

# Bemidji State Volleyball



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## WEEKLY CAPSULE

### FRIDAY

Opponent: No. 1 Concordia-St. Paul (21-0, 12-0 NSIC)  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Video: NMTV  
Live Stats: <http://www.cugoldenbears.com/livestats/volleyball/xlive.htm>  
Location: St. Paul, Minn.  
CSP Player to Watch: Sr., OH 1 Megan Carlson (3.60 k/game)



## WEEKLY CAPSULE

### SATURDAY

Opponent: St. Cloud State (5-15, 1-11 NSIC)  
Time: 4 p.m.  
Video: NMTV  
Live Stats: <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/athletics/sports/livestats/sportsstats4/xlive.htm>  
Location: St. Cloud, Minn.  
SCSU Player to Watch: Sr., OH 17 Shelby Peterson (2.63 k/game)



## BEAVERS TRAVEL TO CONCORDIA-ST. PAUL AND ST. CLOUD STATE

The Bemidji State University volleyball team travels to No. 1 Concordia University, St. Paul and St. Cloud State University this weekend. The Beavers enter the weekend looking to break a nine-game losing streak. The Golden Bears hold an unblemished record of 21-0 (12-0 NSIC) coming into the weekend and remain as the No. 1 team in the nation. St. Cloud State has struggled this season and has a 5-15 (1-11 mark) coming into Saturday. The Huskies have 11 straight dating back to Sept. 16 when they picked up a victory over University of Mary.

BSU has been led on the attack this season by outside hitter **Bethany Thompson** (Jr., Owatonna, Minn.). Thompson is averaging 2.75 kills per game and his hitting .141 on the season. Thompson is also second on the team in digs per game averaging 2.32. Thompson has been aided on the attack by freshman **Kelsi Crawford** (OH/DS, Wadena, Minn.) and senior **Kimberly Hacker** (MB/RS, Hutchinson, Minn.). Crawford enters the weekend averaging 2.07 kills per set while Hacker is averaging 1.87 kills per set.

Defensively, **Elissa Christensen** (Fr., Montevideo, Minn.) has recently assumed the role of libero and is averaging 1.76 digs per set in her first season for the Beavers.

## PLAYERS TO WATCH

Sr. MB 9 Kimberly Hacker (Hutchinson, Minn.)  
Fr. Lib. 14 Elissa Christensen (Montevideo, Minn.)  
Jr. OH 2 Bethany Thompson (Owatonna, Minn.)

## BSU STAT LEADERS

Kills - 2 Bethany Thompson (190)  
Assists - 10 Jessi-Beth McCannell (513)  
Service Aces - 2 Bethany Thompson (18)  
Digs - 11 Laura Carlson (257)  
Blocks - 1 Rachel Craig (39)

## 2011 BSU VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

### September

#### Sioux Falls Tournament

2	vs. Minot State	W, 3-2
2	vs. SD School of Mines	L, 3-0
3	vs. Black Hills State	W, 3-1
3	at Sioux Falls	W, 3-1

#### UMD Tournament

9	vs. (18) Rollins	L, 3-0
9	vs. Winona State	L, 3-1
10	vs. California (Pa.)	L, 3-0
10	vs. Upper Iowa	L, 3-0
13	at U-Mary	L, 3-1
16	<b>MSU Moorhead</b>	<b>L, 3-0</b>
17	<b>Minnesota, Crookston</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
20	at (5) Minnesota Duluth	L, 3-0
23	at (14) Minnesota State	L, 3-1
24	at (7) SW Minnesota State	L, 3-1
30	<b>Augustana</b>	<b>L, 3-1</b>

### October

1	<b>(10) Wayne State</b>	<b>L, 3-0</b>
7	<b>(4) Minnesota Duluth</b>	<b>L, 3-0</b>
11	<b>(1) Concordia-St. Paul</b>	<b>L, 3-0</b>
14	at Winona State	L, 3-0
15	at Upper Iowa	L, 3-0
21	at (1) Concordia-St. Paul	7 p.m.
22	at St. Cloud State	4 p.m.
28	<b>U-Mary</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
29	<b>Northern State</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>

