

# The 2008 Soph 79: The Best High School Sophomores in the Country



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**Helen Boyle led St. Joseph's to a Missouri Class 4 state title. She's one of 79 sophomore recognized today in the Soph 79. Photo by [www.arcticferret.com](http://www.arcticferret.com)**

Below, please find 280 sophomores of distinction the nation enjoyed watching last fall.

Before we get to the honorees, you should know that this is by far the hardest list we do. The Frosh 59 list is tough because we don't yet know the athletes, but is made easier because so few freshmen are making significant contributions on the varsity level. Picking All Americans is tough because so many have become exceptional players and deserve recognition for what they've accomplished in state; yet, having seen them both high school and club, we have an idea about how to distinguish the truly exceptional from the merely exceptional.

The Soph 79 list stands in the middle, which is why it is such a massive project. On the one hand, we are still getting to know these athletes. On the other, they are already making their marks on high school varsity programs across the nation. Of the 280 players listed below, the first 79 are our "Soph 79," in our estimation the top sophomores **based on high school achievement** in the land. I have bolded those five words because being on the Soph 79 does not mean you are one of the top 79 recruitable players in the class. You may be, but that's not what this list is for. It recognizes outstanding high school varsity achievement. Period. So if you were hurt and hardly

played, like Portage Central's **Taylor Galloway**, Riverside Poly's **Madison Dreyer**, La Follette's **Crystal Graff** or Gross Catholic's **Kendall Kritenbrink**, or you are a great player on a JV or a varsity bench, don't look for your name below. You won't find it. Not this list. Not this year.

In addition to the Soph 79, you will find four sub-categories for the remaining super sophs, from "Highest Honorable Mention," which has 50 players; all the way to "Special Mention," which has 41. Finally, we list 114 players we would have liked more information about and tried, unsuccessfully, to obtain.

Remember, **AND NEVER FORGET**, this recognition is based solely on High School Achievement, not club acclaim, college potential or reputation. Please appreciate the distinction between "high school achievement" and where a player might rank as a recruit for the next level. I say this every year, but moms, dads and coaches have a way of forgetting that.

Have we missed some? Undoubtedly. We try our best, canvassing high school and club coaches across the country at least five times over a four-month period, but some worthy sophomores always fall through the cracks. We rely heavily on coaches to tell us who the top sophomores are and, when they don't deliver, players are sometimes omitted or the information on them is incomplete at best. In several instances below, we reached out to coaches specifically to supply us with more information about their players only to be met with stony silence. We apologize in advance for any oversights or errors in the information below.

Without further ado, the top high school playing sophomores in the nation...

## **THE SOPH 79**

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**Patti Abshire**, 5-6 Libero, Catholic Memorial (Waukesha WI) -- One of two sophomores (both from CMHS) to be named Second Team All State (there was none on the First Team), Abshire sparkled in the back row. A natural competitor, she picked up 612 digs in 50 matches for the Crusaders and passed a 2.3 as a primary passer. She was named Third Team All Area by the *Journal-Sentinel* and First Team All Conference.

**Kate Acker**, 5-8 OH, Catholic Memorial (Waukesha WI) – One of two sophomores (both from CMHS) to be named Second Team All State (there was none on the First Team), Acker had been pigeonholed as a DS before coach Ted Schulte tried her on the left. "She proved to be a fearless and relentless attacker," he said. In addition to her 293 kills, which placed her second on a 38-12 team that finished second in the state in Division 2, Acker picked up 406 digs, helped anchor the team's serve receive passing and served 79 aces. She also was First Team All Conference and Second Team All Area.

**Chelsea Albers**, 6-0 MB, Papillion-La Vista (Papillion NE) – Albers may only have been Honorable Mention All State in Class A in 2008, perhaps because of the presence of First Team Seniors **Chelsey Feekin** and **Gina Mancuso**, but she absolutely carried the Monarchs in stretches during the state tournament both hitting and blocking. Tremendous off of one foot, Albers had almost 300 kills for the two-time state champs. That ranked her second on the team. Her almost 120 blocks ranked her first by a wide margin. A multi-sport star, if Albers chooses volleyball for the next level, she will be an elite recruit nationally by the time she's a senior.

**Maria Allocco**, 6-2 MB, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake (Burnt Hills NY) – Last year, she was the M2 behind New York Gatorade Player of the Year Erin Little. She learned well, because she was BHBL's go-to attacker in 2008, amassing 382 kills while adding 149 blocks for the third-place

team in Class A. For her work, Allocco was honored as First Team All League and First Team All State.

**Sammie Bane**, 5-5 S, Brownstown Central (Brownstown IN) – A complete athlete who jumps well, makes great decisions with the ball and can play defense with the rest of them, Bane led the Braves to the 2A state final and a 29-8 record. The First Team All State selection amassed nearly 1,200 assists, 200 digs and 100 kills.

**Lauren Birks**, 5-11 OH, La Jolla Country Day (La Jolla CA) – Birks had another great year in 2008 for a much more balanced team. She led the Torres in kills with 355 and was second in digs. The team MVP, Birks was First Team All CIF San Diego Section and First Team All League.

**Courtney Blair**, 6-1 MB, Eastland (Lanark IL) – One of only two sophomores to earn Special Mention All State recognition, Blair doubtlessly cares more about the state 1A championship she brought home to Lanark, after a season in which she delivered 345 kills and 165 blocks.

**Helen Boyle**, 5-10 OH, St. Joseph's (St. Louis MO) – The only sophomore named First Team All State in Missouri's Class 4, Boyle was the key cog in St. Joseph's run to the Missouri state title. As the primary passer, she passed 2.4 on a 3.0 scale and had 500 receptions. As the Angels' top attacker, she led the team in kills with 350 and added 81 blocks and 55 aces. A pressure player, Boyle is a student of the game and ultra competitive.

**Olivia Brand**, 6-0 MB, Glendale (Springfield MO) – Considered the best sophomore middle in the state's southwestern part, Brand had 350 kills, 285 digs and 78 stuff blocks for one of the state's top teams. Named Second Team All State in Class 4A, Brand has a great work ethic, hits a heavy ball and has strong all-around skills. "A player like her comes along once in a great while," said coach Stephanie Bates.

**Stephanie Brand**, 5-11 MB, Central Catholic (Grand Island NE) – Brand emerged as the top player for Central Catholic in 2008. Her 351 kills and 71 blocks were team highs for the state Class C1 runners up. She was a First Team All Conference, First Team All Heartland and First Team All State selection.

**Elizabeth Brenner**, 6-1 MB, Jesuit (Portland OR) – The only sophomore named to the six-player All State First Team in Class 6A, Brenner was a powerful middle who did it all for the state champions. At the net she averaged 3.2 kills per set and was a terminal blocker, but she was equally strong in the back row, passing a 2.38 while averaging 3.2 digs per game. Junior **Ali Grauert**, also a First Team All State pick, edged her out for Metro League Player of the Year, but Brenner was as important as anyone to the Crusaders' championship run.

**Samantha Brostrom**, 5-10 OH, Centennial (Ellicott City MD) – A weight room warrior, "Bro" led Centennial to an undefeated season and state 3A title. An overpowering hitter, she set the team standard in kills and was unrelenting on defense as well, finishing second in digs. She was named First Team All Met by the *Washington Post* and First Team All Metro by the *Baltimore Sun*.

**Camille Coffey**, 5-10 MB, Flintridge Sacred Heart (La Canada CA) – First Team All League and First Team All Area, Coffey slammed 431 kills for an 21-8 team in 2008.

**Morganne Criswell**, 6-1 MB, Decatur LSA (Decatur IL) – Criswell is a special talent who dominated at the small school level in 2008, but would light up any team in any state. A physical player, Criswell had 395 kills on 613 swings in 2008 and added 166 blocks and 154 digs. She was one of only two sophomores to receive Special Mention All State honors by the *Champaign News-Gazette*.

**Jane Croson**, 5-11 OH, Los Alamitos (CA) – The only sophomore to gain All Area consideration from the *Orange County Register* and the *Long Beach Press-Telegram's* Dream Team Player of

the Year, Croson helped guide the unheralded Griffins to the Gahr title early in the year and to a spot high in the national rankings throughout the 2008 season. A fluid, game-changing type of athlete, Croson brought heat from the left side, leading the team in kills with 367, but also displayed grace and skill in the back row, tallying 183 digs.

**Ashleigh Crutcher**, 6-1 MB, Cary Academy (NC) – A top national recruit, Crutcher is a powerful player and dynamic attacker in the mold of Florida Gator sophomore Lauren Bledsoe. Crutcher led her high school team, Cary Academy, to its first ever TISAC conference championship and earned Conference MVP honors after amassing 382 kills on 734 attempts. She also notched 51 aces.

**Maggie Deichmeister**, 6-2 S/RS, Whitehall (PA) – One of only a handful of sophomores named First Team All State, Deichmeister is most deserving. She is a skilled volleyball player who stands tall in the Keystone State but would stand out anywhere. Setting and hitting in a 6-2 offense, Deichmeister had 290 assists, 161 kills, 184 digs, 62 aces and 60 blocks. She is the consummate stat stuffer!

**Caroline Douglas**, 5-11 MB, J.H. Rose (Greenville NC) – Conference Player of the Year, Douglas led Rose to a 27-1 record and North Carolina 4A title in 2008. She led her team in kills (266) and blocks (72) and was at her best in the conference finals and state playoffs, tallying 80 kills in 152 swings. "Along with her athletic ability, her mental game is unbelievable and she certainly understands the game," said head coach Norman Cabacar. "The effort she puts forth in her practices and during her games is evidence that she understands what it takes to be an elite player."

**Lara Dykstra**, 5-11 OH, Redondo Union (Redondo Beach CA) – Frosh 59 at libero last year, Dykstra is a Soph 79 pick this year as an outside hitter. She also is an exceptional setter, a true jack of all trades. First Team All League and First Team All Area, Dykstra finished the fall campaign with 476 kills, 186 digs and 48 aces. "Lara had one of the best sophomore seasons of any player I have coached," said Tommy Chaffins. "It is probably not her nature to be a 'vocal leader' but she was vocal in encouraging her teammates in matches and in practices. She always wants to work and improve on her game. When her high school career is over, she might go down as the best player ever to suit up for Redondo."

**Haley Eckerman**, 6-3 OH, Waterloo East (Waterloo IA) – Her team didn't fare as well as it did in 2007, but Eckerman had another amazing year in 2008. She led the state in kills with 574 while setting team standards in digs (247) and blocks (47) for a team that won its second straight conference title. Named to the eight-player Elite All State Team for the second consecutive year, "She probably has the most complete game that I have seen in a high school athlete," said coach Ali Rahnavardi.

**Heather Feldman**, 5-9 S, Eden (NY) -- Some regard Feldman as already among the Empire State's elite player. Running Eden's powerful offense as a 5-1 setter, Feldman averaged 6.2 assists, 1.95 aces and 2.35 digs per game. A right side player a year ago, Feldman is a student of the game and a complete player. She earned All League and All State honors.

