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## Koshinsky setting up historic final season

■ Daniel Bushman

From her first point with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies as a rookie to her record-breaking performance against the Manitoba Bisons as a fifth-year outside hitter, Jansen's Emily Koshinsky has served up quite the storied career thus far. After smashing the program's record for most kills during a career, Koshinsky now has her sights set on reaching nationals in her final year of university athletics.

Competing with the U of S Huskies women's volleyball team, Koshinsky entered weekend action approaching the program's record for most career kills on the court. Facing the Bisons on Friday, Nov. 12, Koshinsky tied the record of 1,028 career kills with a match point and promptly followed that up by rewriting history on Saturday afternoon. Passing Candace Hueser's mark from 2014, Koshinsky wasted little time attaining 1,029 career kills and added another nine on the day as the Huskies swept the Bisons to improve to 3-1 on the season.

"It is amazing," shared Koshinsky about breaking the record. "I feel so loved and supported by my teammates, coaches, family, friends, and even by people I don't know very well. I feel so lucky to be a part of such an amazing volleyball community."

With her main focus on helping the team win, heading into the Huskies' match in Brandon earlier in November, Koshinsky was not even aware that she was close to the record. Despite being informed that she was just 13 kills away from having her name placed in the record books, the potential achievement did not change Koshinsky's approach to competing. "I knew that sooner or later I would break the record whether it would be the next game or the game after that. Each game I just focus on competing and playing to the best of my abilities and supporting my

teammates along the way. The record is a great accomplishment, but it is just an added bonus to winning each match."

Proud of her record-breaking performance but not surprised by the way she smashed it was Emily's head coach Mark Dodds. Able to watch her grow as an athlete right from her rookie year to dominating the court the past few seasons, when Koshinsky reached the record books, Dodds could not have been more happier. "Emily is extremely integral to our team. She is a leader in many ways, but most importantly she can score points with her powerful arm! It has been an incredible journey watching her throughout her career and to see her reach such a significant milestone was amazing."

Right from Koshinsky's first season in 2016-'17, Dodds knew the daughter of Dwayne and Val could be a game changer for his team. "Early on I could see that she was a special athlete with the ability to jump, hang, and hit the ball with a lot of power. It is hard to expect this type of career for an athlete, but I am not surprised that she accomplished it with her skill set."

For Emily, as she excelled at the elementary and high school levels - competing with Lanigan, a provincial elite team and later Caronport and a club team from Waldheim - when it came time to enter the university ranks and put on a green jersey for the Huskies, breaking records was never something that crossed her mind.

"When I first entered the University of Saskatchewan, I knew I was starting fresh. I was on a brand new team where no one really knew much about me, and I was no longer the strongest on my team. I was now one of the weakest ones on the team, playing with girls four to five years older than me. The last thing on my mind was breaking records."

Knowing that she had to compete for a (see back page: **KOSHINSKY**)



### A smashing success

Jansen's Emily Koshinsky (pictured) has not only put the University of Saskatchewan women's volleyball program on the map during her five seasons with the club but she has also found herself in

the record books. Tying the program's record with 1,028 career kills Nov. 12, Koshinsky followed that historic day up by setting a new record Saturday, Nov. 13. - photo credit: Josh Schaefer/GetMyPhoto.ca



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# Pirates collect win in Watrous

■ Daniel Bushman

Looking forward to hitting the ice to open the 2021-22 season after the pandemic forced the Long Lake Hockey League to halt play in 2020, the new look Lanigan Pirates headed to Watrous to face the Winterhawks Nov. 13.

With a number of new faces on both teams including for Watrous who has a few members from LeRoy who is not icing a team this year, the clubs were eager to play hockey again.

As Lanigan goaltender Mack Shields and Watrous netminder Owen Hicks settled into their respective creases, the pucked dropped on the new campaign and teams went to work. Just over six minutes into the first period, it would be the home team that tallied first with all three assistant captains registering a point. With 13:52 remaining in period one, Carson James and Chad Murton collected helpers on a Michael Korol marker to give Watrous a 1-0 advantage.

