

Senior Volleyball Player Plans to End on Top

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Tennessee State University volleyball is showing strong this year with a new competitive energy. Naomi Wells, a four year volleyball player, has been making big sports news. The Huntsville, Al native, said she hopes to become the Ohio Valley Conference player of the year and OVC champ.

"Naomi's amazing. She's probably the best athlete on this campus and has had a pretty interesting four years here at TSU. Naomi definitely has a good chance of being the best player in the conference, and one of the best players TSU has ever had in volleyball," said Coach Kathy Roulhac.

On October, 24, Wells broke the all-time record for most career kills in a match against Southeastern Missouri State University.

"I am so honored. You know playing a sport, sometimes you lose track of why you started, but with coaches like Kathy Roulhac, she will teach you how love is the most important thing when playing, and that you have to see the game as a passion not a duty. She's the type of person I do it for as well as my TSU family," said Wells.

As Coach Roulhac explained, there were players who faced injuries, learned new positions, and had to adjust to new teammates. It can be a challenge to gel together and form a

chemistry, and have to compete at such a high levels that these girls do each week. Despite the challenges, Roulhac says she definitely sees the chemistry in her team this season.

"Oh yea, we have good chemistry. That's never the problem. Issues we had earlier in the season were more so experience and that we made a lot of mistakes in the game of volleyball, every point counts. Injuries have limited our ability a little bit to do some of the things that we had planned to do, so we ended up moving people around to new positions. Our team is very versatile, so we try to throw things out, and try to mix things up to see what works. All in all, I think even



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NAOMI WELLS (ABOVE) HAS PLAYED VOLLEYBALL FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS AT TSU.

though the record is not really saying how great we are, I think we have a great team and definitely a bright future," said Roulhac.

Wells and the

team will travel just minutes away to take on the Belmont University Bruins at 6 p.m., Tuesday, November 11.