**Brooke Fessler**, 5-10 S, Pella (IA) – Fessler led Class 3A in assists for the second straight year, compiling 893, an average of 9.4 per set. She also added 264 digs, 151 kills and 92 aces for a 28-9 team and earned First Team All State honors in Class 3A.

**Alydia Fields**, 5-10 OH, Cottonwood (Salt Lake City UT) – Team MVP for a very young Colts team that went 27-7 in 2008 and won a regional championship, Fields is a smart player and student (4.0 GPA) with strong all-around skills. Those were on display last fall as she used her quickness and big vertical leap to amass 428 kills, 380 digs and 47 aces. Fields, who hits over most blocks, was a First Team All Region and Second Team All State selection.

**Jordan Fish**, 5-7 S, North Branch (MI) – Fish improved all of her numbers from her stellar freshman campaign and again was a key reason North Branch led the state in wins. In 75 matches, Fish amassed 700 assists, 299 kills and 330 digs for a team that claimed 70 victories. Named First Team All State, one rival coach said she may already be the best setter in the state regardless of grade.

**Kristen Fleming**, 5-8 S, Columbus (GA) – Fleming averaged 8.6 assists per game as a freshman in leading Columbus to the Georgia AAA title. One year later, despite having graduated four key attackers from the year before, Fleming again averaged 8.6 assists per set (1043 total) for a team that placed among the state's top three in its class. She added 108 aces, 211 digs and 36 kills. Fleming currently ranks eighth all time on Georgia's career assists list.

**Alex Fuelling**, 6-0 OH, Belmont (Decatur, IN) – Utilized mainly in the front row as a freshman, Fuelling made a more significant impact for the Squaws in 2008. She added 200 kills to her 2007 total, finishing with 476 in 100 games, while adding a team-leading 120 aces, 200 digs and 27 blocks. Fuelling was recognized as First Team All Conference and First Team All State in Class 3A.

**Sami Fuentes**, 5-5 Libero, Roosevelt (Johnstown CO) – A rival coach said Fuentes did more to help her team than any other sophomore in the state. Her excellence on defense and in serve receive and her leadership were big reasons the Roughriders reached the 4A semifinals in 2008. Coaches recognized her superb year with Second Team All State honors in her class.

**Scarlet Gable**, 5-9 OH, Munford (TN) – The "Flyin Hawaiiin" was up to her old tricks in 2008, leading Munford to a 30-8 record and another Region 7-AAA title. The rifle armed left side recorded 425 kills in 2008 and added 172 aces and 45 solo blocks.

**Claire Gerwig**, 6-0 OH, Assumption (Louisville KY) – If you see the court for national power Assumption as a sophomore, that's saying something. Gerwig led the Rockets in kills in 2008 and also averaged 3.4 digs and .75 blocks per game. "Gerwig is a great athlete with unbelievable work ethic and discipline," said coach Ron Kordes. Gerwig was a Second Team All State selection.

**Kristen Harris**, 6-1 MB, Apex (NC) – A dominating middle both offensively and defensively, Harris' 337 kills and 45 aces led Apex, which won a sectional title, last fall. She also was a blocking force, amassing 175 total blocks. Persistent and smart and a fine basketball player as well, Harris was a tri-captain for Apex, was named to the all-tournament team at the Chapel Hill Invitational, the all-conference team of the Tri-8 Conference, academic all-conference and was Apex's offensive MVP.

**Mary Hoey**, 5-11 OH, Pope (Marietta GA) – The 2008 Cobb County player of the year and 1AAAAA Player of the Year, Hoey led a very young Greyhound team to within one win of the state AAAAA title. In the process, Hoey set the school's single season (553) and career kills record (884). She also finished second on the team in digs with 341, while adding 38.5 blocks and 44 aces.

**Paige Holland**, 5-10 S, Magnolia (TX) – With Holland dishing out 1,490 assists, Magnolia made the Class 4A Final Four in 2008. She was voted team MVP after a season that also included 254 digs and 34 aces. Others took notice as well, for Holland was named First Team All District and to the TSWA 4A All State team.

**Stephanie Holland**, 6-0 RS, JJ Pearce (Richardson TX) – A private school transfer before the season began, this left-handed striker had a massive year for Pearce, accumulating a team-leading 399 kills and 44 blocks in 130 games for a 39-8 team that reached its first regional finals berth since 1975. "She was a go-to player in all situations, not only for her dependability but her power and placement," said coach Tanessa Sawyer. Holland was voted District Newcomer of the Year, All City Offensive player of the Year and was one of 30 to receive All State recognition in Class 4A.

**Holly Hopkins**, 5-7 OH, Parish Episcopal (Dallas TX) – A great defender who excels in the back row during club, Hopkins showed she could also play front row exceptionally in 2008 for the TAPPS state 4A champs. In 103 games, Hopkins amassed 274 kills, 257 digs and 51 aces. She was First Team All State, and her District's co-Defensive Player of the Year. "If I didn't need Holly to hit, she would play libero for me as her defense is unlike anyone I have ever seen," said coach Jenny Neuhoff. "Holly is an incredible offensive player as well. While most people would not consider a 5-7 outside a threat, Holly is definitely that. She hits through the block, over the block, sees the holes and if she doesn't make a kill will usually be able to keep the ball in play. There have been many games that I have thanked God for sending Holly to Parish. Not only is she an awesome volleyball player but she is a positive leader and mentor to the rest of the team."

**Jeni Houser**, 6-1 MB/RS, Assumption (Louisville KY) – A front row powerhouse, Houser doesn't have to be seen to be believed, just heard. The mighty sound of her compressing the ball is matched only by the sound it makes when it hits the floor. An impact player in a limited role as a freshman, Houser dominated the net as a sophomore, leading the Rockets in blocks at 1.3 per game and in hitting percentage. "She combines skill and intensity with a quick arm swing that would make her stand out on any team," said coach Ron Kordes. "Houser's slide is lethal and she also is a threat from the service line, racking up aces throughout the year." She was an Honorable Mention All State selection but could easily have been a First Teamer.

**Tessa Hunt**, 5-8 Libero, Westlake (Austin TX) – Hunt set a single-season digs record for the Chaps in 2008, amassing 602. She also added 57 aces and passed at a 2.04 efficiency for the state 5A runners up. Named First Team All District, this first-year varsity performer provided the ball control and serving that was lost to graduation from the year before. "Tessa is a competitor," said Westlake coach Al Bennett. "The greater the pressure and the bigger the match, the better she plays. She plays with an 'edge' and brings great intensity to the libero position."

**Tori Hurtt**, 6-1 MB, Archbishop O'Hara (Kansas City MO) – An athletic marvel, Hurtt added 200 kills to last year's total, finishing with 498, while continuing in her role as a shut down blocker, amassing more than 130 solo stuffs. Like last year, she led O'Hara to the Missouri Class 3 state title and repeated as First Team All-Conference, First Team All-District, First Team All-Region and First Team All-State while adding First Team All Metro honors.

**Madelyn Hutson**, 6-4 MB, Ravenwood (Brentwood TN) – Ravenwood again couldn't make it out of a brutal district, but that didn't stop Hutson from shining. The major college prospect amassed 461 kills and 116 blocks in 2008 to earn First Team All State and First Team All Midstate honors.

**Victoria Janowski**, 5-10 S/OH, Potomac Falls (VA) – Janowski was a do-it-all player for Potomac Falls in 2008, averaging 3.5 assists, 2.9 kills and 1.8 aces per game. A complete player who also had 207 digs and 56 blocks for a two-loss team, Janowski used her dominating jump serve to break the schools' season and career ace records. She was co-Dulles District Player of the Year, First Team All District, First Team All Area and First Team All Region.

**Ellyn Jones**, 5-9 S, Columbus East (Columbus IN) – Columbus East struggled to an uncharacteristic 24-12 mark in 2008 but Jones' game did not suffer. The team MVP, she led the Olympians in assists with 1022 and several other statistical categories and was an All Conference selection. She added 273 digs, 87 kills and 48 aces.

**Emily Keaton**, 6-0 OH, Incarnate Word (St. Louis MO) -- "Keat," as her teammates call her, had a rough go at IWA's first tournament as she was still working through the transition from playing rightside to playing outside. That all changed when she stepped on the court at St. Joe's for the team's first conference match. She exploded for 17 kills to lead the Red Knights to a 2-1 win against their most heated rival and she never slowed down the rest of the season. She finished

the year with a team leading 310 kills, was second in blocks (45) and digs (227). Keaton's great year earned her First Team All Conference and All District honors. She also was First Team All Area and Second Team All State. "There isn't a player on the team that works harder than Emily to get better," said coach Kyle Escontrias. "She is going to soon be in the discussion about the best player in the state of Missouri."

**Madison Kingdon**, 6-0 OH, Sunnyslope (Phoenix AZ) – Blessed with a huge vertical and fast arm swing, Kingdon amassed 400 kills in 2008 and led Sunnyslope to a state title in Class 4A. "She should have had more kills, but some games we thought it was unfair to use her," said coach Amber LeTarte. "She is many times unstoppable." A strong passer and defender, Kingdon also has a great jump float. This all-around star was First Team All Region and First Team All State.

**Kelly Lamberti**, 6-0 OH, Cary-Grove (Cary IL) - Lamberti demonstrated the ability to take over matches in 2008 for the Torjans, who won 30 matches and shared conference honors for the third consecutive year. A powerful attacker, Lamberti, who was First Team All Area, smashed 245 kills from front row and back, showed ability in the back row to the tune of 196 digs, sizzled her jump serve for 80 aces and rejected 76 attacks.

**Whitney Little**, 6-3 MB, Keller Central (Keller TX) – A menacing blocker who strikes fear in defenses behind the setter, Little was First Team All District and helped her team to only the second playoff berth in school history.

**Caylin Mahoney**, 5-11 S, Keller Central (Keller TX) – Starting to make her mark as an elite setter, Mahoney was First Team All District in 2008 and helped her team to only the second playoff berth in school history. She has the length and blocking skills, along with a great setting touch, to really make an impact at the next level, said a prominent Dallas club coach.

**Shelbey Manthorpe**, 5-11 S/RS, Merion Mercy (Merion Station PA) — Named to the AA All State Team, Manthorpe assumed the setter position vacated by graduated Gatorade Player of the Year **Helen Fitzpatrick** and led the Golden Bears to another undefeated season and repeat state title. In addition to her spectacular setting, Manthorpe averaged almost three kills per set and was a right side blocking force.

**Katie Messing**, 6-4 MB/OH, The Woodlands (TX) – The area's leading hitter, Messing vaulted The Woodlands to state and national prominence in 2008 with the promise of even better things to come next season. For her effort, Messing was recognized as Third Team All State by the Texas Sportswriters, Third Team All-*Houston Chronicle* and was District 14-5A MVP. She finished the year with 435 kills and 106 total blocks.

