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## Volleyball Team Aiming High

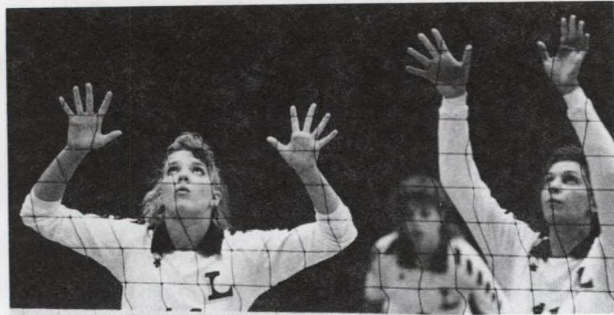
After finishing second in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Tournament last year and registering an overall record of 14-18, the Explorers are looking with much optimism towards the 1991 season. Still more reason for a bright outlook is the return of three starters and an exceptional class of newcomers that second-year Head Coach Arnie Rosenbaum recruited in the off-season. All indications point to increased success for the 1991 La Salle University volleyball team.

"This season we're looking to get out of the gate quickly and start off the way we finished last year—strong," said Rosenbaum. Helping to achieve this will be offensive leader Jen Wutzer, a two-time MAAC Player of the Week and MAAC Tournament Co-MVP. "Jen will be looked upon again to lead our offensive attack from both the middle and outside position, while receiving her main help from Eileen McKeogh," explained Rosenbaum. A strong player herself, McKeogh was the La Salle Invitational MVP and a two-time MAAC Player of the Week. Rounding out this threesome of returning starters is Lori Huggins. She will be counted upon to put up some big blocks and assume a backup setter role.

Joining this nucleus is a strong group of freshmen recruits and newcomers. "This is one of the best group of athletes that we have had in awhile," said Rosenbaum. "They bring with them some outstanding skills, a winning attitude and a strong work ethic that should allow them to contribute to the team success right away."

The strongest recruit appears to be 6-0 middle blocker Kristin Reilly. Reilly was named Female Athlete of the Year at Vandermuellen High School (NY), and her Long Island/Big Apple club won the USVBA east coast championship. Reilly will lead a tall row of blockers, that includes 5-10 freshmen Mary Costigan and Debra Rosenbach. Rosenbaum also predicts some strong outside hitting and passing from Carrie Fossella, a two-time first team All-Conference player for Columbia High (NJ). Replacing MAAC Co-MVP setter Dana Shepherd will be the job of Connie Blades. A 1990 conference Player of the Year for North Caroline High School (MD), Blades will be the new court leader for La Salle, setting a 5-1 offense.

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Lori Huggins and Jennifer Wutzer

## Kempf's Booters Key on Defense

The La Salle University women's soccer team has made great strides since the sport's inception in 1986. Having increased their victories and level of competition steadily, La Salle put together a 6-11-2 slate during the 1990 campaign in the face of an arduous Division I schedule. With their top defensive players returning, the Explorer squad's style of hardnosed soccer will make them an able challenger in 1991.



Sue Guba

"This year defense will be our strength," said Head Coach Betty Ann Kempf. "All of our top defenders will be returning, including keeper Sue Guba." Guba has had two years of experience in the net, and last year she improved her goals against average to 1.76. A true team leader, expect Guba to give a "stonewall" performance in 1991. Leading the backfield are senior co-captain Bridget McLernan and junior Denise Scheidell, whose conditioning is an asset along with her ability to control the tempo of the game. Look for these two players to log the most minutes on defense.

In the midfield Laura Cesaro and Dawn Jaffee will add strength and stability. Cesaro registered three assists last season, while Jaffee notched two goals and two assists. With eight points to her credit, Jeannine Cridge has proven that she is an asset on any part of the field. Add sophomore Debbie Marks, who received valuable playing time as a freshman, and you have a steady midfield.

