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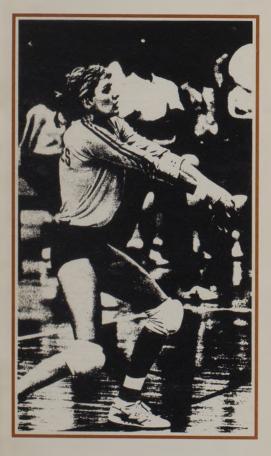
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## UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA



1985 VOLLEYBALL

## **UM QUICK FACTS**

Location Missoula,	Montana
Chartered February	17, 1893
Enrollment	9.300
President	243-2311
Athletic Director	243-5331
Asso. Athletic DirDr. Barbara Hollmann (406)	243-5331
Volleyball Coach Dick Scott (406)	243-5331
Assistant Coach We:	ndv Hovt
Home Arena Dahlber	a (9 000)
Nickname Lady	
Colors	r & Gold
Women's Sports Information DirectorLind	
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### HEAD COACH DICK SCOTT



Dick Scott is in his eighth year as head coach of the University of Montana volleyball team.

Before taking the UM position, Scott was head volleyball coach at Santa Monica Junior College from 1972 to 1978. His record was 110-20 overall and 52-1 in conference play. During that time, he was also the head scout for UCLA.

Originally from Denton, Mont,

Scott was the head coach of the Maccabi Volleyhall Club for two years and taught physical education and general science at a junior high in Santa Monica.

Scott has considerable international coaching experience. He served as an assistant coach for the United States Olympic men's volleyball team when it participated in the U.S.A. Championship Series this past summer. Previously, he had served as an assistant coach for the men's national team in the 1981 World University Games and was the head coach of the U.S.A. Junior National Team for three years.

Scott, 42, attended Montana State University on a basketball and track scholarship. He graduated in 1965 with a B.S. in physical education. After serving in the Air Force from 1965-69, he earned his Master's Degree in physical education at UCLA in 1971.

Dick and his wife, Mary, have three children: Jean, 12, Patty, 9 and Jack. 3.

### ASSISTANT COACH WENDY HOYT

A former Lady Griz volleyball standout, Wendy Hoyt returns to UM as an assistant coach this season.

Hoyt still holds the school singleseason record for assists with 1,359 in 1982. She also ranks second in career assists with 2,336.

Wendy was an all-conference selection in 1982.



## THE OUTLOOK

The 1985 Lady Griz volleyball team should feature a strong starting lineup, but depth is a major concern.

"I feel good about the players I expect to start this season. They're all fairly experienced and I'm confident that they can get the job done," Coach Dick Scott said. "However, we don't have much depth. If one or two of our key players get hurt, we could be in real trouble."

The team's strongest position is outside hitter where five players will battle for playing time. Sophomore Allison Yarnell is the top returnee here. She earned a starting position early last season and finished second on the team in kills with 304. Another sophomore, Cheryl Hanson, is likely to take over for the graduated Mary Beth Dungan as the other starter. She saw quite a bit of playing time, especially in the backcourt, last season. Junior college transfer Sheri Bauer, redshirt freshman Mary McManigal and new freshman Mindy Allred will all push Yarnell and Hanson.

Two experienced players — sophomore Cindy Pitzinger and junior Debbie Carter — make technique (right side) hitter another good position for UM. Pitzinger, the team's best jumper with a 30-inch vertical leap, started at middle hitter late last season, but played technique during the USVBA (United States Volleyball Association) club season. Carter was the starter at this position most of last season, but was bothered by a knee injury late in the year. She had arthroscopic surgery during the off-season and appears to be back to full strength.

Middle hitter is an area of strength and of concern. Seniors Nan Kuenzel and Laura Slanec could be two of the premier players in the conference at this position. But, both were bothered by injuries last year and their health is a big key to the team's success because they are the only true middle hitters on the squad. Slanec led the team with 83 blocks last season and Kuenzel was right behind with 81. Pitzinger, Bauer and Allred could fill in here if necessary.

The most inexperienced position on the leam is setter. Senior Vicki Opstad, sophomore Jan Dempsey and freshman Michele Hall will battle for this starting spot vacated by Mary Pederson. Opstad was used primarily as a backcourt specialist last season and Dempsey was the backup setter. Hall won team and league MVP honors as a senior at La Jolla Country Day School.

