

## Cougar Volleyball Crosses Border for Idaho Classic Tournament

### 2008 WSU Schedule/Results 3-0 overall record

8/29 W 3-2 ^Cal State Northridge  
 8/30 W 3-2 ^Seattle University  
     W 3-1 ^Boise State  
 9/5 +Idaho  
 9/6 +Notre Dame  
     +Eastern Washington  
**9/10 Gonzaga 7 p.m.**  
**9/12 #Wichita State 7 p.m.**  
**9/13 #Montana St. 12:30 p.m.**  
     **#Northwestern 7:30 p.m.**  
 9/19 Utah Valley Univ. 7 p.m.  
 9/20 Alumni Match 7 p.m.  
 9/26 @\*Arizona  
 9/27 @\*Arizona State (TV)  
**10/3 \*Stanford**  
**10/4 \*California**  
 10/10 @\*USC  
 10/11 @\*UCLA  
**10/17 \*Oregon State**  
**10/19 \*Oregon**  
**10/24 @\*Washington**  
 10/31 @\*California  
 11/2 @\*Stanford  
**11/7 \*UCLA**  
**11/9 \*USC**  
 11/14 @\*Oregon  
 11/16 @\*Oregon State  
**11/21 \*Washington**  
**11/28 \*Arizona State**  
**11/29 \*Arizona**

**Home matches are Bold**  
 ^ Boise State Bronco Invite  
 + Idaho Volleyball Classic  
 # Cougar Challenge, Pullman  
 \* Pac-10 Conferences matches

### WSU VOLLEYBALL PLAYS ANOTHER TOURNEY IN SPUD STATE:

The Washington State volleyball team, 3-0 and winners of the Boise State Bronco Invitational tournament, plays 8 miles east this weekend at the University of Idaho Volleyball Classic...Friday, Sept. 5, WSU meets host Idaho...Sat., Sept. 6, the Cougars will meet Notre Dame in the morning and Eastern Washington in the afternoon...all matches are in Memorial Gym on the Idaho campus in Moscow...even though there is not much travel involved in this tournament, there will be live radio coverage of all Cougar contests.

### Idaho Volleyball Classic Tournament Schedule

#### Friday, September 5

4:40 p.m. Eastern Washington vs. Notre Dame  
 7 p.m. Idaho vs. Washington State

#### Saturday, September 6

10 a.m. Washington State vs. Notre Dame  
 12:30 p.m. Idaho vs. Eastern Washington  
 4:30 p.m. Eastern Washington vs. Washington State  
 7 p.m. Idaho vs. Notre Dame

**WSU WINNERS AT BOISE STATE BRONCO INVITE:** Washington State claimed the title at the BSU Bronco tourney last weekend in Boise but it did not come easily...Friday WSU defeated Cal State Northridge 3-2 (25-13,23-25,19-25,25-20,15-10) and came back early Saturday morning to down Seattle University 3-2 (20-25,25-21,25-9,20-25,15-12)...the nightcap was a 3-1 (9-25,25-23,31-29,25-21) win over host Boise State...new Cougar senior MB **Emily Rooney** (40 kills, .364, 4 aces, 7 digs, 16 blocks) was named the tournament MVP while freshman S **Breann Nesselhuf** and junior L **Kelly Hyder** were named to the six-player all-tournament team.

**COUGAR COACHING STAFF:** Head Coach Andrew Palileo (3-0 at WSU, 242-141 career/12 yrs) is in his first season at WSU after a highly successful tenure at South Dakota State...associate head coach Brian Lamma and assistant coach TeAna Tramel complete the coaching staff...Kristina Martin is the coordinator of operations.

**TUNE IN FOR COUGAR VOLLEYBALL ON RADIO:** Cougar volleyball fans can listen to all the road contests during the 2008 season LIVE in the Palouse on KQQQ-AM radio (1150 on the AM dial), or Border 104 (KHTR, 104.3 on the FM dial)...veteran area broadcaster Steve Grubbs is the voice of Cougar volleyball for the fourth season.