Gone from last year's offense is team leader Meg Cardie. This midfielder was second on the team in scoring with ten points. In La Salle's favor, however, is the return of leading scorer Linda Madeja. As a freshman she tallied nine goals and then in a 14-game, injury filled sophomore season she netted eight. With a healthy return scheduled, Madeja's talent will lead to higher production.

La Salle's look of the '90's will be bolstered by the four new recruits that Kempf has signed. All have played a highly competitive level of soccer on clubs with great tradition.

On the schedule this year look for the toughest competition to once again come from Army, Rutgers, Villanova and George Washington. After facing all of these teams on their home field last year, La Salle has earned the right to challenge them in McCarthy Stadium, promising some very exciting action. New additions to the schedule include Stonybrook, Manhattan, Temple, and Penn, assuring many new rivalries.

—Dawn Wright



## Under Griesbaum, Field Hockey Ready For Challenge

Fresh from her summer tour with the U.S. Olympic Team, Explorer Head Coach Tracey Griesbaum is ready to show her team how to surmount the obstacles that follow a 4-13-2 season. La Salle endured some hard luck last year, losing six games by just one goal. Don't expect this to be the case in '91. Griesbaum's fundamentals and winning attitude are established firmly among her returning veterans, ensuring a complete metamorphosis.



*Dawn Aufiero*

In La Salle's favor is the return of two-year leading goal scorer, junior Kelli McGahey. She doubled her freshman year production, scoring 14 goals over 19 games last year. With two weeks of experience at the U.S. Olympic Fest in Los Angeles this summer, McGahey should be even more convincing. Joining the offensive attack for La Salle will be Kerri McGahey and Amy Horsey. Ordinarily a defensive specialist, McGahey pitched in from behind the front line last year to score four goals, while the fleet-footed Horsey contributed two goals. Another sister combo that will benefit La Salle is the duo of Gina and Pam Russo. One of this year's co-captains, Gina came through with two goals and Pam had a goal and an assist from her backfield position.

On defense the Explorers are backboned by co-captain Jen Miller and Jennifer King. Both played in all 19 games last year, providing much needed support. Senior Jeannie Sgro will come off the bench to add some quality minutes in the Explorer defensive zone, as well. In the net is junior Michelle Richmond, a two-year starter. Richmond logged a 2.04 goals against average last year with an 85.4 save percentage. With a stronger squad in front of her, Richmond's goal stopping ability will continue to improve.

—Dawn Wright

## Volleyball Team continued from page 1

With the new round robin format in the MAAC, La Salle will aim big and try to win both the regular season and the tournament championship. Expect the strongest opposition to come from Loyola and St. Peter's. Non-league tournament action will be fierce this year as the schedule includes two home invitationals and the annual big 5 clash. Villanova, Temple, American and Navy should provide La Salle with the biggest challenge. Highlighting the schedule is a southern trip that includes top Division I competitors North Carolina, Furman, Duke and Virginia Commonwealth. Despite this high level of competition, Rosenbaum feels that La Salle can move up in the rankings this year by knocking off a few of the higher ranked teams. With the schedule that he has prepared there will certainly be an abundance of opportunities. Coach Rosenbaum invites you to come see the new look Explorers.

—Dawn Wright



## Woods, Hurd On The Offensive For 1991-92 Explorers

Outside scoring was the offensive strength of the La Salle University Explorers last season and it appears that will be the situation again for 1991-92.

La Salle's top three scorers in 1990-91 were **Doug Overton** (22.3 points per game), **Randy Woods** (21.6) and **Jack Hurd** (15.9), all productive jump shooters. Overton has graduated (a second-round draft choice of the Detroit Pistons) but Woods, a 6-0 senior guard, and Hurd, a 6-6 senior forward/guard, will be back. In one game last season (12/31/90) at Loyola Marymount, the trio accounted for 120 of La Salle's points in a 133-118 victory (Woods 46, Overton 45, Hurd 25).