"The only position I'm really worried about is middle hitter because of the lack of depth," Scott said. "The setters are inexperienced, but as the season goes on, I think that will be a strong position. One thing is for sure. No matter who the starter is, we will have the best blocking setter we've ever had. The other two positions — outside and technique hitter — are solid."

Scott said the Lady Griz would experiment with some new offensive and defensive patterns this year. The most exciting addition will be backcourt hitting. Backcourt players must take off from behind the three-meter line in order to spike the ball and, with her jumping ability, Pitzinger should be especially effective in this capacity.

The schedule features three tournament appearances as well as a double round-robin within the Mountain West Conference. Three-time defending champion Portland State looks like the team to beat again this season in the MWC. Portland State won the Division II national title last season.

### LADY GRIZZL

Name Mindy Allred Sheri Bauer Debbie Carter Jan Dempsey Michele Hall	Pos. OH-MH OH-MH TH S S	Ht. 5-9 5-8 5-8 5-8 5-8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	Yr. Fr. Jr. Jr. So. Fr.	HS JC 2V 1V HS
Cheryl Hanson Nan Kuenzel Mary McManigal Vicki Opstad Cindy Pitzinger Laura Slanec	OH MH OH S TH MH	5-9 5-11 5-9 5-8 5-8 6-2	So. Sr. Fr. Sr. So. Sr.	1V 3V RS 1V 1V 3V
Allison Yarnell	ОН	5-10	So.	1V

HEAD COACH: Dick Scott; ASSISTANT COACH: KEY: Positions: S—Setter; OH—Outside Hitter; Experience: V—Varsity Letters Won; HS—High

## RECORD

#### TEAM

#### Single Match

Most Kills-99, vs. Utah State, 11-6-82

Best Hitting Percentage—50.0%, vs. Washington State, 1980

Most Blocks—32 vs. Idaho State, 10-12-84

Best Serve Ratio-3.31, vs. Flathead Valley CC, 1979

Most Aces—18, vs. Gonzaga, 1979

Best Passing Percentage—93.0%, vs. Washington State, 1981

Most Assists—90 vs. Utah State, 11-6-82 Most Digs—90 vs. Santa Clara, 10-19-84

#### Season

Most Kills-1757, 1982

Best Hitting Percentage-22.0%, 1984

Most Blocks—491, 1982 Most Assists—1541, 1982

Best Passing Percentage-65.0%, 1981

Best Serve Ratio—2.40, 1981

Most Aces-399, 1979 Most Digs-1406, 1984

### ROSTER

#### Hometown/High School or JC

Safford, Ariz./Safford High Puyallup, Wash./Green River CC Missoula, Mont./Sentinel High Spanaway, Wash./Bethel High San Diego, Calif./La Jolla Country Day

School

Spokane, Wash./Ferris High Missoula, Mont./Hellgate High Yakima, Wash./Eisenhower High

San Luis Obispo, Calif./Cuesta College Puyallup, Wash./Rogers High

North Riverside, Ill./Riverside-Brookfield High

Spokane, Wash./Ferris High

Vendy Hoyt

"H—Middle Hitter; TH—Technique Hitter chool; JC—Junior College; RS-Redshirt

## BOOK

#### INDIVIDUAL

Single Match

Most Kills—29, Mary Beth Dungan vs. Weber State, 10-13-84 and vs. Boise State, 10-27-84

Best Hitting Percentage—72.7%, Pat Benson vs. Idaho State, 1980

Most Blocks—12, Nan Kuenzel vs. Idaho State, 10-12-84 Best Serve Ratio—3.33, Jean Cavanaugh vs. Texas Tech, 1980

Most Aces—8, Wendy Ninteman vs. Flathead Valley CC, 1979, Jean Cavanaugh vs. Texas Tech, 1980 and vs. Washington, 1980 and Kara Price vs. Utah, 11-6-82. Best Passing Percentage—93.0%, Wendy Ninteman vs.

