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A Blazer basketball milestone,
January 6, 2016:
CSB basketball beats Mac in OT,
picks up *500th* MIAC win



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Another Blazer basketball milestone:
CSB welcomes a new
Athletic Director,
Glennis Werner '93



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1990 yearbook

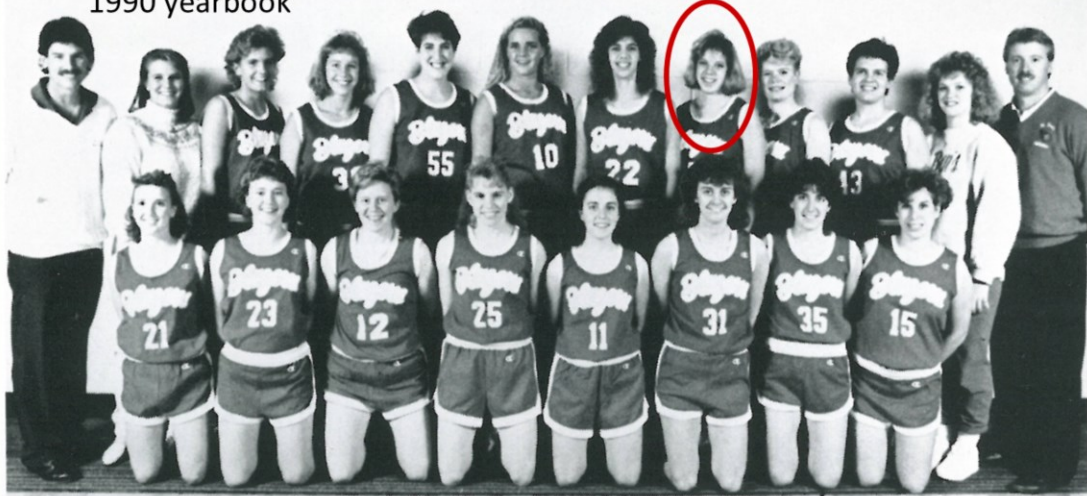


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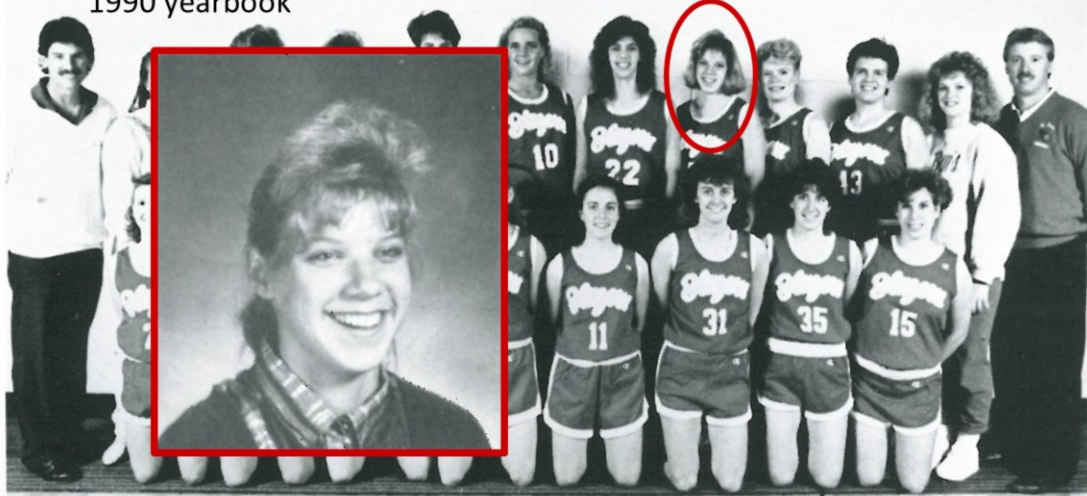


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1990-91 Blazers

Team Photo First Row l-r: Amy Hergott, Sue Yorkovich, Shelly Loecken, Mickey Jurewicz, Melissa Harren, Lori Klein, Anne Schottler.
Second Row l-r: Head Coach Mike Durbin, Nicole Heisler, Janine Metting, Katiece Wandmacher, Lynn Nielsen, Glennis Werner, Asst. Coach Jessica Sutherland, Asst. Coach Denny Johnson. **Third Row l-r:** Kris Lantis, Colleen Carey, Jennifer Fontaine, Laurie Palmer, Chas Jewett, Kelly Mahlum, Brenda Backes, Anne Bunkers.

1991 team photo from the CSB Archives
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1991-92 Blazers

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Junior class leads the basketball team

by Kathleen Smith
Independent sports editor

The College of St. Benedict's head basketball coach Mike Durbin will have to change his motto, "you're only as good as your senior class" to "you're only as good as your junior class."

The Blazer basketball team has no seniors returning to action this year. Durbin is looking to his six returning juniors to step forward and take on the leadership of the team.

The returning Blazers are juniors: Kelly Mahlum, Janine Mettling, Sue

Yorkovich and Glenn Werner. There are also two freshmen on the Blazer

"Twenty players has always been our goal, but this is the first time I have had twenty on the roster," Durbin said.

