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FIAMENGO COMPLETES JUNIOR SEASON WITH MINNESOTA VOLLEYBALL

(Minneapolis, Minn.) — Junior outside hitter Tara Fiamengo completed a successful season as a Gopher volleyball player, appearing in 24 of Minnesota's 30 matches this season.

Fiamengo's season started slowly but heated up mid-season. After recording 18 kills in the first 11 matches she played in, she posted consecutive matches of six, 10 and eight kills in three matches. She had 14 kills against Indiana and in the next-to-last match of the season, recorded a career-high 22 kills against Wisconsin. Fiamengo hit .486 in that match, recording just four errors in 37 attempts.

Fiamengo also recorded a career-high 15 digs against Penn State. She closed out the season with a 2.13 kills per game and 1.35 digs per game average. She posted 13 block assists and three block solos during the season.

A graduate of St. Anthony High School, Fiamengo was named to the all-Big Ten academic team in 1995.

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FOESCH COMPLETES MINNESOTA VOLLEYBALL CAREER

(Minneapolis, Minn.) — Senior outside hitter **Heidi Foesch** completed a successful senior season and four-year career as a Gopher volleyball player. Foesch led the 1995 Gophers in blocks with 1.23 per game and her 111 block assists for the season is eighth on the Minnesota single-season list.

Foesch recorded 99 kills in 1995, including a season high 14 against Georgia. She tied the Minnesota school record for block assists in a match with 11 against Illinois on Nov. 17. Two matches later, she recorded 10 block assists against Wisconsin. Foesch was third on the team in hitting at .214.

A graduate of Buffalo-Lake Hector High, Foesch was a 1994 and 1995 academic all-Big Ten selection. Seven Gopher volleyball players were named to the all-Big Ten academic team in 1995.

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BAUER COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL SOPHOMORE SEASON AS GOPHER SETTER

(Minneapolis, Minn.) — Sophomore setter **Becky Bauer** continued to make a significant impact in her second season at Minnesota. After just two seasons, Bauer is third on the career assists list at Minnesota with 2,789 and her 1995 total of 1,157 assists was good for eighth on the single-season assist list.

Bauer recorded a season and career-high 90 assists against 24th-ranked Illinois on Nov. 17 in Champaign, Ill. She compiled seven matches of 50 or more assists during the season and had a season and career-high eight block assists against Illinois State on Sept. 24. Bauer averaged 12.05 assists per game and was seventh in the Big Ten in assists per game.

A 1994 graduate of Bloomington-Jefferson High, Bauer was named to the all-tournament team at the Kentucky Conference Challenge in Lexington, Ky. in September. She recorded 54 block assists and eight block solos during the season and while posting 96 kills. Bauer hit .116 in 1995, bettering her .082 percentage as a frosh.

Bauer was also named to the all-Big Ten academic team in 1995, one of seven Gopher volleyball players making that team.

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PEARMAN COMPLETES SECONED YEAR WITH GOPHER VOLLEYBALL

(Minneapolis, Minn.) — Sophomore outside hitter **Sarah Pearman** returned to the court in 1995 after sitting out the 1994 season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL). She completed her second season of eligibility in 1995, appearing in 29 of the Gophers' 30 matches.

Pearman posted 12 matches with double-figure digs, including a season and career-high 22 against Iowa State. She was named to the all-Big Ten academic team in 1995.

A 1993 graduate of Apple Valley High School, Pearman averaged 2.19 digs per game for the Gophers.

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OLHAUSEN COMPLETES MINNESOTA VOLLEYBALL CAREER

(Minneapolis, Minn.) — Senior outside hitter **Heidi Olhausen** completed a successful season and career as a Gopher volleyball player and worked her way into the Minnesota record books along the way.

For her career, Olhausen is third in career block assists with 343, fifth in career total blocks with 375, seventh in career digs with 934 and tenth in career kills with 1,094. Her career block average of .837 is eighth on the career averages list and her 2.08 digs per game is also eighth. She still holds the record for block assists in a season with 126, set in 1994.