Looking to keep the lead, Winterhawk goalie Owen Hicks was kept busy keeping the puck out of the net as the Pirates tried to tie things up. Then with 5:33 remaining, Lanigan was able to solve Hicks as Stuart Symenuk scored from Dayden Dvernichuk. With the game tied at one, Lanigan continued to press and just over one minute later, the Pirates went up 2-1 with a Trey Daelick goal, his first of the evening.

Watrous would be assessed a crosschecking penalty late in the stanza and on the penalty kill would surrender a goal off the stick of Dexter Bricker who collected a power play goal giving the visiting team a 3-1 lead with 1:16 to go. That was it for scoring during the opening period as Lanigan carried a two goal advantage into the second.

In period two, the Pirates were able to go up 4-1 with Daelick's second goal of the game, this time from Bricker and Rylan Brookbank. The fourth goal for the Pirates came just over five minutes after the second started and Lanigan would add one more before the period came to a conclusion. With 1:51 showing on the clock, Colby Harmsworth put the visitors ahead 5-1 as netminder Mack Shields collected the lone assist on the tally. Watrous responded just over a minute later as Taron Topham beat Shields with Clay Frey collecting the assist to get the Winterhawks to within three.

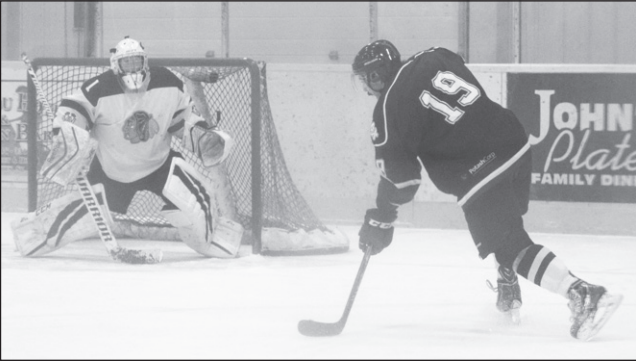
With time ticking off the clock, the buzzer sounded and Lanigan found itself up 5-2 through two periods of play. In the third, both netminders were solid not allowing any goals until late in the frame. With 35 seconds remaining, Lanigan was able to connect with the man advantage as Symenuk and Bricker assisted on assistant captain Elliot Peterson's goal to make it 6-2 Pirates.

That score would hold up the rest of the way and the Pirates collected a big road victory while Watrous dropped to 0-1 on the year.

Game notes: Lanigan was assessed four penalties while Watrous was assessed a total of five penalties during the Nov. 13 game. The Pirates were able to connect on two of their powerplay opportunities. This year's captain for the Lanigan Pirates is Carter Lamont. Behind the bench as head coach this year for Lanigan is Nic Dvernichuk while Brent Psovsky and Justin Lameroux are assistant coaches and Jeff Williams is manager. Along with veteran officials Clint Proznik and Ryan Rheume, Kade Thomas and Owen Edwards got the call as linesmen for the Nov. 13 contest.



- photos by Daniel Bushman



This year's Pirates roster includes: netminders Mack Shields and Cole Mennie and players Brynn Smith, Rylan Brookbank, Colby Harmsworth, Brett McRuvie, Jordan Elke, Dallas Dufault, Dylan Clark, Chris Dodd, Mitch Giromali, Dayden Dvernichuk, Korwin Shewchuk, Cody Herr, Trey Daelick, Trevor Atamanenko, Stuart Symenuk, Hayden Francis, Austin Calladine, Carter Lamont, Elliot Peterson, Dexter Bricker, and Carter Sawatzky.