Joining Woods and Hurd in the perimeter shooting brigade will be 6-1 freshman **Paul Burke**, from Philadelphia's Chestnut Hill Academy, where he produced 1,363 points. Burke is expected to back up both shooting guard Woods and junior point guard **Jeff Neubauer**.

Neubauer was an unexpectedly valuable performer last season. After playing only 43 minutes

as a freshman, he was pressed into an early starting role during Woods' four-game disciplinary-action suspension, and also toward the end of the season when Overton suffered a sprained ankle. Despite his inexperience, Neubauer, who played 552 minutes as a sophomore, averaged only one turnover for every 40 minutes of action.

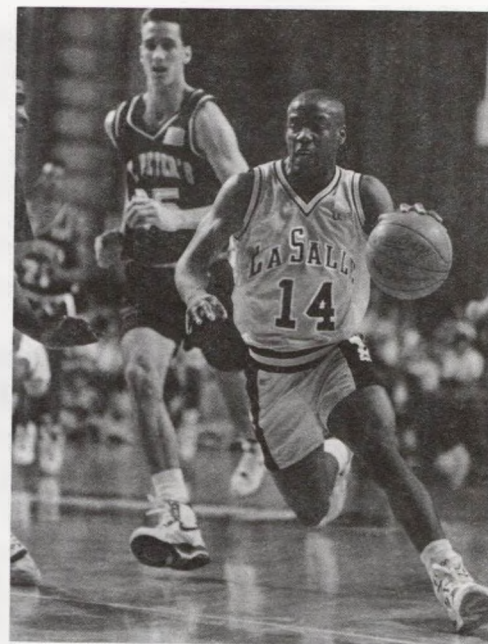
Coach **Bill "Speedy" Morris'** other newcomer, along with Burke, is **Luteke Kalombo**, a 6-7 forward from Herndon, VA, and a cousin of Georgetown product Dikembe Motombo. Luteke's father is Zaire's ambassador to Canada, and Luteke's older brother, Kubi, played with Sacramento in the World League of American Football.

Senior **Milko Lieverst**, The Netherlands' gift to La Salle and a candidate for his country's 1992 Olympic team, will handle most of the rebounding duties on a fulltime basis, having averaged eight a game last season. Competing for a starting berth alongside Lieverst are holdover reserves **Bron Holland**, **Don Shelton** and **Ray Schultz**, and redshirt freshman **Blitz Wooten**.

The Explorers' 1991-92 schedule, anchored by 16 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference games, is highlighted by non-conference match-ups against Notre Dame, Villanova, Temple, Brigham Young,

Princeton, St. Joseph's and Pennsylvania, along with appearances in the Richmond Tournament and Far West Classic.

—Bob Vetrone



*Randy Woods*



## Miller Sets Goals For 1991-92 Hoop Season

This year, as La Salle prepares to meet the challenges of a new season, the Explorers will celebrate the 20th year of women's basketball at the university. The program record surpassed the 300 win mark last season and now stands at 305-178. Having been graced with two exceptional recruits and a returning cast of both seasoned and budding talent, John Miller's 1991-92 La Salle Explorers formulate a team worthy of success in this celebratory year.

The goals that Miller has set are clear-cut and defined. He wants his team to win 20 games, and capture both the MAAC Championship and Big 5 title. To attain these goals Miller feels three things must happen: 1) avoid serious injury, 2) come together as a team and realize potential, and 3) be fortunate enough to win the close games. Witness this, and you will see a team bound for greatness. "We have a good combination of players this year," said Miller, "that will surprise a lot of people."

Of immediate importance this season is replacing the production of senior co-captains Mary Greybush (19.5 ppg, 9.3 rpg) and Denise Kayajian (12.5 ppg, 3.8 apg). Greybush, a GTE Third Team Academic All-American and all-everything, became La Salle's sixth all-time scorer with 1,404 points, while Kayajian's quickness and scorer's touch earned her Big 5 second team honors. "Somebody or a combination of people will have to step up," Miller explained.

