

TREVECCA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

Volleyball History

In 1973-1974, Trevecca Nazarene College started a Women's Extramural Volleyball team. The conference that Trevecca was in at that time was the Southern Christian Athletic Conference. SCAC voted to have a club volleyball tournament, and Trevecca participated.

Intercollegiate volleyball began in the fall of 1974 with Debbie Lore as the first coach. Twelve women were on the first team and they ended up with an overall record of 5-8. The team participated in the TN College Women's Sports Federation and AIAW.

The Conference (SCAC) voted in 1974 to support women's athletics—which was a first for intercollegiate sports in this country. So, the second volleyball team participated in the SCAC Volleyball Tournament and finished third. Kim Wonders made the All Tournament team.

In 1975-1976, Trevecca joined the Volunteer State Athletic Conference (VSAC) and played in SCAC for the last year. The VSAC record was 3-2. This was Debbie Lore's last year.

Mary Lou Hunt served as the next volleyball coach for two years. Records are not available for 1977-1988. Carolyn Smith became Co-Ordinator of Women's Athletics in 1978. Omega Stratton, from McGavock High School, helped coach the end of the season. The overall record of the team was 13-22.

Women's Volleyball continued to have numerous coaches for nearly twenty years. Steve Harris coached for one year, Teena Kennamer for one year, and Carol Ernest for two years. In 1982, Brenda Steen became Trevecca's first NAIA Academic All American.

In 1983, Melinda Borthick coached for one year, followed by Terry Quarles for one year, Mary Ann Stalvey for two years, Cara Patterson for one year, and Kim Sparks for three years. It was in 1990 that Allison H. Edmondson became Trevecca's 2nd NAIA Scholar-Athlete. Lyn Slonecker was coach for one year. Records are limited for these years with so many different coaches. Renae Kirkhart arrived in 1992 and coached volleyball for four years. Shonnie Rhodes became the 3rd NAIA Academic All American, then a junior. She was the first to repeat the same honor in her senior year, 1993-1994. Upon Renae's departure, Kim Sparks was hired again for one year.

Things were soon to change with the hiring of Scott Jones. At the time of this writing, Scott has been the volleyball coach for ten years. His first year was a rebuilding year. He went from an overall record of 5-23 his first season to an overall record of 32-13 his second season. Scott was named TranSouth Coach of the Year and Trevecca had three players on the All Conference Team. The women advanced to the NAIA Region XI Tournament for the first time! Natalie Pifer was named to the Region XI All-Region Team. Natalie ended her career at Trevecca having been named to the All-Region Team for four years.

The Lady Trojans had their best season ever in the fall of 2003. Their overall record was 34-8 and their TranSouth Record was a record: 11-3. They advanced to the Region XI Tournament as the No. 4 Seed for their fourth consecutive season. It was also during this season that Crissie Cunha became volleyball's first NAIA All American Honorable Mention! It was truly a record breaking season in many ways.

The next year, 2004, became a rebuilding year again for Scott. Scott finished his 9th year, 2005, with the most wins in the program's history with 183. By 2006, Scott surpassed the 200 win mark and is the only coach to do so in Trevecca volleyball history. At the conclusion of the season his team had a 20-15 overall record and a 10-6 TranSouth Athletic Conference record.

The 2007 season was the final for Scott Jones at the helm of the program. Scott passed away during the summer of 2008 as he was preparing for the 2008 season. He is the winningest coach in Trevecca Volleyball History. He was elected and then inducted into the Trevecca Athletic Hall of Fame in the Fall of 2008.

Jayne Crowley was named Trevecca's 14th head coach volleyball coach prior to the 2008-2009 season, replacing the late Scott Jones.

Her first two seasons on the hill have been successful. Crowley's teams have a combined to produce a 47-24 overall record and are 20-8 in TranSouth Athletic Conference play. Her first team was 22-11 and reached the TranSouth Tournament Championship game, just a win away from advancing Trevecca to the NAIA National Championships for the first time in program history. The team was third in the TranSouth regular season. Her second team was 25-13 and

produced Trevecca's first second place finish in the TranSouth at 11-3, tying for the second most conference wins in school history. Crowley is now 6-4 in postseason play.

Crowley's teams have produced the TranSouth Newcomer of the Year, three TranSouth All-Tournament Team members, four first-team all-conference performers, two on the AVCA All-Region Team, three NAIA Scholar-Athletes, and 14 TranSouth Scholar-Athletes.