The Blazers record last year was 20-7 overall, 14-6 MIAC. That was the fourth consecutive year the Blazers have tallied 20 or more wins. The Blazers also made it to the semi-finals of the NCAA Regional tournament. Only two starters were lost to graduation.

Durbin has had to change some of his coaching methods due to the loss of a post up player. The team will focus more on the wing positions, one of

program and will all have plenty of playing time," Durbin said.

Durbin expects that the Blazers will have very up-beat games with some fast breaks. They will also be looking to Werner, Nielsen and Mettling to score from the perimeter.

"They all have very good shots from the outside," Durbin said.

The Blazers face a very competitive schedule. The team will host the Blazer Basketball Classic to open up their season on the Cornell, Steven

will be invited. The team has each other since and started off

Basketball

"Practices have been very good there is a lot of comradete among the players. They are very coachable and very hard working," Durbin said.

"We are a really young team but we have a lot of experience," Nielsen said.

"Practices are going really well. They are a lot different than last year. We'll be running a lot more this season," Mahlum said.

The team will be able to put their practices to use when they scrimmage Anoka Ramsey on Nov. 13.

The first and second year athletes will play in a

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J.V. jamboree at St. Thomas on Nov. 9.

Durbin will have to do some adjusting for the month of January when Janine Mettling will be in Europe with the college choir.

"It's going to be a strange season. We're still waiting for some players to join us who play fall sports, and we'll have to do some adjusting when Janine is gone," Durbin said.

The Blazers are hoping to get together as a team and set some goals for the season.

"I think we're (the juniors) adjusting to the leadership role and of course we hope to do as well as last year," Nielsen said.

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Nov. 5, 1991 *The Independent*

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Replay

St. Ben's basketball is off to a good start

by Kathleen Smith
Independent sports editor

The College of St. Benedict's basketball team is 2-2 overall and 0-0 in the MIAC. The team has shown some strong play and is looking forward to their MIAC opponents.

The Blazers opened up their season by hosting the Blazer/Holiday Inn classic on Nov. 22 and 23. Cornell, Stevens Point and Upper Iowa were the teams that were invited.

In the first game of the tournament, St. Ben's defeated Upper Iowa 73-54. Junior Jeanine Mettling led the Blazers with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Junior Kelly Mahlum added 15 points to also lead the Blazers to victory.

In the championship game the Blazers lost to UW Stevens Point 80-75. First year player Amy Mount led CSB with 21 points and Mahlum added 17 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for the team.

"The Blazer Classic went very well. I think everyone enjoyed themselves. We played as well as I expected," head coach Mike Durbin said.

Mettling missed the game against Stevens Point due to a prior commitment.

"So we were out 22 points from the night before, and we only lost by five points," Durbin said.

Junior Glennis Werner and Mahlum were named to the Blazer/Holiday Classic All Tournament team.

"Glen is a solid, off the bench, player. She had to come into this season playing with confidence and she has done just that. She has definitely matured through our junior varsity program and that is great," Durbin said.

The team traveled to UW-River Falls Nov. 26, and won their game 99-85. Juniors Kelly Mahlum and Glennis Werner led the Blazers in scoring with 29 and 20 points. Mettling and junior Lynn Nielsen added 17 and 12 points respectively.

Durbin says the team is right where he expected them to be after four games. The team is averaging 81 points a game. Mahlum is averaging 18.7 p.p.g., Mettling, 16. Nielsen 11.5 and sophomore Colleen Carey 7.5 points per game.

"Our defense has allowed an average of 75 points. That will not help us win games. We need to look to help each other on defense, and that will come," Durbin said.

"Since we do not have a lot of size in the post-up position we have had to change our game to a faster, running one. It is hard, but it has brought the team closer. We're still getting used to working with each other," Werner said.

The junior varsity team beat Upper Iowa 79-28. First year student, Nikki Erikson had 16 points for the Blazers.

"The first year students are great. They work really hard and they are going to be a lot of help coming off the bench," Werner said.

The basketball team will return from Christmas break on Jan. 1, and they will travel to Gustavus on Jan. 4, to open up the new year.

Head coach Mike Durbin is in his sixth year at St. Ben's. His overall record is 103-35 (.746) at CSB.

St. Ben's beat Concordia, St. Paul 77 to 52 on Dec. 5.

Dec. 10, 1991 *The Independent*

1991-12-10, The Independent, p. 14

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Blazer's looking to home-court advantage

by Kathleen Smith
Independent sports editor

The Blazer basketball team brought their record to 21-4 overall and 17-2, MIAC by defeating Gustavus 69-57 on Wednesday, Feb. 26, in Claire Lynch.

The win was the eighth one in a row for the College of St. Benedict's hoopsters.

"We played poised. There was no chance for them to catch up," junior Glennis Werner said.

Junior Lynn Nielsen and first year student each had 16 points for the Blazers. Kampa also had five blocks while Nielsen pulled down 13 rebounds.

"The team played great together as a whole. Our defense was excellent," Nielsen said.