Controlling the point will be senior tri-captain Mimi Harris. An adept playmaker, Harris played 834 minutes last year and averaged a healthy 6.1 assists per outing. This total placed her second among the MAAC leaders. A starter in 21 games, Harris' experience should bode well for the Explorers.

Spelling Harris will be the job of freshman Cindy Pierce. A true motivational force, Pierce's desire and aggressive style of play should take her far.

In the shooting guard position a wealth of experience exists. Junior tri-captain Jennifer McGowan returns ready for action after medically redshirting during the 1990-91 season. Her defensive alertness remains a key component of her game along with her ability to move the ball quickly up the court.

A starter in all 28 games last year, long-range artist Jennifer Cole begins her junior campaign after rewriting the La Salle three-point record books. She now has 58 career 3-pt. field goals and this total will only continue to grow. Cole's shooting abilities make her an outside threat in every game.

The remaining Explorer guard is newcomer Allyson Blue. With her athletic talent she will be



*Lisa Auman*

called upon to play both the point and shooting guard. Blue's value stands in her ability to run the fast break and make key split-second decisions.

Up front the most experienced player is junior Dolores Seiberlich. One of only two players to see action in all 28 games, she shot with great accuracy (90-193, .466) and was second on the team in rebounding (5.1 rpg). Seiberlich's abilities could make her La Salle's top inside player this year.

Battling for a starting role will once again be junior Tina Tunink. Tunink transferred to La Salle last year from Butler County Community College (KS), but had to redshirt the season because of stress fractures. With a proven aptitude for scoring, Tunink should contribute some big numbers.

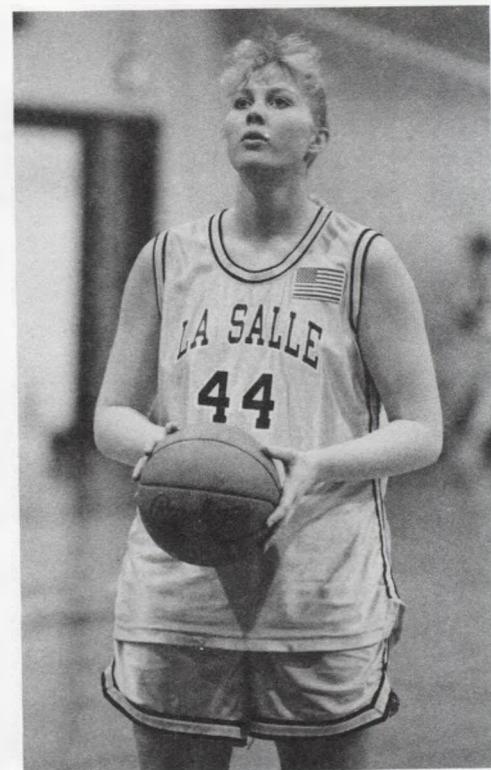
Small forward Laura Reigstad raised her scoring average to 5.3 ppg last season after seeing increased action. One of this year's tri-captains, she will be vying for a permanent role as a starter after earning eight starts in '90-91.

The remaining three forwards on the team consist of a strong class of sophomores. Lisa Auman returns as the most experienced, having played 27 games and starting in two. She averaged 4.2 ppg and in doing so had the highest field goal percentage (.511) on the team. Auman's powerful game could land her a starting role. In Lori Hamilton and Mary Heller exist two very promising players. Hamilton's rebounding strengths will help La Salle, while Heller's inside scoring game and blocking talents should be an asset.

This year's schedule presents another formidable challenge. The MAAC will continue its pace upward in the conference ranks, with all the teams of authority returning ever strong. "The powerful teams of last year will still have a presence," said Miller. "Siena, Manhattan, and St. Peter's have graduated very few people, and Fairfield has replaced Tricia Sacca and Lisa Mikelic with a very good recruiting class." The MAAC scenario should provide many interesting developments this year.

