2007 UW-Eau Claire Volleyball Announces Roster

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UW-Eau Claire volleyball head coach Kim Wudi has announced her 2007 roster, which includes 11 letterwinners and two starters from last year's NCAA Tournament squad that went 30-4, reaching the 20-win mark for the eighth consecutive season.

There are 17 members on this year's squad, including three seniors, five juniors, three sophomores and six freshmen.

The three seniors on this year's team are **Heather Harnell** *(Minnetonka, MN)*, **Lissa Martinez** *(Vadnais Heights, MN/White Bear Lake)* and **Nikki Peterson** *(North St. Paul, MN/North)*. Harnell played in all 34 matches last season, finished fifth on the team with 206 digs, fourth on the team with 40 service aces and will be one of this year's captains. Martinez appeared in 12 matches last season and had an average of 1.55 kills per game. Peterson finished third on the team in 2006 with 62 assists and saw action in all 34 matches.

Of the five juniors on the team, one is a returning starters, **Abby Freiborg** *(Sacred Heart, MN/Renville County West)*. Freiborg played in 32 matches last season and finished second on the team with 310 digs and third on the team with 270 kills. **Emily Haese** *(Jr.-Mishicot, WI)* also saw significant playing time in 2006, appearing in all 34 matches. Haese finished fourth on the team with 298 digs. Other juniors on the team are **Katie Fox** *(Chippewa Falls, WI/Chi-Hi)*, **Kristen Moore** *(Green Bay, WI/Ashwaubenon)* and **Jenna Weber** *(Antigo, WI)*, who is also a captain this season.

The remaining members are **Cassie Hunt** *(So.-Chippewa Falls, WI/McDonell)*, **Cary Rusmussen** (So.-Sparta, WI), **Lindsey Smith** *(So.-Maple Lake, MN)*, **Jenny Burzynski** *(Fr.-Stanley, WI/Stanley-Boyd)*, **Hanna Kaiser** *(So/Fr-Chippewa Falls, WI/McDonell/UW-Green Bay)*, **Amanda Lessner** *(Fr.-Watertown, WI)*, **Danielle Lucia** *(Fr.-St. Cloud, MN/Apollo)*, **Rachel Ver Voort** *(Fr.-Madison, WI/Middleton)* and **Erica Wadzinski** *(Fr.-Verona, WI)*. Burzynski was a first team All-County and second team All-Conference selection in high school. She also led her team as a captain to a 2006 WIAA Division III State Championship. Ver Voort was a two-time first team All-Conference selection and was Team MVP in her junior and senior seasons.

The 2007 Blugold volleyball team will be lead by first-year head coach Kim Wudi. Wudi served for two years as an assistant coach to Lisa Herb, who finished her 28-year career with a 626-208 record. Val Siegenthaler will serve as an assistant to Wudi.

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