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(Neb.) - Volleyball team signs four



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CHADRON – Four volleyball players have recently signed National Letters of Intent to continue their careers at Chadron State College, head coach Natasha Marquis announced Monday.

Danielle Hundley, Shannon Durck, Shelby Austin and Allison Munk will all be incoming freshmen.

"I am happy with our incoming student-athletes and I'm excited about the qualities they bring to our volleyball program," Marquis, who is entering her second year at Chadron State, said. "The girls we have coming in are hard workers, both in the classroom and on the court, and fit in well with the players we have returning from last year's roster."

Durck, a 5-foot-10 outside hitter from Colorado Springs, Colo., was a talented two-way athlete at The Classical Academy. She was a four-year letter winner in volleyball and started three years in basketball. In volleyball, she was twice named all-conference and was her team's most valuable player. She also was an all-state selection three times and a member of the National Honor Society twice.

As a senior, she finished with 182 kills while hitting .290, 321 digs, 28 blocks and 15 aces. For her career, she had 537 kills and a school record 713 digs. On the basketball court, she was named her team's MVP twice and was a first team all-league selection.

"Shannon is intelligent and it shows on the volleyball court," Marquis said. "Her court awareness, combined with her ball control and strength, give me high hopes for her in competing for court time early."

Austin, a 5-11 middle hitter from Colorado Springs, Colo., helped lead Coronado High to an undefeated league record in 2011. Following the season, she was chosen for the Colorado Crossroads Triple Crown and she earned first team all-league honors. She was also named second team all-conference and she was the player of the year in her region. She finished the 2011 campaign with 176 kills and 85 blocks. "Shelby's focus on the court allows for her to play deceptively big at the net," Marquis said. "I expect her experience at a winning program and her determination on the court to lead her into a successful playing career."

Munk, a 5-3 defensive specialist/libero from Monument, Colo., will provide depth for the Eagles in the back row. Last season at Palmer Ridge High School, she had 199 digs and served 31 aces. She was named second team all-conference by the Colorado Springs Metro League and was a four-year letter winner.

"Ali will give us some depth for ball control next season," Marquis added. "She is a good defender with a strong serving game which will help our passing game improve."

Hundley, a 5-10 outside hitter from Upland, Calif., had a solid prep career at Upland High School. She played all three attacking positions – outside, middle and right side – and also played club volleyball for three years. As a junior, she tallied 94 kills while hitting .382, and added 24 blocks and 24 digs.

"Danie possesses raw athleticism that makes her ceiling high," the coach noted. "She has the potential to fill a couple of roles on the court and I look forward to seeing her growth at the collegiate level."

Cutline: Left to right, Shelby Austin, Shannon Durck. Bottom, left to right, Danielle Hundley and Allison Munk.

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