Olhausen was one of only two Gophers to start all 30 matches for Minnesota in 1995 and was second on the team in kills (2.85/game), hitting percentage (.251), and digs (295). She recorded double-figure kills in 17 matches as a senior, including a season-high 19 kills against Texas. She posted a career-high nine block assists against Illinois, also recording a season-high 21 digs in that match.

A graduate of Lakeville High School, Olhausen was named to the all-tournament team at the Hawaiian Airlines Rainbow Classic and the Kentucky Conference Challenge. She was named an academic all-Big Ten selection for the second straight year.

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PASSER COMPLETES SECOND YEAR WITH GOPHER VOLLEYBALL

(Minneapolis, Minn.) — Sophomore outside hitter **Jane Passer** recently completed her second successful season at the University of Minnesota, appearing in all 30 of the Gophers' matches in 1995 and earning a starting position.

Passer finished the year fourth on the team in kills with 2.05 per game and a total of 107 kills for the season. She was also third on the team in digs with 2.48 per game. Passer recorded a career-high 15 kills early in the season, against nationally-ranked Texas. She posted double figure kills in 10 of Minnesota's matches and hit a season-high .438 against Wisconsin in September. She also recorded career highs for digs with 17 against Hawaii and for service aces with four against Illinois and Indiana.

A 1994 graduate of United South Central High School in Wells, Minn., Passer was named to the all-Big Ten academic team.

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BAYNES MAKES IMPACT IN FIRST YEAR WITH GOPHER VOLLEYBALL

(Minneapolis, Minn.) — Frosh middle blocker Tara Baynes completed her first season with the Minnesota volleyball team, making an immediate impact on the team. Baynes appeared in all 30 of Minnesota's matches and earned several starts midway through the season.

Baynes posted the highest hitting percentage of any team member in 1995, hitting .800 against Kentucky on Sept. 17. She recorded nine kills and just one error in 10 attempts. For the season, Baynes hit .213 and recorded a season-high 17 kills against Illinois on Nov. 17. She was second on the team in blocks with 1.08 per game and fourth in kills with 1.98 per game. Baynes finished the season with 102 block assists, which is tenth on the Minnesota single-season list.

A 1995 graduate of Belle Plaine High School, Baynes recorded eight block assists in three separate matches this season.

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MILLER COMPLETES FIRST YEAR WITH GOPHER VOLLEYBALL

(Minneapolis, Minn.) — Junior setter **Michelle Miller** completed her first season with the Minnesota volleyball team, appearing in 27 of the team's 30 matches and earning a part-time starting position mid-season.

Miller posted a season and career-high 59 assists and four kills against Indiana on Oct. 20. She recorded 78 digs for the season.

A 1991 graduate of Alan B. Shepard High, Miller is the sister of Minnesota interim head coach Pam Miller-Dombeck. Michelle is the third of three sisters to play volleyball at Minnesota.

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DEDECKER COMPLETES JUNIOR SEASON WITH MINNESOTA VOLLEYBALL

(Minneapolis, Minn.) — Junior outside hitter **Katrien DeDecker** completed a successful third season with the Minnesota volleyball team and continues to climb in the record books. She was named to the 13-person all-Big Ten team and was also an academic all-Big Ten team member.

DeDecker led the Gophers in kills with 5.16 per game and moved from ninth to third place on the all-time career kills list with 1,592 in just three years. She finished the 1995 season with 552 kills, the fifth-highest single season kill total in Minnesota history and the most of her three-year career. DeDecker's 3,900 total career attacks is also third in the record books and she is ninth all-time in block assists with 59.

A native of Bredene, Belgium, DeDecker tied the school record for kills in a single match with 41 against Illinois on Nov. 17. She paced the team in kills in 26 of 30 matches, posting double figure kills in 26 of 30 matches and better than 20 kills in 13 matches. DeDecker led the team in kills, hitting percentage (.254) and service aces (30).

DeDecker was named the Most Valuable Player of the Kentucky Conference Challenge in Lexington, Ky. and was an all-tournament selection at the BYU/Mizuno Invitational in Provo, Utah.

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