Washington, 1979 Most Assists—80, Wendy Hoyt vs. Utah State, 11-6-82

Most Digs—26, Mary Beth Dungan vs. Santa Clara, 10-19-84

#### Season

Most Kills—471, Mary Beth Dungan, 1984
Best Hitting Percentage—30.0%, Mary Klueber, 1981
Most Blocks—144, Laura Slanec, 1983
Most Assists—1359, Wendy Hoyt, 1982
Best Passing Percentage—73.0%, Jean Cavanaugh, 1981
Best Serve Ratio—2.62, Jean Cavanaugh, 1981
Most Aces, 84, Jean Cavanaugh, 1979
Most Digs—305, Mary Beth Dungan, 1984

#### THE RETURNEES



NAN KUENZEL
Middle Hitter . . .
5-11 . . . Senior . . .
Missoula, Montana

Kuenzel was the Lady Grizzlies' Outstanding Blocker with 81 blocks in just 67 games last season. She finished second in the conference in blocks per game. She also ranked second on the team in hitting percentage

(26.8%). Nan missed several matches with ankle injuries last season but seems to be fully recovered. Nan was the MVP and Outstanding Blocker and Hitter as a senior at Hellgate High. She was also an all-state selection that season.

She is a biology (pre-med) major. Birthdate: 2-14-64.

#### VICKI OPSTAD Setter . . . 5-8 . . . Senior

San Luis Obispo, California

Although she was used primarily as a backcourt specialist last season, Opstad is battling for the starting setter position this year. She played especially well during the USVBA season last spring. Vicki



transferred to UM from Cuesta College where she was an honorable mention all-conference pick. She was a second team all-conference selection her junior and senior years at San Luis Obispo Sr. High.

She is majoring in psychology. Birthdate: 7-1-63.



## LAURA SLANEC Middle Hitter . . . 6-2 . . . Senior . . . North Riverside, Illinois

With the team's lack of depth at the middle hitter position, Slanec's performance will be a key to UM's success this year. She was bothered by back problems last season and had just 119 kills and 83 blocks compared

to 199 kills and a school-record 144 blocks the year before. Laura was an honorable mention all-conference choice in 1983. She was a two-time all-conference and all-area selection at Riverside-Brookfield High.

She is a recreation resource management major. Birthdate: 7-22-64.



# DEBBIE CARTER Technique Hitter . . . 5-8 . . . Junior . . . Missoula, Montana

Carter was UM's starting technique hitter last season and finished the year with 127 kills and 51 blocks. She missed several matches late in the season with a knee injury, but had arthroscopic surgery during

the off-season and seems to be back to full strength. She was named the Co-Most Improved Player along with Cindy Pitzinger last year. Debbie was a member of Sentinel's High's state championship volleyball team in 1982.

She is majoring in secondary education. Birthdate: 6-10-64.

## JAN DEMPSEY Setter . . . 5-8 . . . Sophomor

5-8 . . . Sophomore . . . Spanaway, Washington

The team's backup setter last season, Dempsey will be in a three-way battle (with Vicki Opstad and Michele Hall) for the starting job this year. She had 122 assists in limited action during the 1984 season. A left-



hander, Jan could also play technique hitter if needed. She was the MVP of the South Puget Sound League as a senior at Bethel High.

She is a general studies major. Birthdate: 1-7-65.



# CHERYL HANSON Outside Hitter . . . 5-9 . . . Sophomore . . Spokane, Washington

Hanson received a lot of valuable experience last season and has a good chance of winning a starting job this year. She had 93 kills, 8 blocks, 41 digs and 7 service aces in 1984. Cheryl was a first team all-city

selection at Ferris High. She and Lady Grizzly teammate Allison Yarnell played on two Greater Spokane League championship teams at Ferris.

She is majoring in general studies. Birthdate: 5-8-66.



# CINDY PITZINGER Technique Hitter . . . 5-8 . . . Sophomore . . . Puyallup, Washington

The team's best jumper with a 30-inch vertical leap, Pitzinger will probably start at technique hitter but she could also play outside or middle hitter. Because of her jumping ability, she is expected to do some backcourt hit-

ting. She was a starter at the end of the 1984 season and finished the year with 75 kills and 28 blocks. Cindy shared the Most Improved Player award with Debbie Carter. She was the MVP of the South Puget Sound League as a senior at Rogers High.

She is majoring in elementary education. Birthdate: 1-20-66.