### MEET THE OPPONENTS:

**ABOUT THE IDAHO VANDALS (2-1):** Located just 8 miles east in Moscow, Idaho, the Vandals are members of the Western Athletic Conference...opened season at tournament in Murfreesboro, Tenn...lost to No. 15 Middle Tennessee State 3-1 and defeated South Dakota State 3-0 and Southeast Missouri 3-1...leading hitter is 5-11, Sr., OH Haley Larsen with 4.45 kps and 3.91 dps and earned WAC Player of the Week honors for her play last weekend...6-3, So., MB Kelsey Taylor has a 0.86 bps average and 5-7, Jr., DS Kelsey Yonker adds 4.18 dps...setter Kelsey James has a 10.91 assists per set average...volunteer assistant coach this year is former Cougar setter Corina Beyer (2006)...Head Coach Debbie Buchanan owns a 117-123 record at Idaho and career (9 years)...LAST TIME: Aug. 28, 2007 at Pullman, WSU won 3-0 (30-26, 30-27, 30-26)...SERIES RECORD: WSU leads 38-18-2 (WSI streak +1)...LAST WIN AT MOSCOW: Oct. 8, 2002 (3-0).

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**ABOUT THE NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH (2-1):** Located in Indiana, the Fighting Irish are members of the Big East Conference...opened season hosting tournament...defeated Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne 3-0 and Nevada 3-1 before losing to Valparaiso 3-1...leading hitter is 6-0, Fr., OH Kristen Dealy with a 2.82 kps average...top blocker is 6-1, so., MB Kellie Sciacca with 1.82 bps...5-4, Fr., L Frenchy Silva averages 4.27 digs per set...setters Jamel Nicholas (6.91 aps) and Beth Wildermuth (3.73 aps)...Head Coach Debbie Brown has a 409-150 record in 18 seasons at Notre Dame and a 526-233 career record (24 yrs)...LAST TIME: Nov. 26, 1999, Notre Dame defeated WSU 3-0 (10-15, 4-15, 6-15) in Stockton, Calif....SERIES RECORD: Notre Dame leads 3-1 (WSU streak -1).

**ABOUT THE EASTERN WASHINGTON EAGLES (1-2):** Located in Cheney, Washington, the Eagles opened the season at a tournament at Colorado State...EWU lost to Denver 3-0, defeated Arkansas 3-0) and then dropped a close match to the No. 17 Colorado State team, 3-2...Eags are led by 5-11, Jr., OH Haley Hills with 3.36 kps...5-9, Sr., L Mandy Daniels contributes 5.27 dps...both Hills and Daniels were named to the CSU Hilton Classic all-tournament team...top blocker is 6-1, So., MB Chenoa Covaire with 0.73 bps...setter Ashley Hamilton has a 9.09 aps average...Head Coach Miles Kydd is in his first year at EWU and first as a head coach...LAST TIME: Oct. 11, 1994, WSU defeated Eastern Washington 3-0 (15-8, 15-5, 15-11)...SERIES RECORD: WSU leads 27-8 (WSU streak +6).

**CURRENT NATIONAL POLL:** The CBS Sports Network/American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Div. I Coaches Top 25 Poll for Sept. 1, shows seven WSU opponents ranked...six of the top 13 teams are Pac-10 schools so the Cougs will play each twice...the ranked opponents are: national runners-up Stanford at No. 3, California at No. 5, UCLA at No. 6, USC at No. 7, Washington at No. 9, Oregon at No. 13, and Wichita State at No. 22...“also received votes” in the poll is Arizona (No. 31)...go to [www.avca.org](http://www.avca.org) for the weekly coaches top 25 poll.

**PAC-10 2008 STANDINGS (as of 9/2/08)**

	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Streak</u>
Arizona	0-0	3-0	Won 3
Oregon State	0-0	3-0	Won 3
Washington State	0-0	3-0	Won 4
California	0-0	2-0	Won 2
Washington	0-0	2-0	Won 2
Arizona State	0-0	2-1	Won 1
Oregon	0-0	2-1	Lost 1
UCLA	0-0	2-1	Won 1
Stanford	0-0	1-1	Won 1
USC	0-0	0-2	Lost 2

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS FROM THE PAC-10 CONFERENCE (TOP 10):****Individual Overall Matches - rank in conference, WSU player (conf. leader)**

Kills - no WSU player (Sara Reaves, ASU 4.80 kps)

Hitting Percentage - 3rd Cassie Robbins .419, t8th Emily Rooney .364 (Kat Reilly, California .471)

Assists - 6th Renee Bordelon 9.91 aps (Marina Mercer, ASU 11.30 ap2)

Service Aces - no WSU player (Aerial Salvo, Washington 1.50 saps)

Digs - 3rd Kelly Hyder 4.36 dps (Katie Swoboda, Oregon 6.00 dps)

Blocks - no WSU player (Neticia Enesi, Oregon 2.17 bps)

Points - no calculated by Pac-10 this week.