### November

4	at MSU Moorhead	7 p.m.
5	at Minnesota, Crookston	3 p.m.
11	<b>(13) Minnesota State</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
12	<b>(6) SW Minnesota State</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>

## SCOUTING THE OPPONENT

### CONCORDIA-ST. PAUL

Concordia University, St. Paul comes into Friday with an unblemished 21-0 (11-0 NSIC) record. The Golden Bears are ranked No. 1 nationally as they try to defend their four-straight NCAA Division II National Championships. Concordia-St. Paul.

The Golden Bears are led by four All-Americans in outside hitter Megan Carlson, middle hitter Cassie Haag, right side hitter Kayla Koenecke and setter Amanda Konetchy. Carlson was picked as the *NSIC Preseason Player of the Year* and comes in averaging 3.60 kills per game and a .322 hitting percentage. Koenecke isn't far behind averaging 3.47 kills per game and hitting .412. Konetchy, the *AVCA National Freshman of the Year* in 2010, is averaging 13.02 assists per game. In addition to being the top offensive player for Concordia-St. Paul, Carlson also leads the team with 4.24 digs per game. On the block, Katie Habeck leads the Golden Bears with 1.03 blocks per game. Habeck is also averaging 2.45 kills per game.

### ST. CLOUD STATE

St. Cloud State University enters the weekend with a 5-15 (1-11) record. The Huskies have lost their last 11 matches. St. Cloud State is paced by Shelby Peterson's 2.63 kills per game. Erica Beacom comes into the weekend averaging 2.17 kills per game and is hitting .227. At setter, Jennifer Waterman is averaging 8.71 assists per set. Defensively, libero Chelsea Nagle is averaging 3.81 digs per set.

St. Cloud State suffered two 3-0 losses to ranked foes Southwest Minnesota State University and Minnesota State University last weekend.

## SERIES HISTORY

### CONCORDIA-ST. PAUL

Bemidji State has lost the last 21 matches to Concordia University, St. Paul dating back to Nov. 2, 2001, the last time the Beavers upended the Golden Bears. Concordia-St. Paul leads the all-time series 23-9-1. The Golden Bears picked up a 3-0 victory just over a week ago against the Beavers at BSU Gymnasium.

### ST. CLOUD STATE

The Huskies lead the all-time series 41-19. The Beavers captured last year's meeting upending St. Cloud State, a team ranked in the Central Region at the time of last year's match. Bemidji State has won the last three match-ups with the Huskies.

## FRESHMAN WATCH

Freshman **Rachel Craig** (MB, Wadena, Minn.) has started all 20 matches this season for BSU. Wadena-Deer Creek High School teammate **Kelsi Crawford** (OH/DS) and Kelly Niles (OH, Grand Rapids, Minn.) have started 17 matches apiece this year. **Courtney Volkmann** (S/DS, Wadena, Minn.) and **Elissa Christensen** (Lib., Montevideo, Minn.) have each started the last three games for BSU with Christensen serving as the libero in the last two matches.

## MISS VERSATILITY

Coach Wayne Chadwick knew he could count on **Bethany Thompson** (Jr., OH, Owatonna, Minn.) on the offensive end after her first two year's but this season Thompson has picked up her defensive numbers. Thompson not only leads the team in kills (190) and service aces (18) but is also second on the team in digs (160). Thompson leads the team with five double-doubles on the season.