# SHA service resumption on track

■ media release

On Nov. 3, aggressive targets were established for returning redeployed

health care staff to their home positions by the end of November. As of Nov. 12, 50 percent of eligible Saskatchewan Health

Authority (SHA) staff who were redeployed to address the COVID-19 case surge have returned to their home positions. One hundred and twenty-nine of the 374 services slowed since Sept. 1, 2021 have been fully resumed and 51 services have been

partially resumed. It remains the SHA's target to have 75 percent of eligible, redeployed staff returned to their home positions by Nov. 19. A progress report on these targets and the associated service resumptions by Saskatchewan Health

Authority service area is now available. **Public Health Orders Will Be Enforced** The week of Nov. 8, Saskatchewan Health Authority public health inspectors issued a number of fines:

Two corporate fines of \$14,000 were issued to A&W and Bluez on Second, both in Unity, for failure to screen for proof of vaccination or negative test. An individual ticket of \$2,800 was also issued at that time for failure to mask.

Three individuals at the Oasis Roadhouse in Pangman were fined \$2,800 each for failure to mask.

A corporate fine of \$14,000 was issued to Chicken Chef in Esterhazy for failure to screen for proof of vaccination or negative test.

Two corporate fines of \$14,000 were issued in North Battleford to two separate Tim Hortons locations for failure to screen for proof of vaccination or negative test.

A ticket of \$2,800 for failure to mask was issued to an individual in Outlook relating to a complaint from Sept. 20.

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# RCMP Report

## Suspects use vehicle to break into gas bar

Wadena RCMP are asking for assistance to identify two unknown suspects that drove a white Ford F250 through the front entrance of the Wadena Co-op Gas Bar on Nov. 11, 2021, at approximately 3:45 a.m. The suspects were seen on security footage trying to steal/damage the ATM inside (pictured).

They were also caught on camera at the Co-op gas station in Colonsay a few hours later.

The Ford F250 had a marking of “Rosedale” on the side of the truck.

If you can identify either of these individuals, call 1-800-222-8477 to leave an anonymous tip. If your tip leads to an arrest or charge, you may be eligible for a reward of up to \$2,000.

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- photos courtesy RCMP



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## Highway closed during collision

On Wednesday, Nov. 17 as a blizzard rolled through parts of Saskatchewan White Butte RCMP were on scene of a collision and traffic backup in the eastbound lanes of Hwy. 1 approximately 10 kilometres east of Pense. Both lanes of travel were blocked leaving a long, multi-kilometre backup of vehicles at a stand still.

Hwy. 1 between Regina and Moose Jaw was closed due to the road and weather conditions. “Firstly, no one has reported any injuries to our officers as a result of the road closure and traffic backup on Hwy. 1 between Regina and Moose Jaw (Nov. 17),” shared S/Sgt. Jason Sauve, White Butte RCMP Detachment Commander. “We want to thank our partners for their shared response during a very snowy and windy day on the open prairies. Officers on scene experienced reduced visibility and a patient queue

of motorists who are now on their way to their individual destinations.”

RCMP officers left the scene Wednesday afternoon as traffic slowly began moving as the roadway was plowed. While specific details were not available about the initial collision that occurred; it was the aftermath of four vehicles being stuck and snow piling up around them which resulted in the backup.

At one point there was a five kilometre line of vehicles in both eastbound lanes at a stand still. In total, multiple police units and detachments responded including White Butte RCMP, Moose Jaw RCMP, Moose Jaw and White Butte Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan.

A number of vehicles were still in the ditch and/or on the shoulder of Hwy. 1 Wednesday afternoon and were to be removed in the coming days by their owners. Officers marked several of them with police tape to show they had been checked for any vehicle occupants.

## RCMP assist with calls during blizzard

As the provincial police force, Saskatchewan RCMP responded to a high volume of weather-related calls during Nov. 16 and 17. Wintry weather including heavy snow, freezing rain and high winds created dangerous road conditions in much of the province.

Between just after midnight Nov. 16 to 9 a.m. Nov. 17, Saskatchewan RCMP’s Divisional Operational Communication Centre dispatched Saskatchewan RCMP officers to 79 motor vehicle collisions. Officers also responded to 28 reports of traffic hazards, including vehicles that were stuck or abandoned.

