-30, 30-13, 30-27)
Oct. 26	at UMKC*	L 3-2 (30-15, 28-30, 24-30, 30-14, 15-9)
Oct. 27	at Oral Roberts*	L 3-0 (30-13, 30-16, 30-26)
Oct. 30	BRADLEY	L 3-0 (30-15, 30-12, 30-19)
Nov. 3	OAKLAND*	W 3-0 (30-23, 30-12, 30-19)
Nov. 6	at Eastern Illinois	L 3-0 (30-16, 30-19, 30-22)
Nov. 9	VALPARAISO*	L 3-0 (30-22, 30-17, 30-27)
Nov. 10	IUPUI*	L 3-2 (30-13, 27-30, 30-23, 27-30, 15-13)
Nov. 11	at Iowa	L 3-0 (30-23, 30-13, 30-20)

\$ at Ames, Iowa % at Peoria, Ill. # at Iowa City, Iowa * Mid-Con match

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