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(Neb.)-Baily named interim CSC volleyball coach

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CHADRON – Janel Baily, a former volunteer assistant coach at Chadron State College, has been named the interim head coach for the 2012 season, athletic director Brad Smith announced Tuesday. Baily replaces Natasha Marquis, who coached one season for the Eagles before resigning to take an assistant coaching job at Southern Illinois.

“We were fortunate enough to have someone on campus like Janel that the team knew and were comfortable with,” Smith said. “Janel has a lot of volleyball knowledge and her personality will give this program a spark to get the season started.”

Baily, a native of Arvada, Colo., is no stranger to Chadron State College or its volleyball program. She worked two years as a volunteer assistant under former head coach Amy Spruiell from 2009-10, and her husband, Ryan, has been the Eagles’ track and field coach since 2009.

Baily also worked in the Chadron State Alumni and Foundation Office and was an assistant director of residence life at CSC.

“I’m extremely excited to coach and work with an awesome group of girls, some I’ve known since they’ve been here,” she said. “I feel like we have a stellar class returning and I know they’re hungry to improve. The incoming recruits also look good and they’ll be competing for time on the floor. I can’t wait to get started.”

Although she hasn’t coached in the past two years, Baily has a wealth of volleyball knowledge. Prior to her time at Chadron State, Baily was a full-time assistant at her alma mater, Western State, from 2006-09.

Baily, who played for the Mountaineers from 2002-04 at outside hitter and libero, was also a volunteer assistant in Gunnison for two seasons and coached for the Juggernaut Volleyball Club in Denver for one season.

Baily said she already has big goals for this season, which begins Aug. 31 at the Northern State Tournament in Aberdeen, S.D.

“I want these girls to be energized to compete again,” she said. “I’m going to put a big emphasis on getting them to work together as a team and to put all the pieces together. Our team will really focus on defense and we want to keep the ball off the floor to frustrate our opponents. We have a lot of depth and experience at every position and I think they all have their own leadership qualities

that will help the incoming players turn into what we want Chadron State volleyball to be.”

She also wants her team to be active in the community.

“I am going to stress to them that we need to be involved and not only be volleyball players,” she said. “They’re student-athletes first and foremost and I’m going to do my best to help them have a positive and fulfilling collegiate experience, so I want them to be as well-rounded as possible. If we support the community, they’ll give back to us and support us during our matches.”

Baily and her husband, Ryan, are the parents of two children. Their daughter, Jayden, is 4 and their son, Trenton, is 3.

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