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## PRESEASON PREVIEW

**Sport:** Volleyball

**Head Coach:** Mark Tippet (9 years) (187-192)

**Assistant Coach:** Samantha McCoy, Chelsea Faith

**Last Season:** 27-12 (4-2) and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the Mid-West Athletic Conference (MWAC).

**Starters Lost:** Gretchen Rigger (All-Region), Lara Dawson (All-Conference), Melanie Herbeck (All-Conference)

**Top Returners:** Emily Fox (setter), Danielle Stephenson (RS), Natalia Florczyk

**Top Recruits:** Alexis Nelson (outside hitter) is very similar to last year's All-Region performer Gretchen Rigger. Mellisa Turpin, Kristine Naylor, Chelsea Rhoades will provide lots of height and athletic ability at the middle position. Kristen Wright will provide depth at our setter position.

**Coach's Quote:** *"The success of our season will be determined how well our freshmen players step up and we are going to need a big year from Natalia Florczyk at the outside hitting position. We are going to run a two setter offense and I have been impressed with freshman Kristen Wright. I expect Emily Fox to build on last year as our setter, she is a really good athlete and gets to everything and is more comfortable running the offense"*

### Roster:

Name	High School	Location
Reinken, Courtney	Bismarck-Henning HS	Bismarck, IL
Schaefer, Megan	Meridian HS	Blue Mound, IL
Stephenson, Danielle	Trico Sr. HS	Campbell Hill, IL
Nelson, Alexis	Bloom HS	Chicago Heights, IL
Randle, Erika	Holy Trinity HS	Chicago, IL
Florczyk, Natalia	Maine East HS	DesPlaines, IL
Williams, Markeshia	East St. Louis Sr. HS	East St. Louis, IL
Wright, Kristen	Fairfield Comm. HS	Fairfield, IL
Wright, Jana	Fairfield	Fairfield, IL
Turpin, Mellisa	Normal Comm. West HS	Normal, IL
Naylor, Kristine	Polo Comm. HS	Polo, IL
Kane, Jacquelyn	Princeton Township HS	Princeton, IL
Rhoades, Chelsea	Rushville	Rushville, IL
Fox, Emily	Springfield Southeast HS	Springfield, IL

**Fall Schedule:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
Wednesday, Aug 25	Lincoln Christian College (scrimmage)	Lincoln, IL	7:00 PM
Friday, Aug. 27	Southeastern Community College Tournament	Burlington, IA	1pm&7pm
Saturday, Aug 28	Southeastern Community College Tournament	Burlington, IA	1pm&3pm
Tuesday, Aug. 31	Illinois Valley Community College	Lincoln, IL	6:00 PM
Friday, Sept. 3	Lee College Invitational Tournament	Baytown, TX	TBA
Saturday, Sept. 4	Lee College Invitational Tournament	Baytown, TX	TBA
Wednesday, Sept 8	<b>Lewis &amp; Clark</b>	Lincoln, IL	6:00 PM
Friday, Sept. 10	Lady Lynx Invitational Tournament	Lincoln, IL	TBA
Saturday, Sept 11	Lady Lynx Invitational Tournament	Lincoln, IL	TBA
Wednesday, Sept. 15	<b>Parkland College*</b>	Lincoln, IL	6:00 PM
Saturday, Sept. 18	Illinois Valley Community College Tournament	Oglesby, IL	9:00 AM
Tuesday, Sept. 21	Illinois Central College*	Lincoln, IL	6:00 PM
Thursday, Sept. 23	Robert Morris College - Springfield	Springfield, IL	6:00 PM
Saturday, Sept. 25	Moraine Valley Triangular	Palos Hills, IL	Noon & 2
Tuesday, Sept. 28	Greenville College JV	Lincoln, IL	6:00 PM
Wednesday, Sept. 29	<b>Danville Area Community College*</b>	Danville, IL	6:00 PM
Saturday, Oct. 2	Lincoln Triangular (Kaskaskia & BHE)	Lincoln, IL	10:00 AM
Tuesday, Oct 5	Benedictine University	Lincoln, IL	6:00 PM
Wednesday, Oct. 6	<b>Lincoln Land Community College</b>	Springfield, IL	6:00 PM
Wednesday, Oct. 13	Lindenwood College-Belleville Campus	Lincoln, IL	6:00 PM
Saturday, Oct. 16	Rend Lake College Triangular	Ina, IL	TBA
Wednesday, Oct. 20	Robert Morris College - Springfield	Lincoln, IL	6:00 PM
Saturday, Oct. 23	Lincoln Triangular (Joliet College & Millikin U. JV)	Lincoln, IL	10:00 AM
Wednesday, Oct. 27	Benedictine University	Springfield, IL	6:00 PM
Friday, Oct. 29	Carl Sandburg College	Lincoln, IL	6:00 PM
Saturday, Oct. 30	SWIC Quad (East Central & Shawnee)	Belleville, IL	9:00 AM
Nov. 1 - Nov. 6	Region 24 Tournament	TBA	