**Elizabeth Miller**, 5-10 OH, Summerville (SC) – Considered the top sophomore in South Carolina, Miller was the driving force in her team's run to the Lower State 4A semifinals in 2008. A two-year All State player, Miller is a great competitor, a strong hitter and solid back row player. She's the kind of player who works hard all the time and even harder to make up for a loss.

**Megan Moenoa**, 5-10 S, Lakewood (CA) – After winning the state title in 2007, Lakewood struggled somewhat in 2008. Moenoa, however, was rock solid in the transition from the right to setting. This All Moore League First Team selection combines speed and grace into a setting package that has most college coaches salivating.

**Kortney Morrin**, 5-9 OH, Grantsburg (WI) – Morrin amassed 470 kills, 311 digs and 84 aces for a 37-1 team whose only loss came in the state Division 3 final. Morrin was Honorable Mention All State and All Area MVP.

**Zoey Morton**, 5-10 OH, Woodward Academy (Atlanta GA) – First Team All Area, Morton was a go-to attacker for the Georgia AAA champions, amassing 331 kills while placing second on the

team in passing. "As a player, Zoey has that innate ability to problem solve on the fly like no other volleyball player that I've coached in high school and club," said mentor Tad Sahara. "Some of the things that she does (from an awareness, vision, and feeling of the game standpoint) reminds me of veteran adult players that just understand the game, and have played so long that they have been in similar situations, and just makes things work. Her volleyball instincts are what really make her special."

**Kori Moster**, 5-4 Libero, Ursuline Academy (Cincinnati OH) – Perhaps the nation's best libero in this class, Moster was overlooked locally for recognition on Ursuline's 28-1 team, perhaps because of the plethora of older talents on that team, but everyone associated with the program knew the impact she had. Stalking the back row, Moster led the city in digs with 607 and received 369 serves, passing a 2.43. Honorable Mention All-GGCL, Ursuline coach Jeni Case called Moster, "the best libero I have ever coached in my 19 years of coaching."

**Michelle Neumayr**, 6-0 OH, Burlingame (CA) – A terminating machine for City Beach 15 Black last spring and summer, Neumayr kept it going for Burlingame in the fall, terminating a whopping 662 times for a 20-10 team. Neumayr made Second Team All *Daily News*, the only sophomore so honored.

**Zoe Nightengale**, 6-3 MB, St. Francis (Sacramento CA) – MVP of the Delta River League, Nightengale amassed 295 kills, 185 blocks and 330 digs in 2008. A tremendous athlete and big-time collegiate recruit, she was the only sophomore to make the *Sacramento Bee's* All-City Team. Her triple double against Rocklin in the section playoffs assured a trip to the state championship rounds.

**Jeme Obeime**, 5-10 OH, Brebeuf Jesuit (Indianapolis IN) – Oh, this kid is going to be special. A supreme high flyer on the outside who already eclipses the 10-0 barrier, Obeime led the Braves, a state Final Four participant, in kills, amassing almost 340 in her first year on varsity. Obeime added almost 60 blocks and earned Second Team All County and Second Team All State honors.

**Lauren O'Conner**, 6-4 MB, Scott (Taylor Mill KY) – Already committed to Kentucky, O'Conner led Scott in kills (348), blocks (87), aces (82) and passing percentage in 2008 while adding 150 digs. She helped Scott win the first Regional title in school history and was voted District MVP, First Team All Region, First Team All Area by the *Cincinnati Enquirer* and Honorable Mention All State.

**Marilyn Peizer**, 5-10 OH, Flint Hill (Oakton VA) – A transfer from Fairfax, Peizer made an immediate impact at Flint Hill, leading the team to a 31-2 record and the VISAA state championship. Named All State, All State Tournament and Second Team All Met, Peizer had 413 kills while averaging 3.6 digs per set in 2008. "Her ability to hit around and off the block was incredible," said coach Carroll Anderson. "Marilyn can hit line, cross, hard cross, roll shots. She's able to decide and read the defense as effective as anyone I have seen."

**Natalie Puckett**, 5-10 OH, Lovejoy (Lucas TX) –Puckett took the Leopards, in only their second year as a varsity program, all the way to the Texas 3A title in 2008. District MVP, First Team All State and the only sophomore to make the top two all area teams by the *Dallas Morning News*, this dynamic attacker launched 15 kills in the state final and was named State Tournament MVP. She finished the year with 450 kills, 340 digs, 78 aces and 90 blocks. A scholar, Puckett also was an Academic All-District choice and was recently named by the Texas Sports Writers as 3A Player of the Year.

**Katzy Randall**, 5-11 OH, Magnolia (TX) – One of two sophomores to earn Class 4A All State recognition, the sky walking Randall slammed 488 kills and added a team leading 596 digs for a state Final Four team. She also was District Newcomer of the Year and First Team All District and All County. "She is extremely quick, can pass and go attack from anywhere on the court," said coach Terri Johnson. "She had her best matches when it counted this season...leading the team

in the regional semi's and finals & showing maturity in the Texas state semifinal."

**Dayna Roberts**, 5-7 S, Olmsted Falls (OH) – First Team All Conference, First Team All County, First Team All District and Second Team All State, Roberts was the quarterback who guided the Bulldogs to a dream season, which included no defeats and a state Division I title. In 29 matches, she had more than 1,100 assists and also finished third on the team in digs with 310.

**Ashlan Rogers**, 5-8 OH, Lone Peak (Highland UT) – The move in from Northern California helped the Knights fill a key hole created by graduation en route to a repeat state title in Class 5A. Named First Team All State, Rogers had 23 kills in the state championship match and loves to pound the ball. A high energy player, Rogers, sister of BYU setter **Kiana Rogers**, also is a strong setter and was a terrific passer and defensive player for Lone Peak.

**Summer Ross**, 6-1 OH, Carlsbad (CA) – We did not receive any nomination for Ross – Carlsbad had a new coach in 2008 – but we know Ross to be a springy, versatile striker who was First Team All Palomar League and First Team All CIF Division I for the 27-8 Lancers. We are hearing she may have led Division I of the CIF-SDS in kills, which would bolster her inclusion here.

**Bria Russ**, 5-9 OH, Poly (Long Beach CA) – This dynamic attacker averaged 20 kills and 10 digs per match for a 22-8 team ranked among the best in the CIF Southern Section. Russ was a First Team All Moore League pick and also was named to the *Long Beach Press-Telegram* Dream Team.

**Amanda Sedore**, 5-10 OH, Webster Schroeder (Webster NY) – After becoming the first frosh in school history to have more than 100 kills a year ago, Sedore set a school record for kills as a sophomore. She also set a school aces record and was second on a very good team in digs. Her achievements were recognized with Monroe County Player of the Year honors as well as First Team All League and First Team All Greater Rochester recognition.

**Kamryn Sherman**, 5-9 S, Nease (Ponte Vedra Beach FL) – Named Player of the Year by the *Florida Times-Union* and the *St. Augustine Record*, Sherman orchestrated a symphony of hitters all season, amassing 1046 assists while leading Nease to the Florida 4A state title. She also chipped in with 349 digs, 128 kills and 113 aces and is certain to be a First Team All State selection.

**Michelle Sicner**, 6-2 S, Millard North (Omaha NE) -- Taking the reigns of a team that graduated several key seniors last year, Sicner transitioned well to a 5-1 offense, dishing out 780 assists for a 24-8 state tournament team. A gifted athlete and natural leader, Sicner also delivered more than 100 kills, 72 blocks and almost 200 digs for the Mustangs and was the highest ranking sophomore in the state, earning Third Team All Super State honors to go along with Second Team All Team recognition in tough Class A. "Michelle's height allowed to her play defense and block at an extremely high level, making it especially hard for players to get the ball down anywhere near her," said coach Sara Horn. "Michelle has the potential to play college at the highest level and has already received interest from some of the top schools in the nation."

**Taylor Simpson**, 6-2 MB, Doherty (Colorado Springs CO) – A great blocker who can attack effectively a variety of different ways, Simpson was a huge part of returning the Spartans to the 5A state tournament. In 81 games, she had a team-leading 217 kills while adding 137 digs and 71 blocks. She broke her finger in Doherty's last regular-season match and still had 19 kills and seven blocks in that one. Though the finger caused her to miss the District playoffs, Simpson came back strong for Regionals and sparked the team to state. For her effort, Simpson was voted First Team All Conference and Second Team All State.

**Gaby Smiley**, 5-8 OH, Northview (Johns Creek GA) – Two senior stars may have grabbed the ink for the Class AAAAA state champion Titans in 2008. Smiley's time there will come. Her presence on the floor has already been felt after she led Northview in kills with 447 while adding 312 digs

(third on the team) and 70 aces while passing a 2.34. Smiley was voted to the Area 6AAAAA team.

**Maggie Smith**, 5-11 S, Wesleyan (Norcross GA) – First Team All Area in 2008, Smith is a talented setter who can run a quick offense. She has improved her attacking and defensive ability and is rapidly becoming “in the discussion” of the Peach State’s top setters regardless of class. She amassed 1097 assists, 184 digs, 85 kills and 61 aces last fall for one of the state’s best teams regardless of class.

**Allison Stark**, 6-1 RS, Mt. Vernon (IA) – First Team All State in Class 3A, Stark is a dynamic lefty who helped her team to state runner up finishes in Iowa in 2007 and 2008. For the 2008 campaign, she finished second on a balanced team with 226 kills while adding 142 digs and 64 blocks.

**Jackie Tamburri**, 5-6 S, Hendrick Hudson (Montrose NY) – Stepping into the setter position vacated by her sister, 2007 All American **Nicole Tamburri**, Jackie Tamburri led Hen-Hud to a third straight New York state title. In 158 sets, she amassed 1,414 assists, 135 aces, 123 kills, 76 blocks and 180 digs.

**Jessica Thobe**, 5-8 OH, Lehman Catholic (Sidney OH) – One of only two Ohio sophomores to earn First Team All-State recognition, Thobe led Lehman Catholic in kills (331) and was second in digs (342) and aces for the 18-9 Cavaliers. She was recognized on her team as its MVP and Offensive Player of the Year.

**Bethanie Thomas**, 6-2 OH, Bob Jones (Madison AL) – Despite being slowed by a back injury much of the season, Thomas was instrumental in leading Bob Jones to the 6A state title. She amassed a team-leading 582 kills during the season while adding 98 blocks, 312 digs and 57 aces. Healthy for the playoffs, Thomas was even better. She had 21 kills and 11 digs in the state final and was named State Tournament MVP. Thomas also was a First Team All State selection, the only sophomore to merit a mention on the list, which consisted of First and Second Teams as well as Honorable Mention.

**Kaila Thomas**, 6-1 OH, Calvary Murrieta (Murrieta CA) – One of the top sophomores in the country, Thomas has dominated the small school prep volleyball scene the past two seasons. In 2008, she led her team to a 23-4 record and a CIF-SS Div. IV title while averaging 3.7 kills and 1.1 blocks per game. Named Big Sky League MVP, First Team All Valley and Second Team All CIF-SS, Thomas has the ability to score at will and also is a strong passer and defender.