# ALLISON YARNELL Outside Hitter . . . 5-10. . .Sophomore . . Spokane, Washington

Yarnell is coming off an outstanding freshman year in which she ranked second on the team in kills with 304. She was third in hitting percentage at 24.6 percent and that gives her first place on the career list. She



also ranks 10th in career kills. Allison, who started almost every match last season, was selected as the team's Outstanding Newcomer. She was a two-time all-city choice at Ferris High.

She is a business major. Birthdate: 3-11-66.



# MARY McMANIGAL Outside Hitter . . . 5-9 . . Freshman . . Yakima, Washington

A redshirt freshman, McManigal will add depth at outside hitter. She has been bothered by ankle injuries the last two years so her health is a question mark. Mary was an all-conference player at Eisenhower

High and she spent six seasons with Team Yakima of the USVBA junior circuit. She participated in USVBA nationals three times and was a member of the CanAm team.

She is majoring in general studies. Birthdate: 10-17-65.

#### THE NEWCOMERS



SHERI BAUER
Outside and
Middle Hitter . . .
5-8 . . Junior . . .
Puyallup, Washington

A transfer from Green River Community College in Auburn, Wash., Bauer has the ability to play all three hitting positions outside, middle and technique. Sheri was a first team all-

conference choice as she led Green River to the league title last season. She was the volleyball MVP and the Athlete of the Year as a senior at Rogers High.

Sheri is majoring in pharmacy and mathematics. Birthdate: 11-20-64.

## MINDY ALLRED Outside and

Middle Hitter . . .
5-9 . . . Freshman . .
Safford, Arizona

Allred was a first team all-state selection her junior and senior years at Safford High. She was the state MVP as a senior. Her team won the state title her sophomore, junior and senior



seasons. A three-sport standout, Mindy was the state champion in the shot put, discus and 400-meter relay as a junior. She was selected as the school's Outstanding Female Athlete her senior year.

She is a pre-physical therapy major. Birthdate: 12-4-67.



# MICHELE HALL Setter . . . 5-8½ . . . Freshman . . San Diego, California

A two-time first team allleague selection, Hall won league and team MVP honors last season at La Jolla Country Day School. She also played for the San Diego Juniors in USVBA club play. Michele was a three-

year letterwinner in volleyball, basketball and softball. La Jolla reached the CIF Class A playoffs in all three sports her senior year.

She is majoring in sports medicine. Birthdate: 6-27-67.

### 1984 RESULTS

(14-22 overall; 7-7 conference)

Opponent	W/L	Record	Scores
Washington#	L	0-1	12-15, 14-16, 15-13, 15-8, 14-16
Montana State#	W	1-1	15-8, 15-13, 15-6
Utah#	L	1-2	11-15, 15-10, 11-15, 11-15
Montana State#	L	1-3	9-15, 15-12, 14-16, 15-3, 14-16
BYU¢	L	1-4	13-15, 15-17, 9-15
San Diego State¢	L	1-5	10-15, 4-15, 5-15
California¢	L	1-6	6-15, 11-15, 5-15
-Utah¢	W	2-6	7-15, 10-15, 15-6, 15-4, 15-9
New Mexico¢	L	2-7	15-8, 14-16, 7-15, 12-15
Washington%	L	2-8	15-13, 10-15, 7-15
Southwest Missouri%	W	3-8	15-10, 15-11
Utah%	L	3-9	15-5, 12-15, 7-15
Idaho%	L	3-10	15-10, 10-15, 8-15
Washington State%	W	4-10	15-3, 15-10
Utah State%	L	4-11	9-15, 7-15
Idaho*	L	4-12	4-15, 7-15, 15-10, 11-15
Eastern Washington*	W	5-12	15-2, 15-8, 15-5
Boise State*	L	5-13	5-15, 8-15, 11-15
Portland State*	L	5-14	7-15, 15-7, 4-15, 7-15
Idaho State*	L	5-15	15-10, 9-15, 9-15, 13-15
-Weber State*	W	6-15	14-16, 14-16, 15-13, 15-11, 15-6
Montana State*	W	7-15	10-15, 15-3, 15-10, 15-12
Calgary@	L	7-16	5-15, 11-15, 5-15
Santa Clara@	L	7-17	7-15, 8-15, 13-15
Montana Tech@	W	8-17	13-15, 15-3, 15-10, 15-11
Montana Tech@	W	9-17	15-17, 15-13, 15-7
Portland State*	L	9-18	10-15, 6-15, 4-15
Boise State*	W	10-18	15-7, 11-15, 15-6, 3-15, 15-12
Montana State*	L	10-19	9-15, 5-15, 8-15
Eastern Washington*	W	11-19	15-9, 15-6, 15-3
Idaho*	L	11-20	10-15, 1-15, 12-15
Washington State	W	12-20	12-15, 9-15, 15-9, 15-9, 17-15
Weber State*	W	13-20	15-10, 15-9, 6-15, 12-15, 15-9
Idaho State*	W	14-20	15-12, 15-11, 14-16, 12-15, 15-8
Portland State\$	L	14-21	8-15, 7-15, 10-15
Montana State\$	L	14-22	10-15, 5-15, 12-15

