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### "NCTA's Women's Basketball 2010 – 11 Season in Review"

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The NCTA women's basketball team had a successful season at home, going 5-1, with an overall record of 5-7. The team started out with a small core group of players but expanded to the largest roster since the reintroduction of women's basketball at NCTA three years ago. The Aggies did a good job opening their home season with a win and only having four girls left on the court due to fouls and injuries. NCTA did have some rocky times on the road this year with



Team Picture: Sitting Left to Right - Sable Gardner - Maddie Thurtston - Staci Holthus  
Second Row Left to Right - Jenny Archer - Karla Freundenburg - Rebecca Spanel - Abby Sybrant - Nichole Hornyak  
Third Row Left to Right - Coach Jeremy Sievers - Sitka Gardner - Edith Nickel - DeRae Hasper - Jordyn Van Ryswyk - Randii Endorf - Statistician - Samantha Adams

some double digit loses but overall showed improvement from the past two seasons. Offensively the Aggies scored 46 points per game and gave up 69.25 points per game. The Aggies shot 32% from the floor and 28.5% from behind the three-point arc giving them a 24<sup>th</sup> place ranking in three-point percentage in the USCAA. To go along with the three point percentage shooting, the Aggies also placed 25<sup>th</sup> with 4.083 threes per game. NCTA ended up just a little outside of the top 25 rankings for free throws with a shooting percentage of 50.5%. The inside game for the Aggies was strong this season, with a 13<sup>th</sup> place ranking, an average of 50.5 rebounds per game, and a +.75 rebounding margin. NCTA dominated the boards all season long and is showed with their 1<sup>st</sup> place ranking in offensive rebounds with 19 per game and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in defensive rebounds with 31.50 per game.

Coach Jeremy Sievers said, "I was very pleased with the way we finished the second half of the season and our strong showing at home for the ladies. We will have a nice core of returning athletes to build upon the success we had this year, with just two or three players from this year's team graduating in May. We did have some first time wins over different teams this year and played hard all year long. Hopefully the positive things that happened this season will allow us to build more for next year and into the future."

#### Individual Player Information:

**Staci Holthus – Lisco, Neb.** – Staci played in all twelve games for the Aggies this year coming in with 78 points, which was good enough for fourth on the team. She went 7/17 from behind the three-point arc for a shooting percentage of .412, ranking her 11<sup>th</sup> individually in the USCAA. Staci was second on the team in total rebounds with 78 for an average of 6.5 rebounds per

game. She was also second on the team with steals and assists with 18 and 16 respectively. Staci also had three double-doubles for the season.

**Coach's Comments** - "Staci is going to be missed next year because of her leadership and willingness to do whatever it took to be successful. She always had a smile on her face but was also ready to work and help get the program to where it's ready to take the next step."

**Maddie Thurston – Campbell, Neb.** - Maddie appeared in eleven games for the Aggies this season, scoring a team high 121 points and grabbing 68 rebounds. Her shooting percentage of .455 ranked her 18<sup>th</sup> in the USCAA in field goal percentage. Maddie's three-point percentage of .404 was good enough for 13<sup>th</sup> in the USCAA. She lead the Aggies with 24 assist and 20 steals this year.

**Coach's Comments** – "Maddie is a great leader and it will be nice to have her back again next year in the fall for another season of basketball. She is a true point guard not only in the way she can score and shoot but in her ability to see the whole court get teammates involved. Maddie is going to be a good example of hard work and dedication for freshmen coming in next fall."

**Jenny Archer – Densmore, Kan.** – Jenny played in nine games for the Aggies this year, scoring 30 points and grabbing 33 rebounds. She was 6/8 from the charity strip with a .750 shooting percentage, ranking her 14<sup>th</sup> in the USCAA. Jenny had nine assists, six blocks and eleven steals on the season.

**Coach's Comments** – "Jenny has been with the women's basketball team ever since it started three years ago, her leadership will be missed. She has had some ups and downs with injuries off the court but always worked hard and helped her teammates. Jenny will be missed next year for her leadership on and off the court."

