



MARISSA LEUSBY



5-10 ♦ Freshman ♦ Outside/Right-Side Hitter
Reed City, Mich.

Coach Brandel-Wilhelm on Leusby: "Marissa probably will not play this season due to injuries sustained in a May car accident. We're hoping she's able to make a complete recovery in the near future."

College: 2001: Redshirted . . . **High School:** A 2001 graduate of Reed City High School . . . Won three conference championships, two district titles and a regional championship as a high school player . . . Was a two-time all-region selection . . . Received second-team Class B all-state accolades as a junior after leading the Coyotes to a state runner-up finish . . . Earned all-state honorable mention recognition as a sophomore . . . Claimed three conference basketball championships . . . Was a two-time all-conference basketball selection . . . Named to the *Big Rapids Pioneer* "Dream Team" in volleyball, basketball and track . . . Earned 12 varsity letters . . . Played under head coach Dale Wilhelm at Reed City . . . **Club Team:** Played for the R.C. Smash volleyball club.

Personal: Daughter of Larry and Linda Leusby of Reed City, Mich. . . . Born 11/17/82 in Reed City, Mich.

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SARAH MILLER



6-3 ♦ Freshman ♦ Right-Side Hitter
Bay City, Mich./John Glenn

Coach Brandel-Wilhelm on Miller: "Sarah improved steadily throughout her redshirt season. Her fitness and conditioning growth will allow her to contribute offensively and in blocking."

College: 2001: Redshirted . . . Member of FSU's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) . . . **High School:** A 2001 graduate of John Glenn High School . . . Two-time member of the *Bay City Times* "Dream Team" . . . Was a two-time first-team all-region selection . . . Tallied 138 kills, 78 service aces and 73 solo blocks for the Bobcats as a junior . . . Served as the Bobcats' team captain . . . Named to the All-Northeast Michigan Conference Team three times . . . Played the middle blocker position at John Glenn under coach Dan Pembroke . . . **Club Team:** Played for the Valley Volleyball Club under coaches Jean LaClaire and Marion LaFave.

Personal: Daughter of Terry and Susan Miller of Bay City, Mich. . . . Born 4/21/83 in Bay City, Mich. . . . Member of Students Against Drinking and Drugs and National Honor Society . . . Has a younger brother, Scott . . . Applied biology major.

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BECKY THURAU



6-4 ♦ Freshman ♦ Middle Hitter
Troy, Mich./Birmingham Groves

Coach Brandel-Wilhelm on Thurau: "Becky is an extremely coachable athlete with a strong desire to be the best. Her skills improved throughout her redshirt year. She should play a significant role in our success this season."

College: 2001: Redshirted . . . **High School:** A 2001 graduate of Birmingham Groves High School . . . Attained first-team *Detroit News* All-Metro honors as a senior . . . Named Most Valuable Player for the Falcons (2000-01) . . . Compiled 300 kills, 72 service aces and 45 block assists during 2000-01 campaign . . . Was a first-team all-region pick . . . Selected to all-state honorable mention squad . . . Served as a senior co-captain at Birmingham Groves . . . Received second-team all-area accolades (2000-01) . . . Played for head coach Mandy Battaglia . . . **Club Team:** Played for the Motor City Volleyball Club under head coach Ed Ruhl.

Personal: Daughter of Cheryl Raveschot of Troy, Mich. . . . Born 11/11/82 in Detroit, Mich. . . . Majoring in elementary education . . . Was active in Students Against Drinking and Drugs (SADD) and her church youth group.

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NICHOLE VALUCH



6-0 ♦ Sophomore ♦ Outside/Right-Side Hitter
Milwaukee, Wis./St. Francis Thomas More

Coach Brandel-Wilhelm on Valuch: "Nichole has recovered well from her ACL injury last fall. Her backcourt play is solid and I expect her to give the team added depth at both the outside and right-side hitter spots."

College: 2001: Missed the entire season with a knee injury . . . **2000:** Redshirted.
High School: A 2000 St. Francis Thomas More High School graduate . . . Prepped by Rob McLaughlin . . . Helped lead Cavaliers to the 1999 Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WISAA) Division I State Championship title . . . A first-team all-state selection in her senior year after earning second-team accolades as a junior . . . A two-time (1998-99) first-team All-Woodland Conference pick and a 1997 second-team all-league honoree . . . Two-time West Bend (Wis.) Sprawl All-Tournament Team member . . . **Club Team:** Played for Milwaukee Sky High 18 Black . . . Coached by Kerri Lapointe . . . Team claimed Badger League and national championship titles in her senior season.

Personal: Daughter of Mike and Jill Valuch of Milwaukee, Wis. . . . Born 3/4/82 in Milwaukee, Wis. . . . Hobbies include painting, watching football and playing cards . . . Her father is a homicide detective . . . Applied biology major.

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