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Lady Trojans start volleyball season Friday in Nebraska

The Colby Community College volleyball team, under the direction of new head coach Valerie Armstrong, begins its season Friday. The Lady Trojans will be competing in the North Platte Tournament in North Platte, Neb.

The Trojans play four games on Friday, beginning with No. 15-ranked Northeastern Junior College at 2 p.m. The remaining Friday schedule consists of McCook at 3:30 p.m., Eastern Wyoming at 5:30 p.m., and Iowa Central at 8:30 p.m. The Lady Trojans will face South East Community College of Nebraska at 9:30 a.m. Saturday and North Platte Community College at 2:30 p.m.

The first home match for the Lady Trojans is at 7 p.m., Monday, at the Community Building. The annual Colby Classic Tournament is Sept 5-6.

The Lady Trojans return just two players from last season in sophomore middle blocker Roxanne Schilowsky (Phillipsburg) and sophomore libero / outside hitter Megan Dennis (Oakley). Armstrong expects that both will have a positive impact on this year's team.

"Megan can pass the ball and is quick defensively. She is also intense and will be a vocal leader for us," Armstrong said. "Rex was a captain last season and will be a force in the middle."

The Lady Trojans have one other sophomore on their roster in transfer Priscila Sena. A 5'5" setter, Sena, transferred to the program from College of the Southwest where Armstrong was previously an assistant. Sena is

originally from Sao Paulo, Brazil. Armstrong said she was happy that "Pri" decided to transfer to Colby.

"She has great hands and is a smart player, but needs to improve on her quickness and aggressiveness."

The Colby squad features eight freshmen: LeAnna Shaeffer of Oberlin; Ashley Ming of Dighton; Jessica Schmidt of Melvern; Michele Ferreria of Sao Paulo, Brazil; Juliana Motta Da Silva of Campo Mourao, Brazil; Jessica Merino of Belen, New Mexico; Cassie Smatana of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Lisa Faimon of Stratton, Neb.

With the abundance of newcomers, Armstrong and assistant coach Juliana "Ju" Todescan are in the process of finding the right rotations for the team to be successful.

For more information on the Lady Trojans go to www.colbycc.edu and click on athletics.



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The Colby Community College Lady Trojans went to the net during a scrimmage last week against Garden City. The season opener is Friday at a tournament in North Platte, Neb.

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