Bulldogs move toward offensive role

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Brennan, 6-0, 185 pounds, played primarily as a libero and two-setter in 17 matches. He had a season-best 22 digs against Central State (Okla.) on Sept. 1. Brennan had 10 more digs in his final match of the regular season against Missouri-Mules for just 102. The defending Missouri Valley Conference (Missouri) in a hitting percentage of .147 is a concern for the team, O'Shaughnessy said.

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