**Allison Vakerics**, 5-10 S, Divine Child (Dearborn MI) – After sharing time as a freshman setter, Vakerics ran the show in 2008 and almost doubled her assist total. She finished the year with 1,266 helpers, among the best in state history, while adding 118 aces, 182 kills and 416 digs. Vakerics led her team to the regional finals in Class B and was honored with All League, All City, All Region and Third Team All State recognition.

**Krista Vansant**, 6-2 OH, Redlands East Valley (Redlands CA) – A finalist for National Freshman of the Year in 2007, Vansant took her team all the way to the California Div. II finals in 2008, where the Wildcats lost to national No. 3 Archbishop Mitty. Named Player of the Year by two newspapers, she led her area in kills with 392 and team in digs with 249. Her kills total broke the school record and was achieved with an astounding attack percentage of .450. Vansant is more than a San Bernardino County standout, however. She starred as a freshman on the Rancho Valley 18s team that won the Volleyball Festival last summer.

**Sloane White**, 6-1 MB, Brebeuf Jesuit (Indianapolis IN) – One of the best young players in Indiana, White made a huge impact in 2008 for the young Braves, who advanced to the state 3A Final Four for the second straight year. She led Brebeuf in blocks, added more than 225 kills and earned First Team All County and First Team All State honors.

**Shelby Winkelmann**, 5-8 MB, Hermann (MO) – An amazing athlete, Winkelmann led Hermann to the Missouri Class 2 title in 2008, amassing 340 kills, 291 digs, 113 blocks and 45 aces. She was runner up for Player of the Year in her area, but earned First Team All State, All Region and All Area honors.

**Alyssa Winner**, 5-9 OH, Marion Local (Maria Stein OH) – Named First Team All-Ohio in Division IV, Winner smashed the school kill record by more than 100, massing 461, and added 418 digs, the second most in a single season in the school's history, while being the primary passer in five rotations!. In the process, Winner led a rebuilding team, which had graduated nine from the year before, to the state Division IV title. At state, she was the most prolific scorer in any division, totaling 57 kills in the semifinals and finals.

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**HIGHEST HONORABLE MENTION** (50)

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**Lauren Adkins**, 5-11 OH, Lake Howell (Winter Park FL) – Smooth and athletic, Adkins terminated more than 300 times for the 5A runner up Silver Hawks. She also showed some ability on defense. Adkins was named Honorable Mention All State in 5A.

**Daniela Arenas**, 5-7 OH, Cy Woods (Cypress TX) – A primary offensive weapon on a 38-5 team that ranked consistently among the best in Texas, Arenas used her athleticism, smarts and savvy to score on the left with a variety of shots, racking up 360 kills. She also rocked in the back row, passing consistently in serve-receive and getting after it on defense to the tune of 330 digs. She was an easy choice for District 15-5A Rookie of the Year.

**Hayley Benninger**, 6-0 MB, Chrysler (New Castle IN) – The 2007 National Freshman of the Year suffered through an injury-plagued 2008 campaign and missed half of the season. When she did play, however, Benninger was every bit as good as advertised. In 16 matches she managed to tally 269 kills while hitting .370, had 49 blocks and 44 digs. Her half-season totals were good enough for 1st Team All-Area, 1st Team All-Conference, and 2nd Team All-State recognition. Benninger currently is in the top 10 in both career kills and blocks at New Castle. A healthy junior season could put her atop both lists by season's end.

**Michaela Boehm**, 5-9 MB, Archbishop O'Hara (Kansas City MO) – Named First Team All State despite missing significant time due to injury, Boehm still managed 280 kills and 72 blocks in 2008 and was on the floor when O'Hara won its second consecutive Missouri Class 3 title. Boehm also was Honorable Mention All-Metro.

**Lizzy Briones**, 5-10 MB, Siloam Springs (AR) – Siloam Springs won another 5A title in 2008 and Briones was in the middle of things. Her hitting and blocking helped the Tigers overcome Greenwood in the final. Briones earned All Western Arkansas, All State and All State Tournament recognition.

**Catherine Brusie**, 5-4 Libero, North Branch (MI) – A standout sand player, Brusie used her quickness, reading ability and control to dig up a team leading 659 balls for the Broncos in 2008. She also finished second in aces with 109 in 75 matches and was nearly flawless in serve receive. Named part of the six-player *Flint Journal* All Area team, Brusie also was First Team All Region and Second Team All State in Class B.

**Kristen Casey**, 5-11 OH, The Bishop's (La Jolla CA) – Casey led The Bishop's in kills and attacking attempts on a team that won the CIF San Diego Section Division IV title and finished tied for third in the state. She also was the team's best at receiving serve.

**Ellen Chapman**, 6-4 MB, Glenbrook South (Glenbrook IL) – South had a strong season and so, too, did Chapman. She was a dominant force at the net, amassing 224 kills and 64 total blocks. Chapman earned First Team All Conference honors.

**Dominique Chew**, 5-9 OH, Hesston (KS) – Chew never came off the court in 2008 for Hesston, which finished with an 18-17 record. Chew was a team leader on and off the court and a tremendous motivator to her less experienced teammates. A unanimous selection for First Team All League, Chew also was a Third Team All Class All Area selection by the *Hutchinson News* and was named Second Team 4A All State after a season in which she led Hesston with 333 kills and 252 digs and was second in blocks with 45.

**Lexi Dannemiller**, 5-9 S, Lakota West (West Chester OH) -- Dannemiller returned from an early-season injury to guide the Firebirds to an appearance at the Division I Regional tournament (top 16 in the state of Ohio large school division). She was named First Team All-Conference, Second Team All-District and Honorable Mention All-State.

**Eve Ettinger**, 6-0 OH, Santa Barbara (CA) – Ettinger has jaw-dropping athletic ability, including a 10-0 touch and golden arm. The Dons were supposed to be rebuilding in 2008, but they reloaded instead with the likes of this super soph. A power player on the outside who will be recruited at the highest levels, Ettinger also is an exceptional defensive player who often led her team in digs. Competitive and with a burning desire to improve and succeed, watch for Ettinger to explode as a player the next couple of years. Ettinger was a Second Team All League selection.

**Mari Faines**, 6-2 MB, Payton (Chicago IL) – Faines made First Team All City as a freshman in 2007, but was vastly improved in 2008 and helped Payton get to the state Final Four, the only Chicago city school ever to earn its way Downstate. Again First Team All City, Faines had 225 kills and had 90 blocks in 85 games for Payton. "Her presence at the net, with her mighty reach and jump, did more for the team than her numbers could state," said Joel Anderson.

**Caity Farus**, 6-3 MB, Knox (IN) – Starting five sophomores, one freshman and a lone senior, Knox managed a 20-13 record in 2008 and Farus was a big reason for the team's success. A hard worker and positive leader, she led the team in kills (376) and blocks (142) and helped Knox to a perfect home record. She finished 10th in the state in blocks per set. Farus made the All Conference team and was Honorable Mention All Area.

**Hanna Forst**, 5-10 MB, St. James Academy (Lenexa KS) – Forst used her agility, mobility and jumping ability to dominate the net for the Thunder, one of the nation's top teams. She finished 2008 with 219 kills, which ranked third on the team; and 81 solo blocks, which placed her second. Forst also set a school record for hitting percentage at .510. She was named to the state tournament team and was a Second Team All State selection in Class 4A.

**Allie Frappier**, 5-10 OH, Menlo School (Atherton CA) – Frappier was a key cog in the Knights' offense and defense in 2008. She compiled 329 kills and 266 digs for a team that finished 34-7 and won the Central Coast Section title in Division IV for the third consecutive year. She didn't lead Menlo in any one statistical category but was a key contributor in all areas. Frappier was a Second Team All League pick.

**Alyssa Gamel**, 5-9 OH, Centennial (Bakersfield CA) – First Team All League in 2008, team co-MVP and one of six total to earn First Team All Area honors, Gamel made the transition to outside hitter smoothly for a young team that won 20 matches last fall. She finished second on the team in kills with 278 and added 246 digs, which ranked her third on the Golden Hawks.

**MacKenzie Gilbert**, 5-7 Libero, Santa Fe Christian (Solana Beach CA) – Great fun to watch whether she's covering the block or going supine for a dig, Gilbert had another outstanding year for the Eagles, who, once again, won the California Division IV state title. On the year, Gilbert

finished with 470 recorded digs, but may have had far more than that, said head coach Gail Malone. Gilbert was a Second Team All League selection.

**Dominique Gonzalez**, 5-4 S, O'Connor (San Antonio TX) – A strong floor general for a team ranked at or near the top in San Antonio all season, Gonzalez ranked among the city leaders in assists and aces in 2008. She is a good all-around athlete with tremendous court savvy. The two-year starter was First Team All District.

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**Kym Gordon**, 6-2 MB, Canandaigua (NY) – First Team All League and First Team All Greater Rochester, Gordon put up 277 kills, 78 blocks and 74 aces in 2008. She effectively hits in front of and behind the setter and has an effective serve, but is most dangerous when blocking.

**Morgan Grandishar**, 5-10 OH, Grandview (Aurora CO) – An Honorable Mention All State 5A selection, Grandishar had a nice year for the Wolves, tallying 234 kills, 272 digs and 92 blocks for the 5A runners up.

**Nicole Gregory**, 5-9 OH, Gross Catholic (Omaha NE) – A well-rounded player who contributes front row and back, Gregory helped the Cougars make it back to the Class B semifinals in 2008, amassing 272 kills, 66 aces, 316 digs and 38 blocks in 38 matches. A fierce competitor, she was First Team All Conference, and Honorable Mention All Area and All State.

**Micha Hancock**, 5-10 S/RS, Memorial (Edmond OK) – A dominating player who jumps well and hits extremely hard, Hancock also has strong hands and would be a standout in any state.

**Litara Kiel**, 6-1 MB, Poly (Long Beach CA) – A gifted blocker and imposing front row presence, Kiel was a First Team All Moore League pick and named to the *Long Beach Press-Telegram* Dream Team after averaging 16 kills and seven blocks a match in 2008.

**Tory Knuth**, 6-3 MB, Johnston (IA) – This Third Team Class 4A All State performer was huge at the net for state runner up Johnston in 2008. She recorded 246 kills and a whopping 102 blocks for her nationally-ranked squad.

**Stacey Manthorpe**, 5-11 MB, Merion Mercy (Merion Station PA) – Manthorpe is one of two All State and all state tournament twins who helped Merion Mercy repeat its state championship in Class AA in 2008. Manthorpe was a powerful and lethal attacker for the Golden Bears as well as a blocking force. She was the only freshman to make the All State team a year ago and repeated that honor as a sophomore this season.

**Ashley Maxfeldt**, 5-10 S, Bonita (La Verne CA) – One of the best setters in the San Gabriel Valley regardless of class, Maxfeldt, a First Team All League performer, amassed 728 assists for Bonita in 2008 while adding 128 digs, 76 kills and 65 aces for a 17-8 team.