**TEAM STATISTICS FROM THE PAC-10 CONFERENCE (TOP 10):****Team Overall Matches (Leader)**

Kills - WSU is 8th with 12.56 kps (Arizona State 14.10 kps)

Hitting Percentage - WSU is 9th at .201 (California .347)

Opponent Hitting Pct - WSU is 5th at .131 (Arizona .029)

Assists - WSU is 5th at 11.79 aps (California 13.33 aps)

Service Aces - WSU is 8th at 0.86 saps (Oregon State 2.56 saps)

Digs - WSU is 2nd at 15.57 dps (Arizona State 16.40 dps)

Blocks - WSU is 8th at 2.29 bps (Arizona 3.44 bps)

**HYDER TO BUILD ON 1,000 DIGS TOTAL:** Kelly Hyder is the seventh Cougar in school history to reach 1,000 digs in a career...she moved to fifth-place on the WSU career digs list with 1,150 digs...already the school record-holder in single season digs with 565 set in 2006 and her 2007 total of 524 digs is second-best in single-season standings.

**COUGS CLIMBING INTO SCHOOL RECORDS:** Through the 2007 season, two WSU volleyball players were advancing in the school's all-time career records and are back to add to their totals in the 2008 season.

**Career Block Solos**

1. Carrie Couturier (1988-91)	196
5. Joanne Johnson (1991-93)	69
6. Jennifer Stinson (1995-98)	59
<b>7. Brittany Johnson (2005-08)</b>	<b>54</b>

**Career Digs**

1. Shannon Wyckoff (1994-97)	1254
3. LaToya Harris (1999-02)	1178
4. Cindy Baker (1985-88)	1157
5. <b>Kelly Hyder (2006-08)</b>	<b>1150</b>

**MEET THE COUGARS:**

- #6 **Annie Adams** (OH, 6-3, SO-RS, Crosby, Minn.) - redshirt this season after transferring from South Dakota State.
- #2 **Jackie Albright** (OH, 6-0, JR, Lake Forest, Calif.) - one of three co-captains...leads team with 3.08 kills per set.
- #16 **Renee Bordelon** (S, 5-10, JR, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho) - transfer from North Idaho College...has played in 11 sets...109 assists (9.91 aps is 6th best in Pac-10 this week...also tallied 7 kills with a .400 hitting percentage.
- #13 **Bree Flach** (DS/L, 5-7, FR, Shabbona, Ill.) - played in 12 of the Cougars' 14 sets...30 digs.
- #9 **Meagan Ganzer** (OH, 6-3, FR, Black Diamond, Wash.) - seen action in 6 sets with 7 kills, 2 aces and 3 blocks.
- #5 **Faith Hutcherson** (DS, 5-3, SO, Redmond, Wash.) - seen action back row in 2 sets.
- #8 **Kelly Hyder** (DS/L, 5-9, JR, Huntington Beach, Calif.) - third year starter...named to Boise State Bronco Invite all-tournament team...tallied 61 digs for a 4.36 dps average - 3rd best in Pac-10 this week...moved into 5th on the WSU career digs list.
- #19 **Brittany Johnson** (OH, 5-9, SR, Phoenix, Ariz.) - one of three co-captains...played in 11 of 14 sets...19 kills, 2 aces and 14 digs.
- #1 **Breann Nesselhuf** (S, 5-9, FR, Swink, Colo.) - has played in all 14 sets to date...21 kills, 46 assists, 20 digs, 7 blocks...displayed her skills as a hitter at Boise State tournament.
- #12 **Cassie Robbins** (MB, 6-3, JR, Yakima, Wash.) - seen action in 9 sets, 16 kills and .419 hitting percentage which is 3rd best in Pac-10 this week.
- #3 **Emily Rooney** (MB, 6-1, SR, Red Wing, Minn.) - transferred from South Dakota State...one of three co-captains...named MVP of Boise State Bronco Invite...tops on team with 40 kills and 1.14 blocks per set...364 hitting percentage is tied for 8th best in Pac-10 this week.
- #10 **Kimika Rozier** (OH, 5-10, RS-FR, Murrieta, Calif.) - recovering from a minor surgical knee procedure in mid-August...limited drills in practice.
- #7 **Catie Schuetzle** (OH, 5-8, JR, Spokane, Wash.) - moved to volleyball team after three seasons as a triple jumper on the Cougar track and field team...has not seen action on the court to date.
- #4 **Amy Small** (DS/S, 5-6, SR, Pullman, Wash.) - played in 6 sets with 6 digs.
- #21 **Brittany Tillman** (MB, 6-1, SO, Tacoma, Wash.) - played in all 14 sets to date...20 kills and 15 blocks (1.07 bps).
- #11 **Stephanie Weishaar** (DS/L, 5-3, SR, Camas, Wash.) - played in 12 of the Cougars' 14 sets...32 digs.
- #14 **Tangerine Wiggs** (OH, 6-2, FR, Seattle, Wash.) - has not seen action to date.

