



# Midland College Athletics

## MC's Jimenez Leads Youth Movement Into Her Second Season

Lady Chaparral Volleyball  
Monday, July 30, 2012  
Midland, TX

In her first year as head coach of the 2011 Lady Chap volleyball, Coach Tammie Jimenez guided the team to a solid 17-13 season, going 10-2 in the WJCAC (Conference Champions) as well as advancing to the Region V West finals. Jimenez achieved this despite the fact that she, and the team, endured three player departures prior to the start of the season, early season injuries to key players and a very tough schedule.

The Lady Chaps will also have a new assistant coach this season, after Jennifer Charles moved on to Kennesaw State University, GA (NCAA II). Charles contribution to the team as well as her overall energy will be difficult to replace.

Heading into the 2012 season the Lady Chaps return only two players from last season; All-Conference and Region V West MVP Dragana Cvoric and fellow starter Victoria Smith. Cvoric, a 6'0" outside hitter from Guca, Serbia, finished as the team leader in kills per set at 3.6 and finished third in the category in WJCAC play. Cvoric recorded a total of 356 kills and 356 digs last season. Smith is a 6'1" right side hitter from Odessa, TX who played in every game last season. In 2011 Smith recorded 234 total kills (second most) and 80 total blocks.

The Lady Chaps lost four of their top players from 2011, due to graduation. Addison Zaya (Hardin-Simmons University), Sarah Sawyer (West Texas A&M University), Trinity Walker and Brittany Serrano each played a significant role in the team's successes over the previous two seasons, including back to back WJCAC Championships, two Region V West finals (Champs in 2010) and a 2010 appearance in the NJCAA Division I Volleyball Championships.

Joining Cvoric and Smith are a strong group of freshmen including: Sarah Allen (5'2" DS/L) of Bedford, TX; Kristina Gafford (5'9" S) from Lubbock, TX; Shayla Hancock (5'8" S) from Pima, AZ; Kathleen Leasau (5'10" OH) of West Jordan, UT; Gaby Nieto (6'1" MB) Zapopan, Jalisco, Mexico; Naomi Posada (5'8" OH) Midland; Peyton Pyle (5'11" MB) Midland (Greenwood); Marina Salazar (5'3" DS/L) of Odessa, TX and Megan Sanchez (5'9" RS/OH) of El Paso, TX.

The Lady Chaps open practice on Monday, August 6th while they'll make their season debut on Friday, August 24th when they host the 2012 Midland College Kick-Off Classic.

2011 Final Season Standings:

[http://www.dakstats.com/WebSync/Pages/Conference/ConferenceStandings.aspx?association=14&sg=WVB&sea=JUCWVB\\_2011&conference=JUCWVB1\\_WJCAC](http://www.dakstats.com/WebSync/Pages/Conference/ConferenceStandings.aspx?association=14&sg=WVB&sea=JUCWVB_2011&conference=JUCWVB1_WJCAC)

2011 Season Statistics:

[http://www.dakstats.com/WebSync/Pages/Team/IndividualStats.aspx?association=14&sg=WVB&sea=JUCWVB\\_2011&team=15312](http://www.dakstats.com/WebSync/Pages/Team/IndividualStats.aspx?association=14&sg=WVB&sea=JUCWVB_2011&team=15312)

2012 Season Schedule:

[http://www.gochaps.com/volleyball/schedule\\_results.php](http://www.gochaps.com/volleyball/schedule_results.php)

2012 Lady Chap Team Roster

<http://www.gochaps.com/volleyball/roster.php>

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