**Mariah McCallum**, 5-5 Libero, Nease (Ponte Vedra Beach FL) – McCallum directed the passing and defense for Nease's Florida 4A state championship team. In 2008, she dug up 531 balls and passed at a 2.33 while receiving more than two-thirds of the serves. First Team All Conference and First Team All County, McCallum's great season solidified her status as one of the Sunshine State's finest liberos.

**Kaitlyn McIntyre**, 5-11 OH, Beaver Dam (WI) – Second Team All Conference and Third Team All State, McIntyre has been dubbed the "sophomore phenom" because she can dominate a match offensively and defensively. A brilliant student, McIntyre extended that brilliance to the court in 2008, when she set a school single-season kills record of 418 in 133 games. She also had 503 digs, 46 aces and 51 blocks.

**Elizabeth McMahon**, 6-4 MB, Lakota West (West Chester OH) – McMahon was virtually unstoppable in the middle to lead Lakota West to an appearance at the Division I Regional tournament (top 16 in the state of Ohio large school division). She finished 2008 with 310 kills and was named First Team All Conference.

**Lauren Metzger**, 5-6 OH, North Tonawanda (NY) – A First Team All League selection, Metzger, an explosive player with blue chip ability, led her prep team in kills, digs and passing efficiency in 2008.

**Maddie Milner**, 5-6 S, Steele (Cibola TX) – A transfer from Wimberley, Milner made an immediate impact on her new team, finishing second in the San Antonio area in assists per game (1,283 total). She also had 296 digs and 62 aces and was a big part of why Steele's run included a District title and run to the regional finals. She received First Team All District honors as well as First Team All Area and All State recognition from the Texas sportswriters.

**Taylor Milton**, 5-10 RS, Cathedral Catholic (San Diego CA) – Is there any doubting that Milton's a winner? She won a 16 Open national championship with Wave in the summer then helped Cathedral Catholic to a California Division III crown in the fall. Named First Team All CIF-SDS Div. III and Second Team All League, Milton was the third offensive option for the stacked Dons and shined in the state final, making the all-tournament team. "Without her we wouldn't have won the state title," said coach Kelly Drobeck.

**Deme Morales**, 5-7 OH, Steele (Amherst OH) – The only legitimate hitter on the Steele team in 2008, Morales carried the team to the District finals, where it lost to the eventual state champs. Named Second Team Ohio in Division I, one of only two sophomores to be so recognized, Morales used her 28-inch vert to notch 266 kills in 57 games last fall. She added 2.8 digs and .68 blocks per set and was a First Team All County and All Conference pick.

**Mackenzie Neely**, 6-0 MB/OH, Dripping Springs (TX) – District co-MVP and named Second Team All-Centex by the *Austin American-Statesman*, Neely was a powerhouse on her 36-7 team, recording a team-high 325 kills while pacing the team in blocks and setting a school aces record with 80. She added 153 digs.

**Katie O'Brien**, 6-0 OH, JJ Pearce (Richardson TX) – MVP of her 4A District after transferring in from private school Pope John Paul II, O'Brien led Pearce to a 36-6 record in 2008 and a spot in the regional finals. She dominated the left side during a perfect district season and also showed improving back row skills.

**Alli O'Deen**, 5-11 OH, Iowa City West (Iowa City IA) – O'Deen was a key player in ICW's breakout 38-4 season. She finished second on the team in kills, digs and aces and earned First Team All District, Second Team All Conference, *Press-Citizen* All-Area and Special Mention All State honors. A young player with massive upside, O'Deen is a versatile attacker who can wow with her 29-inch vertical.

**Lexie Pawlik**, 6-0 S, Penn (Mishawaka IN) – After a terrific freshman campaign, Pawlik one-upped herself as a sophomore. She finished among the top five on her 30-7 team in every statistical category. She led the team in assists (846) and aces (58) and showed dramatic improvement blocking at the net and digging the ball up in the back row. Equally important, her leadership on a young team helped Penn reached the Elite Eight in Class 4A. First Team All Conference and Second Team All State, Pawlik is the most skilled setter Penn has had in its storied volleyball history.

**Roxanne Rivera**, 5-6 S, Payton (Chicago IL) – Rivera was named Special Mention All State after guiding the 37-3 Grizzlies to a fourth place finish in the state 3A tournament, the first time a Chicago public school has ever earned a state tournament berth. On the year, Rivera had 897

assists and also received First Team All Conference recognition for the second straight year.

**Elizabeth Scott**, 6-0 OH/RS, Canandaigua (NY) – First Team All League, a Dailey Messenger All Star and Section V Class AA All Star, the southpaw led Canandaigua in kills with 325 and added 174 digs. She is a threat front row and back and strong defensively.

**Chaymin Steele**, 6-0 MB/OH, Damonte Ranch (Reno NV) – Steele's quick wrist means power. Her strong legs mean elevation. The combination is deadly to opponents, who simply can't stop this fast rising sophomore, who delivered 433 kills in 2008. Steele also was a blocking force at the net, getting her hands on a ton of balls, and dug up 210 as well. She was Second Team Sierra Northern Nevada.

**Courtney Thomas**, 5-10 OH/S, DeKalb (IL) – A unanimous choice for First Team All Conference, Thomas led DeKalb in kills with 279 and used her terrific jump float to score a lot of points. "Her volleyball instincts are what really make her such a special player," said coach Julie Craven. "She is a true leader who tries to help better her teammates in both practices and games."

**Danielle Thompson**, 5-6 Libero, Pope (Marietta GA) – The best defensive player in Bryan Jones' 12-year tenure, Thompson smashed the Grayhound's single-season digs record in 2008, compiling 516 while adding 55 aces and a passing average of 2.3 on a 3.0 scale. She had 215 digs more than the previous record and made 29 percent of all of Pope's digs. Thompson was Pope's Defensive Player of the Year.

**Dempsey Thornton**, 6-2 MB, King (Corpus Christi TX) – MVP of her high school district as well as Metro MVP and All South Texas MVP, Thornton plays at a fast, high level you might not expect when you first see her walking into the gym. She led King to a District title in 2008.

**Katie Vaughn**, 6-1 OH, Oak Ridge (El Dorado Hills CA) – A tremendous athlete on the left, Vaughn repeated her all league selection in 2008 and added Second Team All City honors after amassing 327 kills, 170 digs, 50 aces and 61 blocks for a 41-4 team.

**Grace Weaver**, 5-11 OH, Belton (TX) – A finesse player, watch Weaver play and "smooth" comes to mind. On a team that finished second in its conference and went two rounds deep into the playoffs, Weaver amassed 319 kills and 260 digs, both second on the team, and led in aces with 80. "Her knowledge and experience in the sport well surpasses any sophomore I watched this past season," said coach Justeen Patton.

**Grace Whitley**, 6-0 MB, St. Teresa's Academy (Kansas City MO) -- Whitley was a force in the middle and back row for the Stars in 2008. She led the team in kills, blocks and service aces before her ankle injury sidelined her until the end of the year. She averaged 3.5 kills per game and 1.2 blocks per game and played her best against the Stars' fiercest rivals.

**Noelle Whitlock**, 5-10 OH, La Sierra (Riverside CA) – First Team All League, the athletic Whitlock was La Sierra's go-to hitter in 2008, amassing a league leading 297 kills, almost three times the total of her next highest teammate. Whitlock was at her best in the team's biggest matches and helped her team win the league title. She also led the league in aces (74) and hitting percentage and recorded team highs in passing efficiency.

**Molly Winger**, 5-6 Libero, Lake Highland Prep (Orlando FL) -- Winger was a consistent factor in picking up the strongest hitters across the net. Her 404 digs helped the Highlanders capture their 5th straight Class 3A title. She earned All State Honorable Mention recognition.

**Emily Wilson**, 6-3 RS, Gross Catholic (Omaha NE) – Wilson came into her own in 2008 and became the offensive workhorse for the Cougars and a team leader. Named MVP of a team that reached the Class B semifinals, Wilson led Gross in kills with 403 in 38 matches and was named

First Team All State in Class B.

**Jessica Wojcik**, 5-9 OH, Grand Island Central Catholic (Grand Island NE) – With Wojcik amassing more than 330 kills and almost 300 digs, GICC again reached the Nebraska C1 finals, but could not get past Columbus Scotus for the title in 2008. Wojcik was named Second Team All State in her class by the Associated Press.

### ELITE HONORABLE MENTION (60)

**Kalei Adolpho**, 6-1 MB, Molokai (HI) -- Adolpho was a dominant force in the middle in both the MIL and Hawaii's DII state tournament last fall. She completed the season with an amazing .420 hitting percentage and averaged 5.4 blocks per match. Her athleticism and agility allowed Adolpho to be nearly unstoppable in the middle. She was recognized as 1st team MIL and honorable mention All State.

**Lauren Andersen**, 5-9 S, Lakeland (FL) – Andersen led Polk County in assists for the second straight year as the Dreadnaughts compiled a sterling 21-6 record. In addition to her 735 assists (9.4 per game), she also had 144 digs and 168 service points. "Lauren Andersen has the toughest skin of any kid I have ever coached," said Lakeland's Crystal Ramsey. "We demand so much from her every season and she has never once complained. She is such a dominant force on my team."

**Haley Blunt**, 5-9 OH, Ward Melville (East Setauket NY) – The Suffolk County "Rookie of the Year" is the next big gun for the Patriots. Possessing a HUGE arm that she is just beginning to learn how to use, Blunt finished 2008 with 186 kills in 330 swings and showed great improvement in serve-receive and on defense, where she had only 9 receiving errors and dug up 203 balls. Named All League and All Section in her first year starting, Blunt went from a nice player to have to Ward Melville's "go-to" by the end of the season.

**Megan Coleman**, 5-9 Libero, Palo Alto (CA) – League sophomore of the year, Coleman amassed a team-leading 460 digs and 29 aces in 2008. She was a steadying force for Paly's serve receive and helped take Paly to the CCS semifinals. While Paly had great hitters for the 2008 season, coach Dave Winn said, "a consistent comment back from opposing coaches was, 'Who's that libero? She was everywhere.'"

**Kara Crabill**, 5-11 MB, Clinton-Massie (Clarksville OH) – First Team All League, First Team All District and First Team All Area in 2008, Crabill put up huge numbers for Clinton-Massie out of the middle: 311 kills, 85 total blocks and 92 aces.

**Mary Delich**, 5-11 MB, Gross Catholic (Omaha NE) – Sidelined by injury most of her freshman year, Delich turned in a solid sophomore season, leading the Cougars in blocks while adding 221 kills. Delich is an explosive and dynamic player just scratching the surface of her potential. She was an Honorable Mention All State pick.

**Lauren DeShaney**, 5-11 MB, Xavier (Appleton WI) – The team's offensive player of the year after led the Hawks in kills (338) and hitting percentage (.369), DeShaney also contributed defensively at the net, with 81 blocks, and behind the service line, recording 48 aces, for a team that finished undefeated in conference play. She was First Team All Conference, First Team All Area and Honorable Mention All State.