The Blazers defeated Hamline and Bethel the week before. In the Hamline game juniors Kelly Mahlum and Janine Mettling led the Blazers with 24 and 19 points respectively. Nielsen sank 12

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In the Bethel game Nielsen sank 17 points and Mettling had 13 points. Nielsen, Kampa and sophomore Colleen

Carey all grabbed eight rebounds.

The Blazers played their last regular season game on Saturday, Feb. 29, at St. Thomas. The Tommies no.1 in the MIAC and in the nation.

"We will just have to be optimistic in that game. We'll have to play tough defense and aggressive offense," Nielsen said.

The committee for tournament selection met last night to determine what teams would play each other and where.

"We will most likely play Concordia at Claire Lynch on Saturday, March 7," Coach Mike Durbin said.

The Blazers have beaten Concordia twice in regular season play in very close games.

March 3, 1992 *The Independent*

1992-03-03, The Independent, p. 15

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The campaign marked the fifth straight 20 win season for sixth year head coach Mike Durbin and the fourth straight trip to the NCAA Regionals. A satisfied Durbin remarked, "The year turned out really well. There is very good reason to be optimistic about next year, but we'll have to continue to work hard."

Much of this optimism stems from the unique composition of this year's team. Because there were no seniors on the roster, Durbin is in the enviable position of having his entire team returning for next season. "We tell our team that you're only as good as your senior class," he said "I guess this year we were only as good as our junior class."

The junior class that Durbin refers to consists of Kelly Mahlum, Lynn Nielsen, Janine Mettling, Sue Yorkovich, Amy Hergott, and Glennis Werner. Each will be counted on for senior leadership next year, as well as on-court production matching or exceeding this season.



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1992 *Saints* yearbook, p. 109

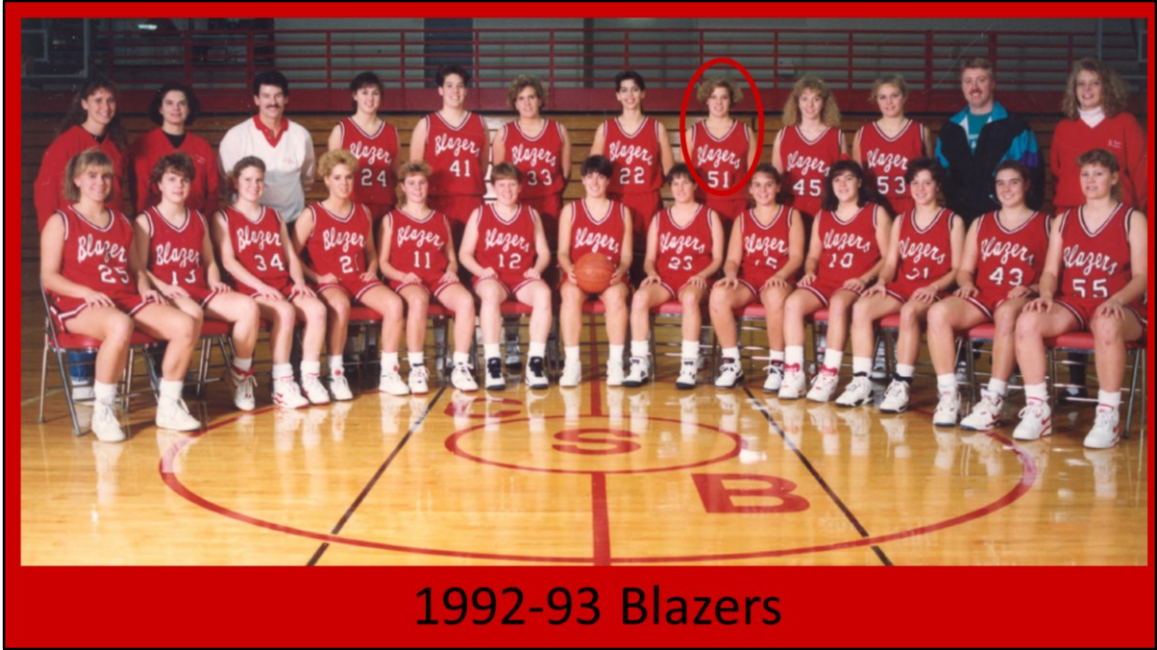
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1992-93 Blazers

1993 team photo from the CSB Archives



1992-93 Blazers

1993 team photo from the CSB Archives

Blazer basketball begins season ranked 2nd in nation

by Kathleen Smith
Independent co-editor

The College of St. Benedict's basketball team's season has begun differently than any other. The Blazers have been ranked no. two in the nation by the NCAA.

"It is nice to see that our conference is beginning to be respected in the nation," head coach Mike Durbin said.

The women's teams in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference have not been quiet during Durbin's six years at CSB. There have been two national champions and two runners-up.

Durbin is not going to let the national ranking affect the St. Ben's basketball team.

"As far as I am concerned it's just pre-season hype. We have 25 games to be concerned with before post-season play," Durbin said.