<sup>#—</sup>Domino's Pizza Invitational, hosted by Montana State.

c - San Diego State Invitational

<sup>%-</sup>BYU Preview Invitational

<sup>\*-</sup>Mountain West Conference Match

<sup>@-</sup>Glacier Invitational, hosted by UM

<sup>\$--</sup>Mountain West Conference Championships



## University of Montana

The University of Montana boasts a proud tradition of academic excellence in teaching. research and service. Located in Missoula on 201 acres at the base of Mount Sentinel, UM was chartered February 17, 1893. Since then, it has grown from 50 students seven faculty members to a present enrollment of 9,300 and about 450 full-time state supported faculty positions.

Bachelor's degrees

are available in 58 fields, and associate of arts degrees may be obtained in two areas. UM offers master's degrees in 54 programs and doctoral degrees in 13.

The College of Arts and Sciences is the core of the University. It includes a full range of programs and courses in the life sciences, physical sciences, social sciences and humanities.

Seven professional schools complete the academic program Business Administration, Fine Arts, Journalism, Education, Forestry, Law and Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences.

Missoula is in the midst of an area noted for its spectacular scenery and recreational opportunities. It is within easy driving distance of four wilderness areas and Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks. The natural surroundings offer excellent opportunities for hunting, fishing, backpacking, river floating, camping and other recreational pursuits. Two winter ski areas are within minutes of the University, and several others are only a couple of hours away by car. UM owns and operates a golf course near the campus.

Downtown Missoula is within blocks of the University and is easily accessible to UM students. Other parts of the city can be reached by using Mountain Line, the city's mass transit system.

## 1985 LADY GRIZZLY VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

		Die	
Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sept. 11	Eastern Montana	Away	7:30
Sept. 13-14	Wyoming Tournament (C.S.U.L.B., Idaho, Wyoming,	Āway	All Day
0	Nebraska, U.S.I.U.)		
Sept. 15	Colorado State	Away	7:30 P.M.
Sept. 17	Utah State	Āway	7:30 P.M.
Sept. 19-21	BYU Tournament (16 teams)	Āway	All Day
Sept. 27-28	Houston Invitational	Away	All Day
	(Houston, Louisiana		
	State, Missouri)		
Oct. 4	Montana State	Away	7:30 P.M.
Oct. 5	Montana Tech	Home	7:30 P.M.
Oct. 8	Gonzaga	Home	7:30 P.M.
Oct. 11	Portland State	Home	7:30 P.M.
Oct. 12	Boise State	Home	7:30 P.M.
Oct. 18	Weber State	Home	7:30 P.M.
Oct. 19	Idaho State	Home	7:30 P.M.
Oct. 25	Idaho	Away	7:30 P.M.
Oct. 26	Eastern Wash.	Āway	7:30 P.M.
Nov. 1	Idaho State	Away	7:30 P.M.
Nov. 2	Weber State	Away	7:30 P.M.
Nov. 6	Montana State	Home	7:30 P.M.
Nov. 8	Eastern Wash.	Home	7:30 P.M.
Nov. 9	Idaho	Home	7:30 P.M.
Nov. 14	Boise State	Away	7:30 P.M.
Nov. 16	Portland State	Away	7:30 P.M.
Nov. 22-23	Mountain West Conference Championships	TBA	TBA

Home matches in **bold face**. All times local.

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