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Thingvold joins 2011 volleyball signing class

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BEMIDJI, Minn. - **Kristen Thingvold** (5-10, OH, Crystal, Minn.) signed a National Letter of Intent to become the fifth member of the 2011 Bemidji State University volleyball signing class. Thingvold joins the Wadena-Deer Creek High School trio of **Rachel Craig** (6-0, MB), **Kelsi Crawford** (5-9, OH) and **Courtney Volkmann** (5-7, S) along with Grand Rapids High School product **Kelly Niles** (6-0, OH) as signees for coach **Wayne Chadwick's** program heading into the 2011 slate.

All signees are contingent upon admission to BSU and compliance with NCAA rules, including certification by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

"I think Kristen fits the mold of what this whole recruiting class was all about," Chadwick said. "We were trying to add flexibility and depth to the roster. Kristen is about 5-10 and will primarily be an outside hitter for us. She adds some flexibility because she does have quite a bit of experience playing in the middle for her club team this season. She is certainly athletic enough where she can play both positions for us."



Thingvold comes to Bemidji State from Robbinsdale Cooper High School where she led the Hawks with 77 blocks and amassed 112 kills and 23 service aces as a senior. The 5-10 player who occupied the middle hitter position for coach Brooke Schaffer's squad was selected All-North Suburban Conference Honorable Mention this past season. In addition to lettering four years as a member of the volleyball program, Thingvold earned four letters in golf and two letters in basketball.

She is the daughter of Gary and Mary Thingvold and was born July 26, 1993 in Crystal, Minn. Her mother competed in cross country and bowling at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Kristen's older sister, Kelsey, just finished a four-year career on the hardwood at University of Wisconsin-Superior.

The five signees join a squad which graduates six seniors including two-time All-NSIC honorable selection Nicole Olson (MB, Baudette, Minn.) and BSU's career digs leader Brie Groskreutz (Lib., Reedsburg, Wis.). The Beavers return six players from last year's squad including seniors **Kimberly Hacker** (MB/RS, Hutchinson, Minn.) and **Jessi-Beth McCannell** (S, Brandon, Manitoba).

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