"We have the potential of playing teams from the east, mid-west, and the west. It will give us a chance to see a balance of power,"

• Mike Durbin
CSB Basketball Head Coach

Durbin said that this schedule is probably the toughest ever that the Blazers have faced.

The season begins on Dec. 1, against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Their next game is against Wittenburg, Ohio. Wittenburg had the no. 1 defense in the nation last season.

This season will be highlighted with a trip to San Diego in December. The Blazers will participate in the UC-San Diego Surf & Slam Tournament. Durbin considers this tournament one of the best in Division III basketball.

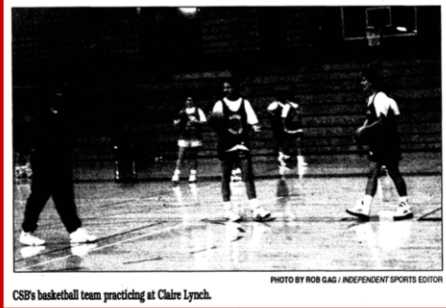
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"I think we are going to be tough as well as exciting to watch," Werner said.

"The seniors are doing exceptionally well. Their leadership skills start to shine year since there were no seniors on the team. They are a special group of players," Durbin said.



CSB's basketball team practicing at Claire Lynch.

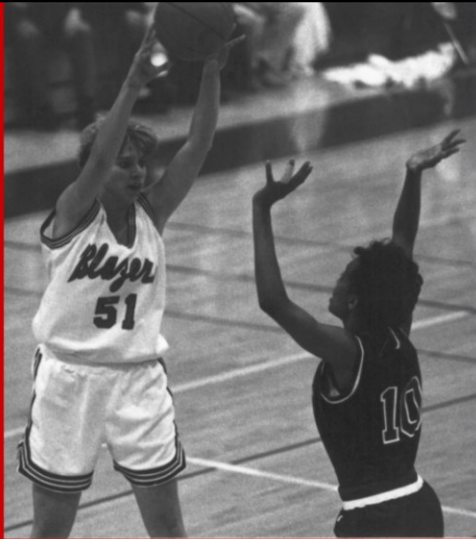
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CSB's basketball team practicing at Claire Lynch.

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Blazers culminate season with Final Four berth

By Sheila Eldred
Staff Writer

The '87 Twins season was described as "unbelievable" and "incredible"—a season which would never again be equaled in such a magical way. The '92-'93 Blazer basketball season equals the '87 Twins in its magic.

Everyone knows, or should know, what the Blazer basketball team has accomplished this year: undefeated in the MIAC, three wins over St. Thomas, several personal milestones, a trip to the Final Four. But just as Twins' fans benefited from their winning season, so did we gain from the Blazers' success.

We were given the opportunity to watch an incredibly dedicated group of women perform to the best of their ability during every single game. We witnessed a team which is truly, as head coach Mike Durbin said, in "a league of their own."

No one in Pella, Iowa, tried to make excuses last weekend when this team missed the

chance to play for National champions by one point in the final few seconds of the game. Everyone knew the potential of this team, but they also knew that no team is invincible—although the Blazers have proven to be incredible.

They have proven this from the beginning of the season, with an impressive win at the San Diego Surf and Slam Tournament to the critical game against Concordia March 13 which led the Blazers to the Final Four. The Concordia game was not only exhausting physically, but also emotionally. The team's undefeated season was put to the test one more time, and as the fans screamed "FINAL FOUR" in the last minutes, everyone knew they were realizing their dream.

Both sophomore Tina Kampa and senior Kelly Mahlum were all-sectional. But this team was not based on one or two standouts. The fans realized this when each player climbed the ladder to collect a piece of the net which their balls had swished through—it was surprising to recognize so many names and faces who made up this team.

The Blazers graduated five players: Kelly Mahlum, Janine Mettling, Lynn Nielsen, Glen Werner, and Amy Hergott. These players were key both on and off the court: they included two captains, a singer of the National Anthem, a 1000 point career player, and a Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Although it will be impossible to recapture the magic of the '93 season, the Blazers' depth in young players should carry them more than adequately through the next years: Sarah Karr, Stephanie Shug, Jill Literski, Shelly Breen, and Sarah Mickus showed their talent in the final minutes of the Concordia game when Durbin replaced the five seniors. This group still has two or three seasons to wear a Blazer uniform.

Fans supported the Blazers not only at sold-out home games, but the CSB/SJU crowd in the Central College gym was loud enough to take the edge off the deafening cheers of the home team crowd.

It was easy to be a loyal fan without any disappointments throughout the entire sea-

son. After Central sunk a basket with four seconds left in Friday's game to lead the Blazers by one point, these fans were certainly stunned, but their faith in this team was unaltered. They screamed just as loudly the following night although the Blazers lost to Scranton (favored with the Blazers to play in the final game) by a margin of 20 points, the most they had ever been behind all season.

The magic of the Twins' unbelievable season ended with parades, trophies, and thousands of ecstatic Homer Hanky-waving fans, and the Blazers certainly deserve as much. They have been examples to athletes in every sport of how a true team can work together to achieve the extraordinary.

