

(Neb.)-Baily named CSC volleyball coach

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CHADRON – Janel Baily has been named the head volleyball coach at Chadron State, athletic director Brad Smith announced Tuesday.

“We are fortunate to have someone like Janel as our head coach,” Smith said. “She is a great coach and she really helped us out during a difficult circumstance last fall. I’m looking forward to some big things in our volleyball program.”

Baily, who led the Eagles as the interim head coach in 2012, is the 13th coach in the program’s history.

“I am excited to have the official position,” she said. “I am looking forward to building a much more competitive program. I am grateful for the opportunity and I would like to thank the administration and the community for their support.”

In Baily’s first season as the interim head coach the Eagles finished 5-24 and 2-17 in conference play. She also helped guide them to their first Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference victories in over two years.

Baily also encouraged academic success as nine players were RMAC All-Academic selections and senior outside hitter Mollie Jones earned all-district honors.

While working as the interim coach, Baily also signed three student-athletes.

Prior to her time at Chadron State, she was a full-time assistant at her alma mater, Western State, from 2006-09.

Baily, who played for the Mountaineers from 2002-04, also coached for the Juggernaut Volleyball Club in Denver one season. Baily also played one season at Troy University.

She earned her bachelor’s degree from Western State in 2004 in sociology and psychology. She is currently pursuing a graduate degree in organizational management and expects to graduate this summer.

Baily and her husband, Ryan, the CSC cross country and track and field coach, are the parents of two children, Jayden and Trenton.