Officers may have also responded to weather-related calls for service that were reported directly to their detachments or were discovered during regular patrols and are not reflected here.

After a peaceful Sunday morning, Nov. 14 (pictured top), Environment and Climate Change Canada issued a winter storm warning as high winds, rain, blowing snow and treacherous road conditions arrived early in the week and lasted until later Wednesday. Roads were closed and travel not recommended throughout parts of the province during the storm (image pictured).According to Environment and Climate Change Canada, the powerful low pressure system from Alberta brought heavy snow, severe wind gusts, blowing snow, and blizzard conditions to much of Saskatchewan Nov. 15 to 17. Blizzard conditions were observed longest in Regina where nearly 12 hours of visibility less than 400 metres in blowing snow was measured. Poor visibility contributed to poor travel conditions across much of southern Saskatchewan on Nov. 16. Many of the highways surrounding Regina and Moose Jaw were closed at some point due to the conditions. Measuring snow proved challenging for weather volunteers due to strong winds and the resulting snow drifts; as such all snowfall amounts are estimated. According to estimates from Environment and Climate Change Canada, Clavet received 11 cm, Saskatoon had 10 cm, Pelican Narrows had 28 cm, Regina had eight cm and Strasbourg had eight cm. As far as peak wind gusts, Swift Current registered 113 km/h., Estevan registered 106 km/h., Moose Jaw hit 98 km/h., Regina reached 91 km/h., the Last Mountain area hit 76 km/h., and Saskatoon registered 69 km/h. On the highways, Saskatchewan RCMP’s Divisional Operational Communication Centre dispatched officers to 79 motor vehicle collisions during a nine hour period. Officers also responded to 28 reports of traffic hazards including vehicles that were stuck or abandoned.

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## The Lion's Roar

■ submitted by Lion Oz Lutz

Part I of our four part Superboard is baseball and exciting baseball it was too as the Houston Astros battled the Atlanta Braves in the World Series. The Braves eventually claimed the championship in six games. Those who picked up some extra cash are: game one - Houston 2, Atlanta 6 - winner Lloyd Greve, \$50; game two - Houston 7, Atlanta 2 - winner Boyd Boe, \$50; game three - Houston 0, Atlanta 2 - winner Norey Hyra, \$50; game four - Houston 2, Atlanta 3 - winner Jeff Williams, \$50; game five - Houston 9, Atlanta 5 - winner Kathy Stevenson, \$50; game six - Houston 0, Atlanta 7 - winner Richard Hyra, \$200. Congratulations to the winners. We appreciate your support. Part II of our Superboard will be the CFL football championship next month.

It was brought to our attention recently that the Lanigan and District Curling Club is in need of financial aid due largely to some major equipment malfunction. We are open to assisting the club financially after we have

more details regarding what is required, the club's fundraising plans, etc. Since the club is sponsoring a Christmas raffle, our club decided to cancel our Kristmas Kash 50-50 draw.

We again purchased a wreath for Remembrance Day 2021. No public ceremony was held so Legion staff laid a wreath on our behalf.

Other items covered at the Nov. 4 meeting included a \$500 donation to STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service) and \$200 to sponsor a Lanigan Pirate home game.

In closing: I recently received a surprise and welcome phone call from Loyd Ullrich (Saskatoon). He expressed greetings to our club members and inquired how we were doing. He reminded us that we are now in this community for 50 years, charter night in 1971 had 40 members; we eventually had over 50 Lions in our club.

Lion Loyd, while here, held all executive positions and served faithfully in District 5CA as governor. He was the heart and soul of our club; he continues to be a member of the Nutana Lions Club.