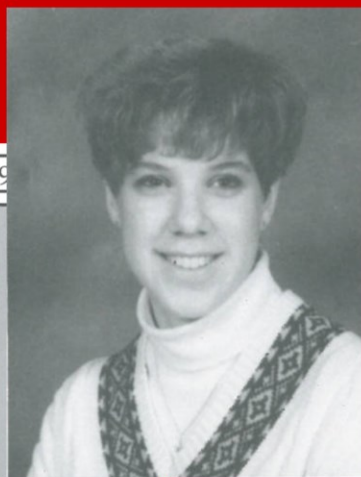
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Senior Basketball players, Janine Mettling, Amy Hergott, Lynn Nielsen, Glen Werner, and Kelly Mahlum with their fourth place trophy from the Final Four.

1993 *Saints* yearbook, p. 168

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Group photo – 1993 *Saints* yearbook, p. 159

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SETTING STANDARDS

Bennies end season with perfect MIAC record

"Memories." The Blazer's 1992-1993 season is packed with them, and also the accomplishments that might never be equaled, by St. Ben's or any other team in the MIAC. St. Ben's, buttressed by five seasoned, talented seniors, knew it had the tools to put together an exceptional season, but even the players and coaches might one day be awed by the magnitude of their achievements.

The Blazers were ranked number one in the nation for nearly all of the regular season. They finished 25-0 in the regular season, and their 20-0 record in the MIAC marked only the second time a team had ventured through its league schedule undefeated.

The Blazers essentially completed the transfer of power in the MIAC in the first round of the NCAA playoffs, whipping the 1991 national champion Tommies 78-65 to advance to the section tournament.

They then went on to rip up Marymount University of Arlington, Va., 108-75 in the NCAA Division III version of the "Sweet Sixteen," then completed their three-game sweep of Concordia, 84-57, to advance to the Final Four.

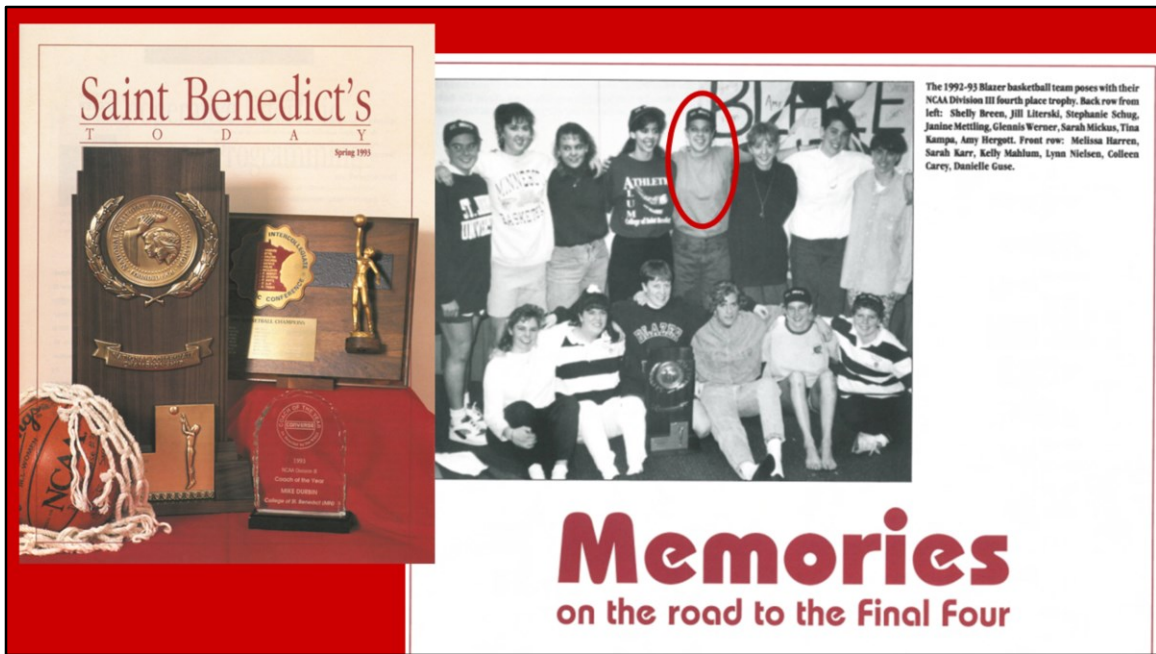
In the first round, St. Ben's was heavily favored to win, but the old adage, "That's why they play em'" rang true as they were defeated in a heartbreaker by Central College.

The next day, the Blazers played hard, but not particularly well and lost 89-69 to Scranton in the third-place game.

The spectacular season will always be remembered by those of us who were lucky to have been here to experience it. Time will never erase the memories of the 1992-1993 Blazers.