**Rachel Eubanks**, 5-11 OH, Oak Hills (Cincinnati OH) – Oak Hills' leading attacker, Eubanks hits with power and can go hard cross and line. She finished 2008 with 241 kills and was effective against even the stiffest competition. Second Team All Conference, her energy and tremendous

desire to be great will propel her to be one of the best players in the city by her senior year, predicted coach Jim DeLong..

**Megan Farley**, 5-5 S, Syracuse (NE) – The two-year starter led her team to a 33-2 record and third-place finish in Class C-1 in 2008. Voted team captain, she finished the year with 888 assists (10.0 per game) and added 206 digs, 36 aces and 69 kills. She was voted to the Capitol Conference first team and Honorable Mention All State for the second consecutive year.

**Talia Fields**, 5-9 OH, Duchesne (St. Charles MO) -- A hitter on one of the top Class 3 programs in the state, Fields led Duchesne is kills (279) and aces (43) in 2008 while piling up 347 digs, good for second on her team.

**Annie Francis**, 5-9 OH, Santa Fe Christian (Solana Beach CA) – Blessed with outstanding ball control, Francis was a perfect O2 for the state-champion Eagles in 2008. She served as a primary passer for coach Gail Malone and also proved adept at finding the holes in the defense from her position on the outside.

**Ansley Gebben**, 5-10 OH, The First Academy (Orlando FL) – A dual threat for the Florida 2A champs, Gebben had more than 250 kills and digs for a 28-4 team in 2008.

**Lindsey Gosh**, 6-0 RS, Oconomowoc (WI) – Named Honorable Mention All Area by the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*, Gosh is a powerful lefty who hits at extreme angles and can really turn to bury the line shot. Look for her to get more than a few All State votes in the next two years.

**Lindsey Hanaway**, 5-7 S, Archbishop O'Hara (Kansas City MO) – First Team All Conference, All District and All Region and Second Team All State, Hanaway's 835 assists paved the way for another state Class 3 title for the Celtics in 2008.

**Lauren Hawkins**, 6-0 MB, Rowlett (TX) – First Team All District for the 10-5A District champs and regional quarterfinalists, Hawkins led the Eagles in blocks and was second in kills in 2008. She is an active and athletic presence in the front row.

**Taylor Hayne**, 5-9 OH, Terre Haute South Vigo (Terre Haute IN) – Power personified, Hayne has nearly 600 kills in two varsity campaigns at South. She repeated her First Team All-Wabash Valley recognition in 2008 after helping the Braves to another sectional title.

**Meredith Hays**, 5-11 MB, Hereford (TX) – A vital component to the Whitefaces' 2008 Texas 4A state title, Hays was Second Team All District and Honorable Mention All Area after amassing 288 kills, 101 stuff blocks and 56 aces last fall. "Meredith is developing into a huge force at the net both offensively and defensively," said Hereford coach Brenda Kitten. "In addition to her huge physical contributions, she is one of the hardest working kids I have ever coached. "She has great skill and work ethic and a sincere joy for playing and competing. She will play a very large role for us over the next two seasons."

**Kristin Hovie**, 6-0 OH, Neenah (WI) – A move outside keyed a massive improvement in this team, as Hovie put the hammer in the Rockets' 2008 attack with 236 kills. She managed 70 stuff blocks and 56 aces to go along with her kills, and perhaps hits the ball with as much velocity and power as any player that has played in the Rockets program. She was an All Fox Valley Association choice.

**Chelsi Hummert**, 5-11 MB, Freeburg (IL) – Playing all six rotations, Hummert helped the Midgets to a 36-5 record and the Illinois 2A title in 2008. She practices like she plays, that is to say, with intensity and unyielding effort. "She is a Stealth player whom the other team is not expecting," said coach Lesa Bolt. "She can lay down the ball in any corner." Blessed with a fast

arm swing that can beat any block, Hummert delivered 173 kills on a balanced offensive team while adding 115 blocks, 168 digs and 332 service points.

**Tori Jobe**, 5-10 S/OH, Canyon Randall (Amarillo TX) – Randall was ranked among the nation's top 100 teams all year. Jobe's contributions to the cause were significant. She assisted on 679 kills, contributed offensively at the net to the tune of 71 kills and 51 blocks and added 42 aces and 121 digs for the Raiders, who finished with a 40-4 mark. She was named Second Team All District.

**Hillary Keltner**, 5-10 S/RS, Althoff Catholic (Belleville IL) – Keltner did a nice job in all phases for the Crusaders, who were the top team in Southwestern Illinois. Running a 6-2 with junior standout **Carly Thomas**, Keltner showed off her great hands by leading the team in assists with 423 and added 186 digs and 101 kills hitting outside for the first time in her career.

**Katie Kirby**, 5-10 OH, Bonita (La Verne CA) – Kirby emerged as the go-to player for Miramonte League champion Bonita in 2008. Kirby led her league in kills with 289 and set a school sophomore kills record in the process. In two playoff matches, she recorded a total of 44 kills. She also led her team in digs with 223. Kirby was a First Team All League selection.

**Elsa Krieg**, 6-2 MB, Middle Park (Granby CO) – Krieg received First Team All Conference and Honorable Mention All State honors after leading her team in kills, blocks, digs and aces last fall.

**Aly Kujawa**, 5-9 OH, Catholic Memorial (Waukesha WI) – This Second Team All Conference performer led CMHS in kills with 385 while adding 41 aces.

**Morgan Leach**, 5-11 MB, Centennial (Champaign IL) – A high riser, Leach finished second on her team in blocks and kill percentage. She is widely considered the top sophomore in Champaign.

**Savanah Leaf**, 6-0 OH, Marin Academy (San Rafael CA) – The best player on a Wildcats' team that won the CIF-NCS Division V title, Leaf is a 9-9 toucher with vast, untapped potential. She has a whip for an arm, has developed into an outstanding defensive player and has led Marin Academy in kills the past two seasons.

**Dawn Lingenfelter**, 5-5 Libero, Hubbard (OH) – Honorable Mention All Ohio Division II, Lingenfelter impacted every match she played in for a 24-2 team. Her coach says she's the best libero and defensive player he's coached in 37 years. "She has a very tough hard floater that pinpoints receivers and she pass receives at a 98% efficiency," coach Chuck Montgomery added. "She sees the game in slow motion."

**Hope Linker**, 5-8 S, Eastland (Lanark IL) – Linker led the Cougars to the Class 1A state title in 2008, amassing more than 1000 assists and 70 blocks. She was named Honorable Mention All State by the *Champaign News-Gazette*.

**Emily Litwin**, 5-5 Libero, Academy of the Sacred Heart (Buffalo NY) – Already one of the state's best liberos, Litwin's back-court dominance helped turn an inexperienced Sacred Heart team into a Catholic league state tourney participant. Litwin led her team in digs and passing efficiency and was a First Team All-League selection.

**Alex Lovell**, 5-11 MB, Marian (Birmingham MI) – A major factor in Marian's run to the Class A finals, Lovell had 384 kills in 632 swings and 76 blocks for the Mustangs in 2008 and was named Second Team All Area.

**Kendall Martin**, 5-8 OH, Elgin (IL) – Twice an all area selection, Martin helped Elgin triple its win total from a year ago by amassing 259 kills with 97 digs, 52 aces and 38 blocks. She also passed

well for the Maroons

**Carly Maxwell**, 5-9 S, Centennial (Bakersfield CA) – Centennial's team captain, Maxwell hoisted 833 helpers and added 162 digs in 2008. She was recognized for her effort with team and league co-MVP honors and was Honorable Mention All Area. Maxwell also is an outstanding student, boasting a 4.3 GPA.

**Emily McDonough**, 5-11 OH, Stillwater Area (Stillwater MN) – First Team All Conference and the Team MVP, McDonough amassed 304 kills and 384 digs for the historically strong Minnesota school that reached the section final in 2008. "Emily has a great deal of court presence and composure," said coach Michelle Parker. "Game in and game out, she is a go-to player who exemplifies what a good teammate should be."

**Cat McGrath**, 6-1 MB, St. Joseph's (St. Louis MO) – A quick player with a fast arm swing, look for McGrath to take off when she moves to the outside next year. In 2008 playing middle, she led the team in hitting percentage while amassing 118 kills, 58 blocks and 32 assists.

**Monica McGreal**, 5-11 RS, Sacred Heart (Louisville KY) – A consummate hard worker and gym rat who starts on the Sacred Heart basketball team, McGreal was a solid blocker on the right side and an unyielding cheerleader for the Valkyries. She finished the year with 278 kills and 119 blocks, is still growing and will be a force the next two years.

**Krista Menghini**, 5-10 S, St. Joseph's (St. Louis MO) – Menghini made a position switch from the outside this year and by season's end was the Angels' best setter. She finished the year with 531 assists, which led the team, and added 45 aces. Menghini also puts up a good block and is an outstanding defender, finishing the fall campaign with 219 digs.

**Nicole Merget**, 6-3 MB, Salem (Canton MI) – Extremely agile for a 6-3 player, Merget is learning how to take over matches at the net and may one day be a top national recruit. She works hard, has huge hands and is a fast improving player intent on being the best she can be. She was an All Conference pick in 2008.

**Madison Monserez**, 5-9 OH, Bishop Moore (Orlando FL) – Bishop Moore's defensive stopper and an emotional spark plug, Monserez totaled 359 kills, 313 digs and 44 aces in 2008 and was named Honorable Mention All State in Class 4A.

**Savannah Myklebust**, 5-10 OH, Austin (Fort Bend TX) – Myklebust missed almost half of her team's matches with an injured ankle, yet still managed to lead Austin in kills with 232 in 2008. She also had 134 digs, 20 aces and 26 blocks in 18 matches. "Savannah's ball control in back row and her consistency at the net played a huge part in our team making it to playoffs this year," said coach Amy Cataline. "Savannah is a talented, aggressive, court savvy, humble leader."

**Mary Alice O'Reilly**, 6-0 MB, Mercy (Burlingame CA) – The best player on the Crusaders, O'Reilly played all the way around in 2008, hitting well (275 kills), blocking exceptionally (63 solo stuffs), and serving with distinction (61 aces). She was First Team All League and Third Team All Area.

**Hallie Peterson**, 5-11 OH, West Fork (Sheffield IA) – Peterson was a the standout player on a West Fork team that reached its first regional final in 2008. She led the team in kills with 349 while adding 288 digs and 66 blocks. She was a Third team All State selection in Class 3A.

**Mackenzie Phelps**, 5-10 OH, Prescott (AZ) – An all-around talent just starting to realize her physical ability, Phelps led Prescott in kills per game and attacking percentage and was second in digs per game for a Class 4A-I Elite Eight team. She also was the primary passer in all serve-

receive rotations and led her team in that category as well. First Team All Area and Second Team All Region, Phelps is a power player who also has a finesse game. "She is a 'true' outside hitter," said coach Anastasia Rivera, "because she is able to pass, defend, block and attack. As a player she is absolutely the most competitive athlete on the floor and will do anything to get better or to learn more about the game. I have been coaching for a while and I have yet to have an athlete like Kenzie, who has the physical body but more importantly the heart for the game and the drive to push herself."