## Prairie Rose Bowling



### Mixed

Thursday, Nov. 11

LHS: Karen Doidge, 201

LHT: Karen Doidge, 430

MHS: Leon Doidge, 170

MHT: Greg Paetsch, 439

### Mens

Monday, Nov. 15

MHS: Rodney Liebrecht, 266

MHT: Rodney Liebrecht, 646

## Viscount

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Five Blanket for Canada ladies met at the library Wednesday to work on blankets. There were 25 completed blankets that needed to be labelled and photographed! On top of that, there were many squares that were given to us that were designed and ready to be joined. We felt quite accomplished! We always enjoy this time together catching up on our week while working away making these beautiful blankets that there never seems to be enough of. Again, we really appreciate each and every one of you out there who contributes to the making of these blankets that are given to so many shelters in and around Saskatoon. The need is never-ending.

Viscount Central School junior boys volleyball team finished their season in Muenster competing in pre-district playoffs. They defeated Bellevue, but lost to Humboldt Collegiate Institute.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Thank you to all who helped make this week's Viscount news possible. Have a great week.

## uncomplIcATed - "How long a single night can be we learned with anguished care, Eternity was every hour the night you entered there . ."



■ by Arlene Martin

carrying her winter boots down the long hospital corridor, once again I was overcome by the enormity of death. I thought of the countless footsteps those boots left behind, for mother's life's resolve was always kindness.

That was 1992 almost to the day, and as these words settle into the sentences and paragraphs of this document, they also reverberate inside the lonely chasm of my soul.

When my spirit is restless or upset the view through our kitchen window calms me. It is uncomplIcATed and easy on the eyes. It simply is a view that encapsulates the absolute vastness and flatness of the Canadian prairie. It goes on and on through season after infinite season only changing in climate and colour. It reminds me that I am only a spectator, a mere participant to the constant whirling of life on this beautiful blue planet. The view I so love is brief and hope-

fully its tranquility will belong to someone else someday. The night mother died, I emptied the narrow closet in her hospital room. The first rays of dawn threw splashes of light across her lifeless form still on the bed. The heavy shroud of silence only interrupted by deep unfamiliar wrenching sighs. It took a moment before I recognized the moans as mine.

In the dismal iciness of a Canadian prairie early November morning she slipped into eternity and it was while

fully its tranquility will belong to someone else someday.

There is a silence that pervades loss and it's akin to homesickness. Human nature often doesn't recognize it or give it a name because its symptoms are vague. However, the arena is varied: first day of school, an angry word between friends, empty nest, retirement home, and the passing of a loved one – the silence of change, screams. But I believe in the tenacity of the human spirit – when necessary it draws from an unknown reserve called courage.

Winter is long where I live but it is not without beauty. I am often awestruck by the profound blue of the sky and how brilliantly the early evening sunsets are fashioned with the finest hues of pink, magenta and dazzling gold. We are surrounded by endless now resting grain fields. It takes tremendous vigor to persuade even the tiniest seed to become a large yielding plant and after that happens the earth needs to replenish so it can do it all over again, next year. It is the way of the seasons.

So this day I am once again walking that long shadowy hallway, tenderly aware of the diminishing echo of mother's boots on this beautiful world. Her friendly reach was wide, her touch, gentle and always speckled with charity and compassion. Though untimely and with abrupt conclusion the chapters of her seasons were written.

When the time comes to empty my closet I sincerely hope that it is said of me that my boots were also very well worn.

(Jane Hess Merchant, top quote, is one of my favourite authors. The excerpt is from "WINDOW ON ETERNITY" written in 1949.)

## Jansen

Louise Shannon

We got our first big snow storm of the year. Bob Renz plowed me out.

Not too much is new this week. The ladies are busy

quilting. They made six quilts Monday.

Sorry I missed Bert Pomfret's passing. They had a big funeral in the Jansen hall.

Jack Robson officiated.

Some students will be collecting food for the food bank.

Happy birthday to Val Koshinsky, Kathy Jones and

Garth Zerbin.