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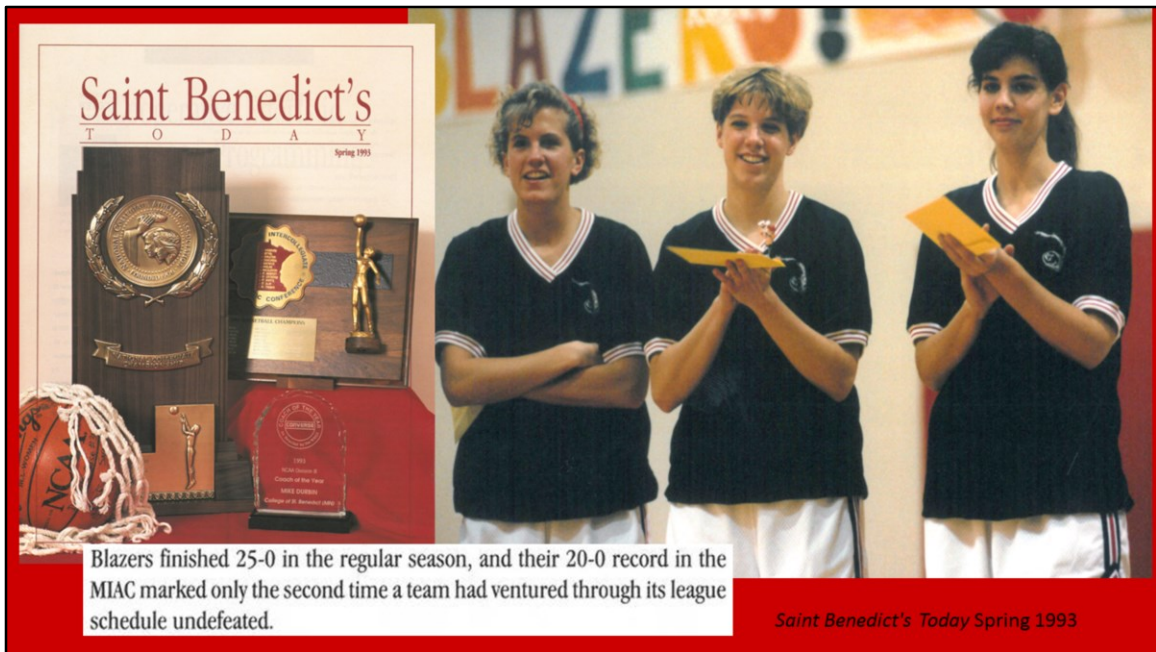


The 1992-93 Blazer basketball team poses with their NCAA Division III fourth place trophy. Back row from left: Shelly Breen, Jill Literski, Stephanie Schug, Janine Mettling, Glennis Werser, Sarah Mickus, Tina Kampa, Amy Hergott. Front row: Melissa Harren, Sarah Karr, Kelly Mahlum, Lynn Nielsen, Colleen Garey, Danielle Guse.

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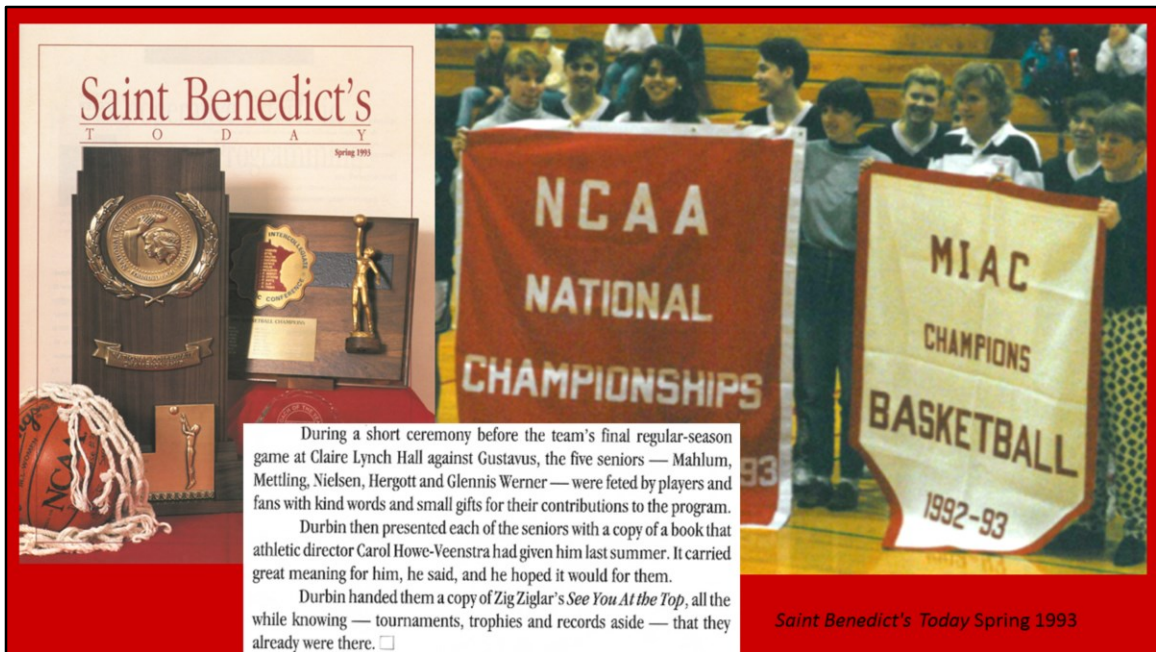
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Glennis Werner is a counselor for the Underwood School, Underwood, Minn. She assists seniors in their post graduation plans, as well as helping students with any personal or academic issues. Glennis is also the personal counselor at the Ashby School.

