COUGARS 2015 VOLLEYBALL

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As Coach Jennifer Buikema looks to improve on her second season this fall, the 2015 Cougars will capitalize on key returning sophomores. Courtney McCauley, outside hitter and co-captain for the Cougars, was a standout player last season, earning MCCAA honors being named 2nd Team All-Conference and voted to the All-Freshman Team. McCauley adds a powerful attack to the Cougar offense, as well as consistency on both serve receive and defense. Her co-captain, Michaela DeKilder from Gobles, is another go-to player for the Cougars. While middle blockers are usually replaced by defensive players in the back row, DeKilder’s defense was unwavering last season and the Cougar’s hope to get the most out of both her offensive and defensive skills.

A third returner for the Cougar offense is setter, Sam Geivett, who brings determination and leadership to the line-up, leading the 2014 season in assists with 601. Also returning is Alexis Blake who played “utility” for the Cougars last season having the ability to step into any position, including middle blocker and defensive specialist, making her a threat in all areas of the game. The final returner for the Cougars is Portage Central’s Rachel Callaway, whose blocking ability is something the Cougar’s will be depending on.

Kalamazoo Valley adds nine freshmen to the 2015 roster from the southwest Michigan area including four defensive specialists. The Cougars expect a strong season.
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RACHEL CALLAWAY

Parents Jeff and Julie Callaway
Position Right/Middle Hitter
Height 5'11"
Year Sophomore
High School Portage Central

Abilities
Multiple position player with the ability to adapt to various tempo offenses, strong blocking ability, great attitude
Highlights
2014 Team Co-leader in Aces (26), and Blocks (20)

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JAMIE LIOY

Parents James and Jackie Lioy
Position Outside Hitter
Height 5'7"
Year Freshman
High School Sturgis

Abilities
Well-rounded, all-around player, strong offensive player, ability to hit various offensive shots
Highlights
Three time Sturgis Team Hustle Award Winner, 2014 Wolverine Conference 1st Team All-Conference

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INDIA ASH

Parents Angelina Grauman
Position Right/Middle Blocker
Height 5'7"
Year Freshman
High School Vicksburg

Abilities
Versatile player with ability to play different positions, exceptional blocking ability, team player with positive attitude
Highlights
Academic All-State Team, 2013 and 2014 Wolverine Conference Champions, 2014 District Champions

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LIBBY PARKER

Parents Steve and Kelly Parker
Position Defensive Specialist
Height 5'0"
Year Freshman
High School Delton Kellogg

Abilities
Strong serve receive capabilities, ability to read the opponent’s offense
Highlights
2014 Kalamazoo Valley Association 1st Team All-Conference, All-Area Honorable Mention, 2nd Team All-County
COURTNEY MCCAULEY

Parents: Jeff McCauley and Michelle Hall
Position: Outside Hitter
Height: 5’9”
Year: Sophomore
High School: Paw Paw

Abilities: Dynamic power attacker with the ability to run multiple set tempos, aggressive on both defense and serve receive, vocal leader

Highlights: MCCA 2nd Team All-Conference, MCCA All-Freshman Team, 2014 Team Co-Leader in Kills (262)

KASSIE JONES

Parents: Steve Jones
Position: Defensive Specialist
Height: 5’5”
Year: Freshman
High School: Hopkins

Abilities: Great defensive footwork and ability to read the opponent’s offense, aggressive on both serve receive and defense

Highlights: 2x 1st Team All-Conference, 2x All-County, 2014 Team Most Valuable Player

MICHAELA DEKILDER

Parents: Don and Trish DeKilder
Position: Middle Blocker
Height: 5’10”
Year: Sophomore
High School: Gobles

Abilities: Extraordinary all-around player, power hitter, aggressive blocker, big asset to our power offense and dynamic defense

Highlights: 2014 2nd on team in Kills (191), 2nd in Aces (23), 2nd in Blocks (46), 2014 Cougar Most Valuable Player

KENNEDY VANDENBERG

Parents: Joseph and Amy VanDenBerg
Position: Outside Hitter
Height: 5’10”
Year: Freshman
High School: Hopkins

Abilities: Explosive hitter with strong blocking ability, well-rounded, all-around player

Highlights: 2013 OK Silver All-Conference Honorable Mention, 2014 OK Silver 1st Team All-Conference, All-County, Team Most Valuable Player
SHANNYN SMITH

Parents: Randy and Wendy Smith  
Position: Setter  
Height: 5’9”  
Year: Freshman  
High School: Portage Northern

Abilities:  
Very competitive and demanding of self and teammates, ability to run a multiple tempo offense with consistency  
Highlights:  
2014 Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference 2nd Team All-Conference, Team Most Valuable Player

ALEX RIESGRAF

Parents: Mike and Cindy Riesgraf  
Position: Defensive Specialist  
Height: 5’2”  
Year: Freshman  
High School: Portage Northern

Abilities:  
Strong vocal capabilities, vocal leader on the court, aggressive and consistent on both defense and serve receive  
Highlights:  
4x Highest Academic Honors

ALEXIS BLAKE

Parents: Stephanie Blake  
Position: Utility  
Height: 5’9”  
Year: Sophomore  
High School: Edwardsburg

Abilities:  
Hard working team player, great work ethic and attitude, strong leadership capabilities  
Highlights:  
2014 2nd on team in Digs (220), 2014 Cougar Spirit Award

SAM GEIVETT

Parents: David and Elizabeth Geivett  
Position: Setter  
Height: 5’10”  
Year: Sophomore  
High School: Wayland

Abilities:  
Solid player with natural talent, ability to set a multiple tempo offense, vocal leader on and off the court  
Highlights:  
2014 Team Leader in Assists (601), Digs (126), Blocks (22), Aces (20), 2014 Cougar Most Improved Player Award
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### 2015 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

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