**Jordyn Van Ryswyk – Glenville, Minn.** – Jordyn played in eleven games this year for the Aggies. She was the second leading scorer on the team with 102 points. Jordyn was the leading rebounder with a total of 148 rebounds, which ranked her 2<sup>nd</sup> in the USCAA with 13.5 rebounds per game. She came in 5<sup>th</sup> in offensive rebounds with 4.36 per game and 1<sup>st</sup> for defensive rebounds at 9.09 per game. To go along with her rebounding, Jordyn finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation in blocked shots with 2.6 per game. Her five double-doubles ranked her at 24<sup>th</sup> in the USCAA.

**Coach's Comments** – "Jordyn's size inside this year was a great addition to the guards around her. Her ability to get after the boards and change opponents' shots inside helped strength the team. She will be a great leader next year and be able to step in for our players graduating and continue building and leading this team in the right direction."

**Nichole Hornyak – Sutherland, Neb.** – Nichole played in six games for the Aggies this year. In her short time with the Aggies she scored 93 points for third on the team, and her 15.5 points per game landed her at 23<sup>rd</sup> for the USCAA. Nichole's shooting percentage of .472 earned her 15<sup>th</sup> in the USCAA for field goal percentage. She also shot 10/21 from behind the three-point arc, earning her a 5<sup>th</sup> place ranking with a three-point shooting percentage of .476. Her 60 rebounds ranked her fourth on the team in total rebounds and her ten rebound average per game ranked her 10<sup>th</sup> nationally. Nichole's 4.17 offensive rebounds per game ranked her 8<sup>th</sup> while her 5.83 defensive rebounds per game ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the USCAA. She also had nine

assists, five blocks and thirteen steals this season. Nichole's five double-doubles on the season ranked her 25<sup>th</sup> nationally.

**Coach's Comments** – "Nichole was a great addition to the team after the holiday break. In her limited amount of games played she gave great effort and ended up being ranked in a lot of different categories in the USCAA. I am looking forward to seeing what she can do with a full season of play and the pieces we have returning around her."

**Karla Frendenburg – Madison, Neb.** – Karla played in seven games for NCTA this season and scored 19 points and had 24 rebounds. She was third on the team with 15 rebounds and had six assists too. Karla did get one double-double this season as well.

**Coach's Comments** – "Karla is a great worker and will give it her all out on the court. No matter where I asked her to play or who I asked her to guard she was willing to do whatever was asked of her. Despite her small stature Karla was not afraid to play down low on defense and fight for rebounds.

**Abby Sybrant – Bassett, Neb.** – Abby appeared in seven games for NCTA this season. She scored 23 points and had 26 rebounds. Abby also had seven assists and 12 steals which was third on the team this year for steals.

**Coach's Comments** – "Abby was a great addition after the Thanksgiving break. She is willing to do whatever it takes to make herself and her teammates around her better. It is going to be great to have Abby back next season and her step into a leadership role and help develop the younger players."

**Sable Gardner – Gordon, Neb.** – Sable played in ten games this season for NCTA. She grabbed 41 rebounds and had 19 points. She also had three assists and ten steals on the season.

**Coach's Comments** – "Sable worked hard and played hard in games. She was a very aggressive defender and helped out her teammates. It will be nice to have someone like her back next season to help teach the younger players the system and show them how to work hard."

**Randii Endorf – Daykin, Neb.** – Randii played in eight games this season for NCTA. She pulled down 36 rebounds and 19 points. She also had five steals on the season.

**Coach's Comments** – "Randii hustled a lot in games and might not have always gotten a lot of playing time but she made use of the time she was out on the court. Injuries hampered some of her career at NCTA but her competitiveness and drive is something that will need to be replaced next year."

**DeRae Hasper – Herrid, SD** – DeRae appeared in six games for the Aggies this season. In those games she scored 16 points and had 39 rebounds. She was second on the teams in blocks with twelve, which ranked her 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation with 2.00 blocks a game. DeRae also had two assist and three steals on the season.

**Coach's Comments** – "DeRae height gives her an advantage over a lot of the teams we play against. She worked hard and worked for rebounds when she played. Her ability to block shots

and size inside will be a welcome return to go with the other post players we have coming back.”

All stats and ranking information is available at the USCAA website.

<http://www.theuscaa.com/landing/index>