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Glennis Werner has a graduate degree in sport management and has an assistantship as a graduate adviser for NIU student housing, Dekalb, Ill.

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BLAZER SPORTS

For the latest in Blazer sports:

From Final Four to Gold: Building Olympic Dreams

Former Blazer basketball player Glennis Werner '93 has had quite a journey since she left St. Joseph and the College of Saint Benedict 11 years ago.

campaign and last summer, as operations manager for the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, she was invited to work at the summer Olympics in Athens, Greece.

Werner took 57 days off from her

regular duties at the USOTC for what she calls the opportunity of a lifetime. She was the only woman on a team of six charged with completely transforming a facility rented from the American College of Greece into a workable training space for the U.S. athletes. They had 15 days, but planning the transformation took two-and-one-half years of hard work. "Our goal was to be able to set up a home-field advantage in another country," Werner says. "European set-ups are different, so we had to change a lot of things," she added. Her job was primarily as a scheduler in charge of coordinating the 18 U.S. teams. The training area gave

the athletes from the craziness of the Olympic Games and it also provided welcomed familiar faces.

A typical day for Werner started at 7:30 a.m. and ended around 9 p.m., in 100 degrees of heat and extreme humidity. Since the Olympic schedule runs seven days a week, she never really got a full day off from July 25 to Sept. 2.

Of course, for even summer stay in Greece were a rescue team and three canines.

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LIFE

GIGGLE

It's not all fun and games for Glen Werner Roseboom '93, director of the United States Olympic Center in Colorado Springs.

There's middle-of-the-night phone calls from international Olympic hopefuls wanting time in the aquatic center. Right now, she and her team are working out the logistics to recreate their 500-bed training facility in Beijing before July where they will be housing and caring for Olympians for a few months this summer. Or, unfortunately, she's there when, as she says, "People's careers are ending. It's not good."

It's the laughter that fuels her. "Laughter and excitement are important to me. Without a huge dose of it every day, I'm in trouble," Glen said. "Gigging is what I do at work, with my two year old, and giggling is why I married my husband. If you enjoy the atmosphere and the people you work with, you will be wildly successful."

Glen said this is the first time she's been able to sit back and "simply enjoy being." A year after graduation, she didn't feel successful. Then, she was leaning in the Mezzanine in Claire Lynch during a Saint Ben's basketball game in 1994 talking to then-Blazer-coach Jim McConnell about what she should do. His words changed her life: "Whatever you do, make sure you want to be knee-deep in it for the rest of your life."

That moment of clarity was all she needed. Within two months, she'd taken her GRE and enrolled in a sports management program. The next twelve years

Glen Werner Roseboom '93

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Glen said this is the first time she's been able to sit back and "simply enjoy being." A year after graduation, she didn't feel successful. Then, she was leaning in the Mezzanine in Claire Lynch during a Saint Ben's basketball game in 1994 talking to then-Blazer-coach Jim McConnell about what she should do. His words changed her life: "Whatever you do, make sure you want to be knee-deep in it for the rest of your life."

That moment of clarity was all she needed. Within two months, she'd taken her GRE and enrolled in a sports management program. The next twelve years

The biggest challenge she sees others facing in life is finding balance. "This is the right spot for me because I have a beautiful balance. I love being at home, and I love being at work," she said. "That's what passion looks like to me. I don't need mental health days."

Glen said if giggling at work isn't in your immediate future, there are other things you can do. "The Saint Ben's 'hello,'" she suggested without pause. "Let's start with that and make people feel welcome each day."

Glen Werner Roseboom '93

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The United States Olympic Committee announced in August the promotion of **Glennis Werner Roseboom** to director of the Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center. Glennis has been affiliated with the Colorado Springs center since 1997. A board member and Team Captain of the Pikes Peak Women's Hockey Foundation, Roseboom was also Assistant Coach for the Colorado College Women's Basketball program from 1998-2003. She was a 1993 Division III basketball Final Four participant for the College of Saint Benedict and a two-time varsity team captain.

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Glennis Werner-Roseboom was part of the management team for the Olympic team's High Performance Training Center in Beijing.

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Going for the gold

Glennis Werner Roseboom '93,
Presidents' Award

After a long stint as director of the Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center, Glennis is tackling a new playing field as an executive at the VillaSport Athletic Club and Spa.

During her tenure with the Olympic Training Center, Glennis was selected for staff assignments at five consecutive Olympic Paralympic Games, both summer and winter. She also served as an adjunct professor in the sport management

graduate program at the University of Alabama, as well as in the undergraduate program at the University of Colorado – Colorado Springs.