The non-league lineup won't be a cake-walk either. La Salle travels to the Lady Bonnies' Classic at St. Bonaventure in early December with Akron and Columbia and will then prepare to host the annual eight team La Salle Invitational after Christmas. The strongest competition appears to be represented in Marquette, Butler and Boston University. In January the Explorers will make a hometown visit for Indiana native Jennifer Cole. On the card is the high scoring Valparaiso Crusaders who averaged just over 100 points last season and the Notre Dame Fighting Irish who scored one of the top recruiting classes in the country. Combined with the usual Big 5 competition of rivals Villanova, St. Joseph's, Temple and Penn, this coming season will provide plenty of challenge and excitement.

—Dawn Wright



*Lori Hamilton*



## Explorer Notes & News . . .

### Field Hockey

La Salle University Field Hockey Coach Tracey Griesbaum is more than just a teacher of the game. She is also a player, and not an ordinary one at that. Griesbaum is currently a member of the 1991 U.S. National Field Hockey Team.

Griesbaum's summer has been nothing but a whirlwind of travel, with tours of Australia, New Zealand, Cuba and England. While in Sheffield, England, the Americans placed fifth out of twelve teams in the World University Games, and most recently in the Pam American Games, they finished third behind Argentina and Canada. Between their tours, the U.S. Team was stationed at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA, for practice and training.

Griesbaum is no stranger to international competition. She has been on the U.S. National Team for the last three years, travelling to many different corners of the world. Included in her travels are such countries as Italy, Russia, Belgium, Holland and India. She makes her living as a starting left back, specializing in the area of attack and defense corners. Only sixteen players make up the official travel party.

This fall Griesbaum and her teammates will be attempting to qualify for the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona by attending the Olympic Qualifying

Tournament. Twelve teams will be involved, but only the top five teams will advance to Barcelona. Australia (1988 Gold Medalist), Spain (host team) and The Netherlands (World Cup Champion) have already qualified.

### Crew

La Salle University crew personnel came away with numerous medals during international and national events this past summer.

Pete Borowski, Class of '88, and partner Mike Handry won the bronze medal in the lightweight doubles at the Pam Am Games in Cuba.

Julie Yentz, Class of '88 and a coach in the Explorers' women's program, was a member of two medal-winners at the Sports Festival in Los Angeles, helping the eight win a gold and the four capture a bronze.

Yentz also rowed with the Elite Development Camp and earned silver medals in the eight and four in the American rowing Championships at Camden, NJ.

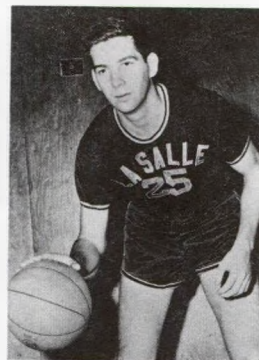
### Basketball

It was a marriage made in heaven—or at least at La Salle. On June 11, former men's basketball star Tim Legler married former women's hoop star Jennifer Snyder at Maris Stella Church, in Avalon, NJ.

Legler is the Explorers' seventh all-time leading scorer with 1,699, has had several visits to the National Basketball Association and starred with the champion Philadelphia Spirit of the United States Basketball League this past summer.

Snyder, Class of '89 and a four-year performer, set the La Salle record for three-pointers made in a game, five, and her 68.4% on "threes" in her junior season, is also a La Salle record. She is a Human Resources Associate at Harrah's in Atlantic City.

Billy Raftery, basketball captain in 1963, former Seton Hall coach, and now a nationally-famous TV color announcer, has become a partner in a Jersey City restaurant, Doyle's and Raftery's. Billy says the number to call for reservations is (201) 915-9600.



*Bill Raftery, La Salle College '63*

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