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Union Volleyball Starts a Newsletter

Union Volleyball is starting a newsletter to keep its boosters, fans, alumni, and parents informed on what is happening with the program. The Newsletter will tell fans about our players and their accomplishments, share information about where we are playing and how we did in our matches, and other such information. We hope that this will help our fans with knowing exactly what the

volleyball team is doing and can come support us more.



The 2008 Union University Volleyball Team

Newsletters will be distributed via e-mail to cut down on costs. The newsletters will be released every two weeks. Schedules will be updated with scores and results of each match and also let fans know what matches are coming up.



Union Volleyball Starts Up Another Season

The 2008 season begins the second decade of varsity volleyball at Union University Lady Bulldogs. In the first 10 years (1998-2007), Union posted a 314-101 (.757) record, 31.4 wins per year, three conference

titles, two conference tournament titles, one region title, and one NAIA National Tournament appearance. Now, Union head coach Steven Gream will enter his fourth season, leading his Lady Bulldogs

as they work to continue the success of the program. This year's team returns four players from last season, all of which are seniors.

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Lindsey Wallach making a great dive for a tipped ball.

Union Volleyball Starts Up Another Season continued...

Six newcomers, including two juniors, one sophomore, and three freshman, will have the opportunity to step in immediately to complete Union's starting lineup for 2008.

The senior class includes two four-year players. Amanda Coyle and Lindsey Wallach each return for their senior

seasons. Coyle has been All-Conference and All-Region in each of her first three seasons. She reached the 1,000 kill plateau for her career as the end of her sophomore season. She one played about 75-percent of the 2007 due to injury. Wallach has played the libero position, and also has been a back row defensive specialist during her

career. CJ Neathamer and Emilie Ogas return for their second year at Union after transferring in last year as juniors. Neathamer lead Union last season with 419 kills. Ogas returns from her second team All-Conference performance of 391 kills.

Two juniors have transferred in to Union this

Emilie Ogas getting a block against Freed-Hardeman University



season including Katie Adams and Ashley Young. Adams will start for Union this season as the setter and will bring experience and intelligence to the position. Young adds good blocking and attacking abilities on the front row.

The lone sophomore is Heather Lieberman who also transferred in this season. Lieberman was an All-American as a freshman and now brings her solid attacking and passing to the Union program.

Three freshman begin their college volleyball careers for the Union Lady Bulldogs. Lindsey Wilson adds athleticism to the squad at several positions. Anna Sims brings blocking and attacking at the middle position. Katie Givens adds talent to the defen-



The New Junior College Players: Katie Adams, Heather Lieberman, and Ashley Young

New Players

Union Volleyball brought in 6 new players for the 2008 season. These players bring balance to the team with 3 Junior College players and 3 Freshmen.

The first Junior College player is Katie Adams from Orange, California. Katie will be our setter and will

run our potent offense. She has great hands a wonderful court awareness that will put up good numbers for us this year.

The next Junior College player is Ashley Young from Belleville, IL. Ashley will play middle hitter for us this year. She is a solid

player at the net with her powerful attack and great blocking skills.

The final Junior College player is Heather Lieberman from Macedon, NY.

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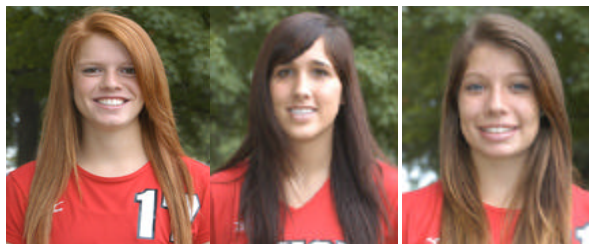
Heather is actually a sophomore who made All-American as a Freshmen at a Junior College. She will play Outside Hitter and will contribute greatly by using her skills as both a great hitter and passer.

The first Freshmen is Anna Sims from Trussville, AL. Anna will be a Middle hitter who puts up a great block on defense in addition to providing a great attack on offense. She was an All-State player in Alabama and will only continue to get better as she learns the col-

lege game.

The next Freshmen is Lindsey Wilson from Catron, MO. Lindsey will play Outside Hitter and will have a chance to help with back row defense. She is an athletic player who brings her exciting talent to the court. Her all around skills will be a great asset and will only improve as she understands the college game. She too was an All-State player.

The final Freshmen player is Katie Givens from Nashville, TN. Katie will play DS for the



team and provides much depth to our back row defense. She has excellent passing ability and will be a great asset.

The New Freshmen are: Anna Sims, Lindsey Wilson, and Katie Givens.

Returning Players

Union Volleyball is returning 4 players to the roster this year with each one being a senior. These players were a key part to the success of the '07 season and return to continue their work in the '08 season. They will provide leadership and experience for the team this year and will be called on to help with the new players.

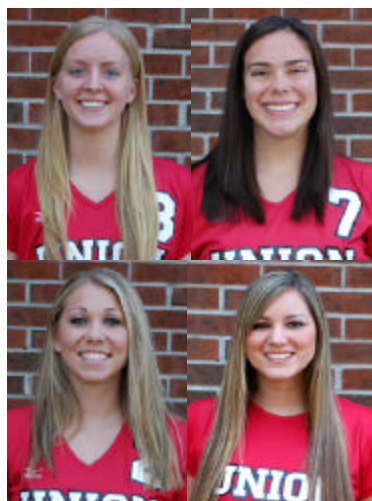
The third player is CJ Neathamer from Anderson, CA. CJ is a proven player who has an all around game that all coaches crave. She has great passing and hitting skills that will benefit our highly potent offense and defense. She will spend time at the Outside Position and at the Libero position.

The final returning player is Emilie Ogas from Porterville, CA. Emilie was an All-conference player at the Oppo-

sition. The first player is Amanda Hutchison Coyle from Jackson, TN. Amanda has been an All-Conference/All Region player for each of her first 3 seasons. She crossed the 1,000 Kill mark her sophomore year and will continue to contribute. Amanda has spent time in the Middle but will also spend time this year at the Outside Hitter position.

site Position. She provides great excitement to not only our team but our conference by becoming one of the most feared right sides in the conference. She has a powerful attack and puts up a great block that will help anchor our front row.

The next player is Lindsey Wallach from Eureka, MO. Lindsey returns for one more year to help anchor the back row defense at the DS and Libero positions. Her '07 year was a career for her and we look forward to seeing her continue her success in the '08 season.



From left to right, Amanda Hutchison Coyle, Lindsey Wallach, CJ Neathamer, and Emilie Ogas

Volleyball Has a Locker Room

In Union Volleyball's 10 year history, the program has not had a locker room. Union built a new Fieldhouse for Baseball, Softball, and Men and Women's Soccer. This new building opened up the baseball locker room to be given to the volleyball program. This locker room was remodeled to be fit for a women's team and has been completed in time for the 08 season.

This locker room is 528 square feet with a player's lounge, a locker room area, a shower room, and a rest room.

The Lounge area is equipped with a 50" Plasma TV, an entertainment center (with a wii game console, DVD player, DVD recorder, surround sound system, and a blue ray player), a refrigerator, a sectional couch, a coffee table, a giant sized bean bag chair, and possibly a ping pong table.

The Locker room area is equipped with 14 lockers with locks for each player, a closet for storage, a vanity for the players, and a dry erase board for coaching items or announcements.

The shower room has two showers with a towel rack for storage of their towels. Each player is issued 2 towels that is monogrammed with their name and number.

The Restroom has the standard rest room items.