She also completed a two-year Olympic Sport Leadership Certification Program with the Kellogg Center for Nonprofit Management at Northwestern University, and she started a competitive women's hockey team. Throughout her career — and her life — Glennis endeavors to live with the values with which she was raised and which Saint Ben's reinforced.

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COMING HOME

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As many college graduates learn, post-graduation plans don't always unfold as expected.

Glennis Werner Roseboom (CSB '93), recently named the new Athletic Director at CSB, has been no exception. Her returning path to CSB has been a long one.

Werner Roseboom, a Cannon

Falls, Minnesota native, graduated from CSB with a degree in social work. After graduation, she managed to land her dream job as a school counselor and girls' basketball coach in Underwood, Minnesota.

But then tragedy struck the small community. A student died in a car accident, and it was then that Werner Roseboom realized she was out of her element.

"It became overwhelming,"

Werner Roseboom said. "I was 23 years old and trying to recover a community from a massive grief event. I thought to myself, 'Yes, I can do this, but at what cost to myself emotionally?'"

In the end, Werner Roseboom decided the cost was too great and began pursuing a master's degree in sports management.

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Previous CSB athlete hire

ABOUT GLEN

- From Cannon Falls, Minnesota
- Currently resides in Colorado
- 1993 CSB graduate
- Previous CSB basketball player and crew team president
- Has attended six Olympic and Paralympic games
- Has one daughter

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"Sports just grabbed my attention," Werner Roseboom said. "It was my niche. When I landed the job at the training center, it was like I had died and gone to heaven."

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business has always been very personal. Being able to care for people at work and being able to return the favor to hundreds of other women means so much. It's no longer just business, it's absolutely personal."

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"I'd be lying if I said I wasn't nervous," Werner Roseboom said. "Carol is a legacy to me. It's as daunting as anything to really be able to connect with people the way she has. Thank goodness I'm an athlete and like a challenge."

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CSB Alumna Named Athletic Director

Glennis Werner, class of 1993, has been named the new CSB athletic director, and will begin this position July 1. Glen will replace Carol Howe-Veenstra, who is retiring after 30 years in the Blazer athletic department.

For the past two years, Glen has been the assistant general manager at the VillaSport Athletic Club and Spa in Colorado Springs, Colo. In her position at the 12,000-member facility, she oversaw the management team, handled building repairs and developed strategic plans while overseeing a \$10 million annual budget. Before that, she worked at

the Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center. As the director, Glen oversaw facility operations and attended six Olympic and Paralympic games to help execute training and competition plans. She also helped raise \$16 million for facility construction and renovation.

"I hope to find new and interesting ways to bring the campus community together and for Blazer student athletes to connect into larger circles of campus and community life," explains Glen. "I cannot wait to see what lies ahead for the student athletes at Saint Ben's."

The entire CSB community is happy to welcome Glen home!



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Werner feels at home in St. Joseph

Glen Werner, the new CSB athletic director, returns to her Blazer roots in the front office

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For many St. Ben's and St. John's students, the campuses have become home. Homecoming marks a point in the year where first-years have begun to adjust to college and seniors are beginning their long lists of "last firsts."

Glen Werner, a 1993 graduate of CSB, will be celebrating her first Homecoming as St. Ben's Athletic Director. She follows in the footsteps of Carol Howe-Venstra who was head of the department for three decades. Even though it has been 22 years, CSB still feels like home for Werner.

Emily McGrath: What has it been like to follow Carol in this organization?

Glen Werner: It's been very nostalgic for me. Replacing someone after 30 years makes you want to begin to think like you have to pick up right where they left off and I have to be performing at that level right away. That can be a recipe for not a lot of success right away. It has been

more like learning like crazy and always going back to learning and being mindful. Not unlike what you guys are trying to do.

EM: How has your first season back been with us?

GW: I would probably describe it a million ways. There is the piece of coming home was exactly what I thought it would be, it's just fantastic. It's so familiar but St. Ben's has really evolved in 22 years. Then there's the expected.

EM: And what's that?

GW: It's an organization that tries to connect business but the business product is you. We aren't producing things; we are producing people. You drive most of that. Our job is to provide you with what you think you need to move on.

EM: How have the coaching staff and players been helping your transition back to CSB?

GW: That's probably been the best part of the journey. I knew I wanted to apply for the job in February and received the offer in October and didn't move here until June; that is a huge lead up to "what is it going to be like?"

Now I'm interviewing candidates for our first coaching position and I can confidently tell them that the welcome I received day one is still the welcome I receive every morning. This is a warm environment, this community is welcoming all the time.

EM: There really is something to be said about the community here, isn't there?

GW: It is really an understated value. Everyone in the MIAC talks about community, everyone talks about their campus's great atmosphere. But we deliver every day with politeness, discussion and just excitement. I've been welcomed and so has my daughter as well as my parents like nothing I have ever experienced.

EM: And all this is after you left for about 20 years?

GW: We went back to Colorado after the interview, which is a great place, but it simply was different. Now that we're here, it's like why wouldn't you want to live here? It's just a little colder.

EM: So it really feels like coming home?

GW: Absolutely.



Glen Werner is in the midst of her first year leading the CSB athletic department.

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