**THE RULES HAVE CHANGED:** This year all collegiate volleyball fans may notice evidence of several rule changes that have been implemented for the 2008 season. Here are some of the more significant changes:

**RULES CHANGES:**

Coaches Position. When the ball is in play, coaches will be asked to stay at least 1.75 meters from the court's sideline. An imaginary line perpendicular to the outside edge of the extended attack line indicates this distance. If a coach doesn't comply, the referees may assess a team delay sanction.

Terminology. The term "game" will be changed to "set". A match still consists of the best three out of five sets.

Points Required to Win a Set. Instead of 30 points, the number of points needed to win sets one through four is now 25 (and a two-point lead). Fifteen points (and a two-point lead) is still the requirement to win the fifth (deciding) set.

Substitutions. Each team is now allowed a maximum of 12 substitutions per set.

**POINTS OF EMPHASIS:**

**Ball Handling Decisions.** In recent years, referee training has emphasized focusing on the player's contact point with the ball, and not allowing outside influences, such as spin after release, to influence ball handling decisions. A 2008 point of emphasis regarding the second team contact now instructs referees to only call multiple contacts that are obvious enough to be readily seen, and to be less severe when judging extremely athletic plays.

**MARCIA SANEHOLTZ COURT AT BOHLER GYM COUGARS HOME:** The Cougars' home court is called Marcia Saneholtz Court at Bohler Gym in honor of the 28-year administrative veteran of Cougar Athletics who retired Oct. 1, 2007...Sr. Associate Athletics Director/SWA is a long-time proponent of gender equity and a champion for all sports at WSU as well as in the Pac-10 and the nation...NACWAA president (1992-93), on the board of directors (1987-94), and named 1997 Administrator of the Year...also NAGWS Pathfinder Award in 2001 and WSU Woman of Distinction in 2003.

**TUNE IN FOR COUGAR VOLLEYBALL ON TELEVISION:** The Pacific-10 Conference will have LIVE volleyball matches broadcast by the FOX Sports Network throughout the 2008 season...WSU will have one match televised this season, the Sept. 27 match at Arizona State...check your local FOX Sports station for the dates and times of these broadcasts.

[www.wsucougars.com](http://www.wsucougars.com)

## WASHINGTON STATE VOLLEYBALL 2008 SUPERLATIVES Season Highs [Career Highs]

### **#1 BREANN NESSELHUF, S**

Kills: 11 v. Seattle U 8/30  
H.Pct: .286 v. Seattle U 8/30  
Assists: 25 v. CSUN 8/29  
Aces: 1 v. Cal St. Northridge 8/29  
Digs: 9 v. Cal St. Northridge 8/29  
Total Blocks: 5 v. Seattle U 8/30  
Points: 13.5 v. Seattle U 8/30

### **#2 JACKIE ALBRIGHT, OH**

Kills: 16 v. Cal St. Northridge 8/29  
[19, 2007]  
H.Pct: .346 v. Seattle U 8/30  
[.469, 2006 & 2007]  
Service Aces: 0  
[3, 2006 & 2007]  
Digs: 12 v. Cal State Northridge 8/29  
[16, 2007]  
Total Blocks: 4 v. CSUN 8/29  
[4, 2007]  
Points: 18 v. Cal St. Northridge 8/29  
[20.0, 2007]

### **#3 EMILY ROONEY, MB**

Kills: 17 v. Seattle U 8/30  
H.Pct: .560 v. Seattle U 8/30  
Service Aces: 2 v. CSUN 8/29 &  
2 vs. Boise State 8/30  
Digs: 3 v. Cal St. Northridge 8/29  
Total Blocks: 6 v. Boise State 8/30  
Points: 19.5 v. Seattle U 8/30

