

# Women's Coach Predicts Successful Volleyball Season

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The 2003 Cal State Hayward women's volleyball team is expected to get far in the NCAA playoffs and could win the championship.

Last year's team got as far as the "elite eight" for the first time in history. Coach Jim Spagle believes that the players will know what it takes to get that far and even further in this year's playoffs. "I plan on winning the na-

tional title this year," said Spagle.

A few good starters graduated from last year's team. Ivone Aleman was a first team All-American. Angie Herrera was a third team All-American.

Toni Merendino will not be on this year's team as well, while Kimberly Steele, a junior, will miss the entire season due to an injury to her anterior cruciate ligament.

This year's team has 10 re-

turning players. Three of the 10 returning players were starters last year.

"We have a very good team," said Spagle. "It is an all-star lineup."

The team has some new prospects, including Nicole Brandt from Cal State Bakersfield and Christy Daly from Moorepark College.

The Pioneers also have Mena Vaana from Long Beach City College and Jenner Byron from Grossmont College.

The team's first official game of the year was Tuesday against Bethany College at Cal State Hayward with CSUH winning 3 games to 1.

Persons wishing more information about the women's volleyball schedule may contact Marty Valdez, CSUH sports information director, (510) 885-3528.

**Ready To Go:** The 2003-2004 volleyball team is pumped up for the season. Teammates and coach share high expectations.

Photo/Keren Valdman



## Stress from Finals Magnified

Nightmare, from page one.

said. "Being the only son in the family with strong, Asian morals, I guess I have to put my life on hold," he said.

"I could barely concentrate in any of my classes, knowing that my dad was not all that well. "The stress has really taken

a toll on me. I am going to finish my finals next week but I know I am not going to do too well. Indeed, my GPA is going to suffer, but I can't do anything about it."

Pang is going to take next couple of quarters off to go and visit his father back home and to deal with the situation.

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Events, from page one.

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