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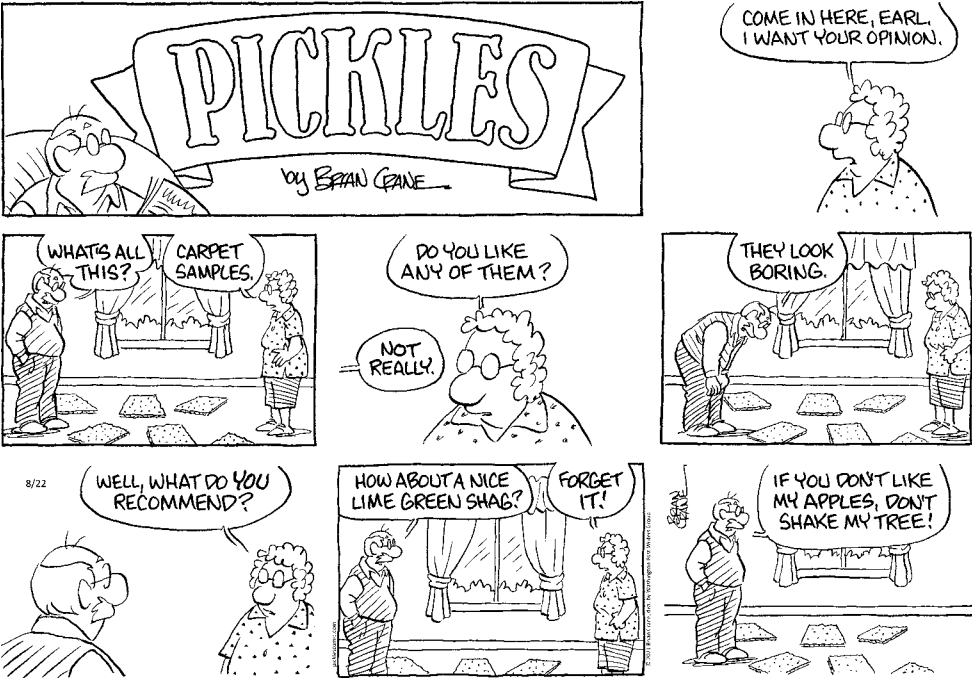
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15. Feel sick

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18. Court response

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22. Diamond or pearl

24. Cram

27. Painters' stands

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33. Mix thoroughly

34. Happen again

35. Razors

37. One who drenches

38. Trim rind from

39. Social insect

40. Puncturing tool

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44. Not bad: hyph.

48. Wander

50. Kind of duck

52. Succeed

53. Pitch

54. Jack rabbit

55. House addition

56. Large number

57. Correct

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DOWN

1. Catch

2. Lament

3. Stare rudely at

4. Hang loosely

5. Disables

6. Sandwich mart

7. Bogs

8. Weird

9. Punter's action: 2 wds.

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starting spot, through hard work and determination, Koshinsky set her sights on making the starting line-up and an impact on the court. “Once I achieved that goal in my first/second year, the only thing I have wanted to do since is put U of S on the map and become a contender at nationals.”

And Koshinsky has definitely been doing just that. In her second year with the team she was named Huskie Athlete of the Week twice. She then followed that up with a Huskie Athlete of the Week honour in her third season to go along with Canada West Third Star of the Week accolades. Then in year four, Koshinsky became just the fifth player in the program’s history to break the 1,000 total points mark. That gave her Huskie Athlete of the Week honours which was followed by receiving First Team All-Star honours as one of Western Canada’s top women university volleyball players. As part of that tremendous success during her fourth season, Koshinsky was also able to help lead the Huskies back to the Canada West playoffs for the first time since 2001-’02, something she hopes to do again after last year was cancelled due to the pandemic.

“I am so excited for the post-season this year. I know we will get there with the group we have this year. Our league is very tough, but we have so much passion and each person is so motivated to win every game which will get us into the post-season, and hopefully lead us to nationals in March. Our team is very strong this year and there is no doubt in my mind that we can contend and win nationals.”