### **#4 AMY SMALL, DS/S**

Sets: 6  
Aces: 0 [3, 2007]  
Digs: 5 v. Boise State 8/30  
[6, 2007]

### **#5 FAITH HUTCHERSON, DS**

Sets: 2  
Aces: 0  
Digs: 2 v. Boise State 8/30  
[2, 2007]

### **#7 CATIE SCHUETZLE, OH**

Sets: 0

### **#8 KELLY HYDER, DS/L**

Sets: 14  
Service Aces: 0 [3, 2007]  
Digs: 26 v. Seattle U 8/30  
v. Boise State 8/30  
[34, 2006]

### **#9 MEAGAN GANZER, OH**

Kills: 4 v. Seattle U 8/30  
H.Pct: .231 v. Seattle U 8/30  
Service Aces: 2 v. Seattle U 8/30  
Digs: 1 v. Boise State 8/30  
Total Blocks: 3 v. Boise State 8/30  
Points: 7.5 v. Seattle U 8/30

### **#10 KIMIKA ROZIER, OH**

Sets: 0

### **#11 STEPHANIE WEISHAAR, DS/L**

Sets: 12  
Aces: 0 [4, 2006]  
Digs: 14 v. Cal St. Northridge 8/29  
[18, 2006]

### **#12 CASSIE ROBBINS, MB**

Kills: 12 v. Boise State 8/30  
[15, 2006]  
H.Pct: .458 v. Boise State 8/30  
[.467, 2006]  
Digs: 1 v. Boise State 8/30  
[2, 2006]  
Total Blocks: 3 v. Boise State 8/30  
[10, 2006]  
Points: 13.5 v. Boise State 8/30  
[20, 2006]

### **#13 BREE FLACH, DS/L**

Sets: 12  
Kills: 1 (three times)  
Aces: 1 v. Boise State 8/30  
Digs: 11 v. Seattle U 8/30 &  
v. Boise State 8/30

### **#14 TANGERINE WIGGS, OH**

Sets: 0

### **#16 RENEE BORDELON, S**

Kills: 5 v. Seattle U 8/30  
H.Pct: .571 v. Seattle U 8/30  
Assists: 42 v. Seattle U 8/30 &  
v. Boise State 8/30  
Aces: 0  
Digs: 11 v. Boise State 8/30  
Total Blocks: 3 v. Boise State 8/30  
Points: 5.0 v. Seattle U 8/30

### **#19 BRITTANY JOHNSON, OH**

Kills: 8 v. Cal St. Northridge 8/29 &  
8 v. Seattle U 8/30  
[21, 2005 & 2006]  
H.Pct: .138 v. Seattle U 8/30  
[.448, 2006]  
Aces: 2 v. Cal St. Northridge 8/29  
[4, 2007]  
Digs: 8 v. Seattle U 8/30  
[16, 2007]  
Total Blocks: 2 v. CSUN 8/29  
[8, 2005]  
Points: 11.0 v. Cal St. Northridge 8/29  
[26.5, 2005]

### **#21 BRITTANY TILLMAN, MB**

Kills: 10 v. Cal St. Northridge 8/29  
[14, 2007]  
H.Pct: .444 v. Cal St. Northridge 8/29  
[.565, 2007]  
Aces: 0  
Digs: 0 [3, 2007]  
Blocks: 7 v. Seattle U 8/30  
[8, 2007]  
Points: 12.5 v. Cal St. Northridge 8/29  
[16.5, 2007]

### **WSU TEAM HIGHS 2008**

**Kills:** 61 v. Seattle U 8/30  
**Pct.:** .278 v. Seattle U 8/30  
**Assists:** 59 v. Seattle U 8/30  
**Aces:** 5 v. Cal St. Northridge 8/29  
**Digs:** 82 v. Boise State 8/30  
**Total Blocks:** 12.0 v. Seattle U 8/30  
**Points:** 77 v. Seattle U 8/30

### **OPPONENT TEAM HIGHS 2008**

**Kills:** 54 Cal State Northridge 8/29  
**H.Pct:** .152 Cal State Northridge 8/29  
**Assists:** 52 Cal State Northridge 8/29  
**Aces:** 9 Seattle U 8/30  
**Digs:** 60 Seattle U 8/30  
**Total Blocks:** 15.0 Boise State 8/30  
**Points:** 73 Cal State Northridge 8/29