## MCCANNELL WATCH

**Jessi-Beth McCannell** (Sr., S, Brandon, Manitoba) came into the season ranked in the top 10 for assists. McCannell has now moved up to No. 9 all-time with a total of 1,579 surpassing Kristy Grann. She needs 336 assists to move past Courtney Bitter at No. 8

1. Mary Gergen	4,629 (1986-89)
2. Michele Dinius	4,126 (1995-99)
3. Jean Musgjerd	3,558 (1981-84)
4. Kristin Smith	3,208 (2001-04)
5. Alicia Beaman	2,503 (2004-08)
6. Amy Soehren	2,341 (1992-95)
7. Jill Amundson	1,928 (1998-01)
8. Courtney Bitter	1,915 (2008-09)
9. <b>Jessi-Beth McCannell</b>	<b>1,579 (2008-Pr)</b>
10. Kristy Grann	1,343 (1990-91)

## DOUBLE-DOUBLES

### Bethany Thompson

Sept. 10 (Upper Iowa) - 11 kills, 10 digs  
Sept. 13 (U-Mary) - 15 kills, 13 digs  
Sept. 17 (Minnesota, Crookston) - 10 kills, 10 digs  
Sept. 20 (Minnesota State) - 10 kills, 10 digs  
Oct. 1 (Wayne State) - 13 kills, 13 digs

### Jessi-Beth McCannell

Sept. 13 (U-Mary) - 45 assists, 10 digs  
Sept. 30 (Augustana) - 37 assists, 16 digs  
Oct. 1 (Wayne State) - 22 assists, 19 digs

### Kelly Niles

Sept. 9 (Winona State) - 12 kills, 10 digs

### Kelsi Crawford

Sept. 3 (Sioux Falls) - 17 kills, 10 digs

## AVCA TOP 25 (10/17/11)

RK Team (1st place)	Rec.	LW
1 <b>Concordia-St. Paul (31)</b>	<b>21-0</b>	<b>1</b>
2 Tampa (1)	20-0	2
3 Cal State San Bernardino	18-0	3
4 <b>Minnesota Duluth</b>	<b>21-0</b>	<b>4</b>
5 Washburn	20-1	5
6 Nebraska-Kearney	21-1	6
7 Central Missouri	17-3	7
8 Hillsdale	18-2	8
9 <b>SW Minnesota State</b>	<b>14-6</b>	<b>9</b>
10 <b>Wayne State (Neb.)</b>	<b>15-5</b>	<b>10</b>
11 Metro State	17-4	12
12 Northern Kentucky	18-2	13
13 Ferris State	17-2	11
14 West Texas A&M	22-2	14
15 Wingate	21-0	15
16 Armstrong Atlantic State	22-0	16
17 Angelo State	22-2	17
18 UC-San Diego	13-4	18
19 <b>Minnesota State</b>	<b>12-7</b>	<b>20</b>
20 Lewis	15-5	21
21 Indianapolis	14-5	22
22 Colorado School of Mines	16-5	24
23 Seattle Pacific	14-5	19
24 Sonoma State	15-3	NR
25 Regis	17-5	NR

**Others receiving votes:** Northern Michigan 25; Western Washington 23; Eckerd 20; Missouri S&T 17; Chico State 12; Emporia State 12; Arkansas Tech 9; Truman 8; **Rollins 4**; West Florida 4; Arkansas-Fort Smith 3

**BOLD - Bemidji State opponents in 2011**

## 2011 NSIC STANDINGS

Team	NSIC	Overall	Stk
Minnesota Duluth	12-0	21-0	W21
Concordia-St. Paul	12-0	21-0	W21
SW Minnesota State	9-3	15-6	W1
Wayne State	8-4	15-6	L1
Winona State	7-5	13-8	L1
MSU Moorhead	7-5	9-10	L1
Minnesota State	6-6	13-7	W2
Upper Iowa	6-6	13-9	W2
Northern State	6-6	11-8	W3
Augustana	6-7	12-9	W1
Minnesota, Crookston	3-9	9-13	W1
St. Cloud State	1-11	5-15	L11
Bemidji State	1-11	4-16	L9
U-Mary	1-12	2-20	L13