With university sports not being completed in 2020-’21 due to the pandemic, a year which would have also marked Koshinsky’s

fifth and final season with the team, the athlete was able to receive an eligibility exemption to play in 2021-’22. “It is amazing that I get to play again. When you play a sport for many years it is easy to take it for granted and sometimes just go through the motions at practice every day. But when you spend almost every day playing that sport and it has been such a big part of your life for so long and suddenly it’s taken away from you, you instantly feel like you’d do anything just to play again. This is the exact experience I had. Although I never lost my love for the game, practicing gets repetitive and it is easy to go through the motions, but now that I get to play again, my passion is even stronger!”

Never taking any opportunity to play the sport she loves for granted, Koshinsky who has competed in volleyball since she was in Gr. 6 said she feels extremely lucky to be a part of such an amazing U of S team. “I am so thankful that I get to play volleyball, a sport I love, every day. I have a new appreciation for a game which makes it so much more fun and rewarding.”

Emily was not the only one ecstatic to be playing again as her head coach was thrilled to have one of his leaders return for the 2021-’22 season. “It was a little nerve-wracking going through a pandemic and not knowing what was ahead for each person, but Emily and I had some conversations early and she was able to make a plan that worked to be back this season. We are lucky to have her back with the program!”

After a year hiatus, with the lights back on, the nets up, and players eager to compete, the season officially got underway for the Huskies in Brandon, Man. Nov. 5. And that was not the only thing returning as Koshinsky knew there would once again be tremendous support from back home. “I am



After not being able to compete this past season due to the pandemic, Emily Koshinsky (left) was able to receive an exemption allowing her to play out her fifth year of university eligibility. After being granted the opportunity, the Jansen product has taken advantage and not only set a new program career record for the University of Saskatchewan Huskies women’s volleyball team with 1,029 career kills but helped get the team to 3-1 heading into this past weekend’s games. With a talented team, Koshinsky and the Huskies have taken aim at a national berth come March.  
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so proud to call Jansen my home because each person is like family. I feel so loved by each person, and every person cares so much about me. I get a lot of messages from people back home wishing me good luck, and I always have a big cheering section at our home games.”

Explaining how overwhelming the support has been, Koshinsky tears up when she talks about how many from the community are so proud of her. “This type of support is so meaningful and has impacted me throughout my career in such amazing ways. I have always believed that because I came from a small town I automatically wasn’t as talented as players that competed in the big cities, and had to try out for these elite teams, but it is just the opposite. The love I have for my home and the support I get from the community and surrounding areas is something so rare, and something I don’t think those other athletes from bigger cities get.”

So far that support from back home and from her coach and teammates has translated into a massive momentum boost for Koshinsky and the Huskies as the team sat 3-1 heading into this past weekend’s action

against the Winnipeg Wesmen. “This year feels so special with the team we have. I am also in nursing school this year which has also made this year so much more special: playing my favourite sport and studying to be a nurse which is what I’ve wanted to do my entire life. I have had an amazing time with the Huskies so far, and all I know is that I want to end my Huskie career with a bang, and with no regrets. I know this is such a special time in my life, and I intend to make the most of it with the time I have left.”

Looking forward to building on the club’s early season success while coaching Koshinsky and the Huskies to a potential national berth, reflecting over the past few years, Dodds added it has been a pleasure to watch Emily grow as an athlete and a leader. “When she first arrived, she was much quieter and reserved, but she has become a very confident person and athlete that makes her an important leader on our team! I am proud of Emily for the hard work and dedication, but also the humble attitude that she brings to our team. Individual accomplishments are not her focus as she looks to lead us to nationals in March!”





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Dalmeny in the final and after losing the first set 25-16, Lanigan responded to win 25-21 to force a third set. In the third set, Dalmeny came away with a 15-12 win to take the Regional title in Lanigan. With both teams advancing to provincials along with Watrous, Lanigan was slotted in Pool A with Carnduff, Unity, Briercrest Christian Academy, and Shellbrook. Pool B at provincials included Watrous, Dalmeny, Kipling, Maple Creek and Lashburn. The first scheduled game Nov. 19 for Lanigan was against Briercrest Christian Academy in Shellbrook.

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