

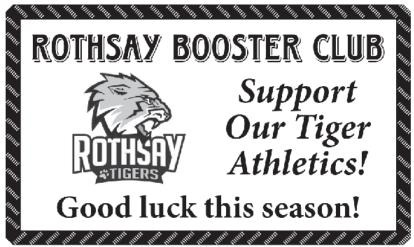
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Youthful Squad Takes The Court For Tigers This Season



The members of the Rothsay Lady Tigers volleyball team are, left to right, front row - Chase Balken, Jayna Gronewold, Madison Tillman, Katie Reber; middle row - Lilly Wheelright, Summer Wigdahl, Arianna Willits, Grace Lider, Jenna Fabre; back row - Assistant Coach Kellie Barry, Asst. Coach John Reber, Kenadi Carlsrud and Head Coach Kim Braaten.



The Rothsay Tiger Volleyball program has been hovering on the brink of really turning the corner. Over their past two seasons, Tiger Volleyball has been competitive under the direction of Kim Braaten, but have struggled to finish off close sets and matches. They ended their 2018 campaign 5-18-1.

The Tiger netters have a different look this season due to coaching preferences, players lost to graduation, and skill improvement from the Rothsay athletes.

"We lost four seniors last year, all of whom will be greatly missed," said Braaten.

But she was quick to note that there are multiple players who positions.

"Summer Wigdahl is stepping up and taking on Rachel Brenden's spot as middle hitter," Braaten said. "Madison Tillman is ready to do a mix of both outside hitter and right side for Cora Honer and Emily Christ. Lily Wheelwright has also been working hard this summer to help where needed on the floor."

While positions may not be the same for all athletes this year as it was in previous years, the heart and passion is still the same.

Braaten said, "They are very adaptive and willing to make things work in the best interest of the team."

The Rothsay volleyball team has great potential and are ready to finally see it fulfilled. While they do return some experience to the floor, they are a young squad overall. The team is led by two seniors, Jayna Gronewold

have worked hard to fill those and Jenna Fabre. Gronewold gaps and slide into those open earned all-conference honorable mention honors last season.

> Those two seniors hold the majority of varsity court experience for the 10 players on the Rothsay Tigers volleyball

> "We are definitely going to be a younger team compared to the rest of the teams in our conference, but these ladies are quick learners and I'm very excited to see what our season will look like," noted Braaten.

> The Lady Tigers will have a tough schedule this year as the Little Eight conference continues to churn out very competitive teams. Last year the Tigers took down two conference foes and hope to up that number this year.

> Coach Braaten pegged Underwood as the team to beat. "They have a great volleyball program that produces many competitive volleyball players."

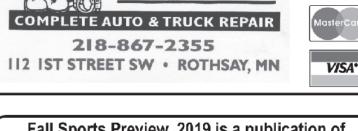
> But Rothsay is not backing down from a challenge.

"We are excited to be pushed to our potential," Braaten said. That goes right along with the team's goals this season: to improve skills and grow together as a cohesive team. Both of those will be needed to contend day in and day out.

Braaten is in her second year as head coach. Assistant coaches this season are Kellie Barry and John Reber.

The Rothsay netters open their season right after Labor Day at Parkers Prairie, then hosts Brandon-Evansville later that week.

1	Summer Wigdahl MH	10
2	Kenadi Carlsrud MH	9
3	Jayna Gronewold S	12
4	Jenna Fabre OH	12
5	Adriana Willits MH	9
6	Chase Balken S	10
7	Lilly Wheelright OH	11
9	Grace Lider OH	11
11	Katic Reber S	9
12	Madison Tillman RII	9



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