**Kayla Price**, 5-8 S/RS, Fremd (Palatine IL) – A terrific, athletic setter who played all six rotations, Price was part of a 6-2 offense at Fremd and helped the Vikings to a 33-6 record. She amassed nearly 300 assists in 2008 and served 40 aces. She received Special Mention recognition in the *Daily Herald's* All Area list.

**Taylor Reuther**, 5-6 OH, Dominican (New Orleans LA) – Played libero as a frosh, but was a terminating left side this year. A great athlete and competitor, she lacks height and perhaps a little polish. But you want her on your team.

**Regan Richert**, 5-11 MB, Centennial (Bakersfield CA) – A two-year starter, Richert came on strong in 2008, leading the Golden Hawks in kills (282), digs (293) and blocks (64) to earn league co-MVP honors. Named Most Outstanding Offensive Player at Centennial, Richert also was a Second Team All Area pick.

**Ashley Ring**, 6-0 OH, Edgewood (Madison WI) – With soph sensation **Crystal Graff** sidelined all season due to injury, Ring emerged as the top young player in Madison in 2008. Dominating from the pin, Ring's heavy hitting helped Edgewood advance to the sectional finals in Division 2. For her efforts, she was selected First Team All City.

**Emilee Soucie**, 5-7 OH, Papillion-La Vista (Papillion NE) -- Soucie made a smooth transition from libero to the outside in 2008 and filled the O2 role behind **Gina Macuso** expertly. A naturally gifted player and hard worker, Soucie notched 154 kills and 318 digs for the state-champion Monarchs and earned All Conference and All Metro honors as well as Honorable Mention All State recognition.

**Madison Steward**, 5-10 OH, Terre Haute South Vigo (Terre Haute IN) -- A high leaping outside hitter who led the Braves with more than 300 kills in 2008, Steward, who is touching 9-9 and has big time potential, was a First Team All-Wabash Valley pick after helping the Braves to another sectional title.

**McKenna Tait**, 5-9 OH, Cottonwood (Salt Lake City UT) – Tait started at libero for the Colts as a freshman and continued to excel defensively in 2008 despite a move to the pin. She had 303 digs and passed a 2.5 for a 27-7 regional championship team. Tait also used her 24-inch vert and whip-like arm to produce 360 kills. "McKenna has all the shots," said coach Bob Berrett. "She is continually frustrating teams because she sees the block and hits or tips to the open areas." Tait was a First Team All Region and Second Team All State selection.

**A'zlynn Thompson**, 5-10 S/OH, Dodge City (KS) – Called the "real deal" by a rival high school coach who notes that her supporting cast is thread bare, Thompson's heavy arm, tough top spin serve and good hands were enough to merit Honorable Mention All State honors in Class 6A last fall.

**Hannah Thompson**, 5-6 OH, Northern Vance (Henderson NC) -- If "competitor" describes a player with outstanding effort, then "Warrior" best describes this 5-6, 100-pound combatant," said coach William Hoyle. "I cannot count the number of times I've seen Hannah go horizontal to keep balls in play. The girl believes she can fly; the landings were the problem and she was forced to wear elbow pads - to protect the floors." In 96 games, Thompson amassed a team-leading 453 digs while adding 316 kills and 71 aces. "I have no doubt she will be the best

volleyball player to ever come out of NVHS," Hoyle concluded.

**Heidi Thompson**, 5-6 S, Sunnyslope (Phoenix AZ) – One of three sophomore starters on Sunnyslope's state championship team in 2008, Thompson hoisted a team-leading 525 helpers and added 163 kills and 168 digs in coach Amber LeTarte's 6-2 offense. A terrific leader with unparalleled intensity, Thompson was First Team All Conference and Second Team All State and was at her finest in the state title match.

**Lauren Tibbs**, 6-3 MB, Scott (Taylor Mill KY) – Voted to the NKAC First Team and the 34th District All-Tournament team, Tibbs is a team leader who was Scott's go-to hitter when it needed a kill. She amassed 311 kills and 51 blocks on the year and was part of sophomore "twin towers" with 6-4 **Lauren O'Connor**.

**Samantha Tinsley**, 5-11 OH, Santa Margarita (Rancho Santa Margarita CA) – The Eagles had a magical run to the CIF-Southern Section Division I title and Tinsley, a springy attacker, was a big part of the mix. She stepped up at Durango when junior **Kylie Hargreaves** got hurt and was a force all year, leading the Eagles in kills in four of their seven post-season matches. "She is a special player and I can only see a bright future for this young athlete!" said coach Cristy Chapman-Uhrig.

**Meg Vondehaar**, 6-1 OH, St. Francis (Wheaton IL) – A force during the Crusaders' state tournament run, Vondehaar is a strong hitter who had 233 kills on the outside in 2008. She does have a knack for blocking, however, and could also play effectively in the middle. Vondehaar was selected to Suburban Catholic Conference All Conference team.

**Collyn Welsh**, 5-8 OH, P.K. Yonge (Gainesville FL) – For the second straight year, Welch led the 23-7 Blue Waves in kills (270), digs (222), service points (316) and aces (103). Named First Team All Area Class 1A-3A by the *Gainesville Sun*, "She is the stud that drove the team's success for the season," said coach Perry McDonald.

**Aiyana Whitney**, 6-2 MB, Northern Valley Regional (Old Tappan NJ) – First Team All League, First Team All County and First Team All State Group 3, Whitney emerged as a front row force in 2008, tallying 187 kills and 53 blocks. She led Old Tappan to a league title, the Bergen County title, and a berth in the Group 3 Final Four. "The bigger the game, the better she performed," said coach Melissa Landeck.

**Lainey Wyman**, 6-2 MB, Joliet Catholic (Joliet IL) – Wyman gave the Angels a badly needed force in the middle. She may have been the X-factor in JCA's surprise run to the Illinois 3A title. In a state that plays a maximum of three sets per match, Wyman had 184 kills with a .370 hitting percentage – her slide attack was nearly unstoppable -- while adding 80 stuff blocks. Her best matches were against the best competition, said Joliet Catholic coach Chris Scheibe. She was named to the East Suburban Catholic Conference All Conference Team and was named to the *Herald News* All Area 1st Team.

**Stephanie Zampini**, 5-0 Libero, St. Mark's (Wilmington DE) – The quarterback of St. Mark's' defense, which is always good, Zampini compiled 192 digs in 60 games while passing a 2.3 and delivering 34 aces. "She reads plays extremely well and was always making outstanding digs to keep plays alive," said coach Nancy Griskowitz. Zampini was First Team All Conference and First Team All State.

**Veronica Zimmerman**, 5-8 S, St. Ursula (Toledo OH) – Coach John Buck says of Zimmerman: "Whatever she touches she improves. I can't say enough good things about her ability to run an up-tempo offense." Voted First Team All City and Honorable Mention All State, Zimmerman had 78 aces in 2008 and already stands fourth on the Arrows' career assists list.

## HIGH HONORABLE MENTION (50)

**Jillian Akers**, 5-6 S, Truckee (NV) – A starter for the Class 3A runners up, Akers led Truckee in assists and aces in 2008.

**Kacie Benson**, 5-9 OH, El Toro (Lake Forest CA) – Benson, a high flyer who touches 9-5, came on strong to lead the Chargers in hitting through Sea View League play and the CIF-Southern Section playoffs, hitting at a .345 clip on more than 300 swings in her last 12 matches. Benson earned a starting spot midway through the season and contributed heavily to the Chargers' successful campaign. She has a variety of roll and cut shots to go along with her ability to hit the seam over the block. She hit .772 (13/18) in a crucial end of league match against Huntington Beach to assure the Chargers a share of the league crown.

**Chelsey Bettinson**, 6-2 MB, Richland (WA) – First Team All Area by the *Tri-City Herald*, Bettinson is a fast-improving player who averaged 2.8 kills and 1.2 blocks per set during the regular season and improved those numbers to 4.9 kills and 2.0 blocks during the playoffs and led the Bombers to the regional tournament.

**Laura Blab**, 6-1 MB, Wimberley (TX) – This All District and All Regional performer amassed 259 kills (2.3 per set), 66 aces, 73 blocks and 137 digs for the Texans, one of the state's finest 3A schools.

**Kelli Browning**, 6-3 MB, Catholic Memorial (Waukesha WI) – Honorable Mention All Conference, Browning was tall timber for 38-12 CMHS in 2008, leading the team in blocks with 115 (55 solo) while adding 211 kills.

**Jenny Buczek**, 5-10 OH, Sandburg (Orland Park IL) – A terrific athlete with great leaping ability, Buczek led the Eagles with 175 kills and set the team standard in digs with 250 of those bad boys. The only sophomore to make All Conference, Buczek matured from a front row only player to a necessary all around threat who never left the floor.

**Elisa Burkman**, 5-10 MB, Sacred Heart (Louisville KY) – Blessed with long arms, Burkman used them to be a blocker extraordinaire for the Valkyries in 2008, authoring 186 rejections in 2008. A deceptive hitter, her tips were almost always money. She finished 2008 with 234 kills. On a team with a strong and acclaimed junior class, this sophomore played an integral role in getting her team to the state finals.

**Maddie Burleson**, 6-1 MB, Memorial (Edmond OK) -- A big strong middle, Morris was a key player for Memorial in 2008.

**Caroline Carlton**, 5-9 MB, Independence (Thompson's Station TN) – A natural outside, Carlton was needed in the middle in 2008 and delivered 71 blocks and 2.12 kills per game for a 53-8 team that won the state AA title. Her intensity, positive spirit, and desire to succeed earned her All Region honors, as well as a spot on the All State team. "It's very hard to NOT watch Caroline when she's on the court," said coach Stephanie Prewitt. "She's energetic, quick and extremely powerful. She is a natural leader and does a great job of keeping the team pumped up."

**Katie Clancy**, 5-10 RS, Marquette Catholic (Michigan City IN) – Used on the right in 2008, Clancy contributed in several areas as the Blazers won the state Class A crown for the fifth year in a row. She had more than 150 kills, 175 digs, 70 blocks and 35 aces and was a featured passer as well.

**Frannie Cormier**, 5-11 OH, Webb (ILa Verne CA) – Webb won two league matches a year ago.

In 2008, with Cormier leading the way, Webb made it to the Southern Section quarterfinals for the first time in school history. Cormier, who was a First Team All League pick, led her team in kills, digs and aces.

**Denise Dearman**, 6-2 MB, Bishop Moore (Orlando FL) – A constant threat in the middle for the Hornets last fall, Dearman's 221 kills while hitting .394 were good enough for Honorable Mention All State Class 4A recognition.

**Crystal Dedes**, 6-2 MB, Cardinal Gibbons (Ft Lauderdale FL) – A strong blocking middle, Dedes amassed triple digits in that category in helping the Chiefs reach the 4A Final Four. A good athlete and strong leaper, she also compiled almost 200 kills for a 28-4 team.

