Freshmen Traci Knuth and Caitlin Smyth

#11 Traci Knuth
Freshman Middle Hitter
5-11 • Columbus, Neb. • Columbus HS

HIGH SCHOOL
Four-year starter for Columbus HS in Columbus, Neb. ... Two-time Class A second-team All-State honoree for the Discoverers, as well as a two-time All-Conference honoree ... Named team MVP in 2001 and 2002 and was selected to the Columbus Area and Nebraska All-Star teams as a senior ... Also a standout hoops player for Columbus HS.

PERSONAL
Born Traci Ann Knuth on June 27, 1985, in Lexington, Neb. ... Hometown is Columbus, Neb. ... Daughter of Lyle and Jane Knuth ... Lyle played intercollegiate football for Nebraska-Kearney ... Majoring in physical therapy ... Enjoys snow and water skiing, swimming and playing all sports.

#16 Caitlin Smyth
Freshman Outside Hitter
5-10 • Mechanicsville, Va. • Atlee HS

HIGH SCHOOL
Three-year starter at Atlee HS in Mechanicsville, Va. ... Named District Player of the Year as a junior and senior, as well as first-team All-Region and Academic All-Region ... Richmond Times-Dispatch Scholar Athlete of the Month winner ... Team captain for the Raiders in junior and senior seasons.

PERSONAL
Born Caitlin T. Smyth on October 17, 1974, in Falls Church, Va. ... Hometown is Mechanicsville, Va. ... Daughter of Kevin and Melinda Smyth ... Undecided in major ... Participated in foreign exchange program, living in Spain for 10 months ... Lists USA Volleyball player Stacy Sykora as a favorite sports personality.

AASU is 8-1 in five-game matches over the last four years