**Alicia Dittrich**, 6-0 MB, Clear Brook (Houston TX) – Nicknamed "Beast" because she is a monster at the net, Dittrich is mobile and strong and can hit and block with the best middles in the Houston area. She carried Clear Brook into the playoffs in 2008 and was voted to the District 24-5A First Team and named District Newcomer of the Year.

**Jewell Dobson**, 5-11 Mercy (Louisville KY) – A starter for the Kentucky state champions, Dobson shined on the slide, hit .260 for the Jaguars and was third in blocks at 1.7 per game.

**Cara Fisher**, 5-4 Libero, Manvel (TX) – A defensive dynamo with speed to burn, Fisher helped lead Manvel to the playoffs for the first time in its two-year history. Fisher led the team in every passing and defensive stat and was properly named District 24-4A Defensive Player of the Year and First Team All District. In addition, Fisher earned recognition on the All Brazoria County First Team and was All Brazoria County Libero of the Year.

**Katie Gamsky**, 6-0 S, Coronado (Green Valley NV) – First Team All Conference, Gamsky is an assist maker with a bright future. Setting a young, inexperienced team, she hoisted 685 assists in 2008 and led Coronado to a 10-4 conference record and seventh straight trip to the region semifinals. Gamsky also had 79 kills, 111 digs, 58 aces and 44 blocks and was First Team All Conference as well as team MVP. "Katie has the ability and drive to push herself and her teammates to levels above their ability," said coach Brocke Mitchell. "She refuses to give up during competition and is always striving to improve as a setter and as a leader."

**Kaylynn Genemaras**, 6-0 S, Mt. Carmel (New Orleans LA) – Southpaw can dish the rock and could mature into something special.

**Nikki Glass**, 5-10 OH/MB, Pine Creek (Colorado Springs CO) – The Eagles were rebuilding in 2008, but Glass was a standout, even as she shuttled between the pin and middle to find her perfect fit. Second Team All League and Honorable Mention All State, Glass led her team in digs, aces and kills.

**Ashtaan Horton**, 6-1 MB, Cedar Hill (TX) – Named her district's Outstanding Blocker as well as First Team All District, Horton is a net nemesis who also is an outstanding team leader.

**Jenny Howard**, 5-7 OH, Duchesne (St. Charles MO) – A hitter on one of the top Class 3 programs in the state, Howard is a two-year varsity performer who compiled 189 kills, 327 digs and 23 aces in 2008.

**Lindsey Johnson**, 6-2 MB, Harrisburg (SD) – One of the best middles in South Dakota regardless of class, Harrisburg has placed among the state's top three in Class A in Johnson's two years in the starting lineup. In 2008, despite missing eight matches due to an ankle injury, Johnson still managed to pile up 213 kills and was a blocking threat in the front row as well. "We had a team of strong upper classmen and she was still one of our best offensive weapons," said coach Ronette Costain. "She is a high jumper and hurdler in track, which serve her well as she

can jump out of the gym. She puts up a huge block at the net and can hit the ball down before the 10 ft line! She can run quicks and slides with authority. She is just a hard working natural athlete."

**Whitney Johnson**, 6-2 RS, Lone Peak (Highland UT) – Honorable Mention All State in Class 5A, Johnson was a shut down blocker on the right who led the state champion Knights in that category. She wasn't set often but proved an effective terminator as well. Look for her role in the offense to expand greatly over the next two seasons.

**Courtney Keefe**, 5-9 OH, Lemont (IL) – A dynamic and intense player, Keefe started for a second consecutive year on the pin for one of Chicago's top squads. She finished 2008 with 175 kills, 77 digs, 24 aces and 31 blocks. Stats alone do not tell the story of Keefe's talent on a very deep and balanced team. Her aggressive nature and determination will make her a Chicagoland all star before her senior year is done.

**Katie Kelley**, 5-6 Libero, Iowa City West (Iowa City IA) – After leading her conference in digs as a freshman, Kelley was even better as a sophomore, breaking the school record for digs in a season. Also the team's primary serve receiver, Kelly is excellent at reading hitters and positioning herself on defense. She was an Honorable Mention All Conference selection.

**Emily Kohler**, 6-0 OH, Westfield (Chantilly VA) – Kohler is going to be a major impact player in the state before her career is done. After moving all along the net during the first half of the 2008 season, Kohler found a home on the left and started to shine. A player with an intense drive and no fear, Kohler finished the year with 238 kills, scoring on 40 percent of her swings. She had 16 kills in the state 4A semifinal win over Landstown and 15 kills in the four-set finals loss to Albemarle.

**Katherine Kolodziej**, 5-7 Libero, Santa Margarita (Rancho Santa Margarita CA) – It's often hard for liberos to get noticed. I noticed this one when I had to try to write down her name after one great play followed another.

**Marquita Marshall**, 5-10 MB, Central (Muncie IN) – Marshall's development helped the Bearcats go from being very good to within a breath of the 4A state championship in 2008. "She had 182 kills and hit .400 for the season," said coach Wes Lyon, "but her impact was really felt the last half of the year when she became a dominating slide hitter and a very good blocker."

**Abby Mixner**, 5-6 S, The First Academy (Orlando FL) – The Royals' assists leader, Mixner had more than 600 helpers and added triple digit digs for the Florida 2A state champs.

**Marisa Moralobo**, 5-7 OH, Indian Rocks Christian (Largo FL) – On her first year on varsity, Moralobo, who has been described as having "man vertical," stepped into a graduation-caused void and filled it exceptionally, finishing second on a 21-8 regional semifinalist team in kills (235) and digs (321) while using her jump serve to lead in aces with 82. First Team All Conference and All County and the conference "Rookie of the Year," coach Mark Foster describes her thusly: "Marisa is very talented young lady who the team will be built around the next two years. Possessing a strong arm swing with great placement, she is by far one of the best leapers that I have ever coached or seen."

**Maddy Morris**, 6-1 MB, Jenks (OK) – A big strong middle who can run a variety of attacks, Morris was a key player for the Trojans in 2008. Defensively, she led Jenks in solo blocks and delivered a consistent jump serve from behind the stripe. Her positive leadership and court play were key to the Trojans' advancement to their 4th consecutive Oklahoma 6A state tournament.

**Me'Ashah Nicholson**, 6-0 MB, Althoff Catholic (Belleville IL) – Athletically superior, Nicholson has all the makings of a dominant middle. She finished third on the Crusaders with 145 kills in

2008 while adding 66 blocks. She's not playing club this year but don't forget about her. This kid jumps exceptionally and will soon be a star.

**Siobhan O'Neill**, 5-8 S, Friendswood (TX) – One of the top young setters in Houston, O'Neill led Friendswood to the Class 4A regional semifinals in 2008. Adept at finding the middle blocker O'Neill is very quick and demonstrates great touch on the ball. She was District 24-4A Setter of the Year as well as First Team All District and Second Team All-Galveston County. She also was an Honorable Mention All State selection.

**Rachel Orr**, 5-11 OH, Thatcher (AZ) – Orr brings good heat from the outside, can pass, serve and block very well. She was a First Team All State 1A-3A selection.

**Ashley Peak**, 5-3 Libero, Colorado Springs Christian School (Colorado Springs CO) – Second on the Lions in digs in 2008, Peak was the back court glue that helped CSCS capture its fifth consecutive 3A state title. A member of the all state tournament team, Peak, who had 230 digs in 90 games, also received Honorable Mention All State honors from both major newspapers. "Ashley brought a new energy to our defense that we did not have the previous year," said coach Mike Broekhuis.

**Ashley Pearson**, 6-0 OH, Bennington (NE) – Nicknamed "Smash," Pearson, who is a southpaw, had 244 kills, 210 digs, 45 blocks and 36 aces for the 28-6 Badgers, who which reached the state tournament in Class C1. She was Second Team All Conference and All Area and Honorable Mention All State.

**Kylie Shaw**, 5-11 OH, Bishop Gorman (Las Vegas NV) – This First Team All Conference performer compiled 278 kills, 259 digs and 50 aces in 2008 for the Gaels, an up and coming team in Southern Nevada. Shaw was Gorman's top attacker on the outside in her first full year in that position.

**Taylor Sherwin**, 5-11 RS, Lake Highland Prep (Orlando FL) – Next year, Sherwin will take over the setter's role for the Highlanders and continue an unbroken chain of excellence in that area for the Orlando school. In 2008, however, she contributed on the right side for the five-time reigning state champs. A strong hitter with a huge jump, Sherwin had more than 100 kills, 150 digs and 200 blocks last fall.

**Gabby Shipe**, 5-4 Libero, The First Academy (Orlando FL) – A digging machine, Shipe stepped in front of more than 300 attempted kills in 2008 and also passed serve to perfection for the Florida 2A champs.

**Monica Stauber**, 5-8 S/DS, Mater Dei (Santa Ana CA) – The Monarchs had a very tough year in 2008, very tough. Stauber, who set and played back row for coach Jimmy Munoz, is a player with tremendous upside in either role

**Kim Trojan**, 5-8 OH, LaPorte (IN) -- Blessed with a soaring vertical, Trojan used her time in the sky to lead the Slicers in kills in 2008. Hard or soft, cross court or line, she just had a knack for putting the ball down.

**Jillian VanCott**, 5-11 RS, Webster Schroeder (Webster NY) – First Team All League and Second Team All-Greater Rochester, VanCott led Webster Schroeder in blocks and was second in kills in 2008. She played a pivotal role in Webster Schroeder's terrific 2008 campaign.

**Jade Vorster**, 6-3 MB, Timber Creek (Orlando FL) – Vorster gave an undersized Wolves team some bulk in the middle. She finished fourth on the 6A state champs in kills, tallying more than 140, and led in blocks with almost 70. She earned Honorable Mention All State recognition.

**Kirsten Watson**, 6-1 MB, The First Academy (Orlando FL) – An athletic leaper who can dominate

at times, Watson was fourth on a stacked TFA team in kills, amassing more than 150, and was at her strongest in leading the Royals to the Florida 2A title in 2008.

**Alexis Waugh**, 5-9 S, Roncalli (Indianapolis IN) -- Waugh had another great year for Roncalli. She does a great job of running the Rebel offense and is a natural leader.

**Lexi Weldon**, 6-0 OH, Leon (Tallahassee FL) – A transfer from North Florida Christian, Weldon, the daughter of former FSU standout quarterback Casey Weldon, was a gunslinger on the outside for the Lions, pounding 201 kills for a team that reached the Florida 5A Final Four in 2008. Weldon was a Second Team All-Big Bend selection.

**Alex Willcoxson**, 5-7 Libero, Sunnyslope (Phoenix AZ) -- One of three sophomore starters on Sunnyslope's state championship team in 2008, Willcoxson was second on her team in digs (288) and first in aces (71) in 2008. A Second Team All Region pick, Willcoxson plays with a calm and controlled court demeanor that helps her team get through tense times. "When the ball is heading to Alex I know there will be a great pass or an amazing up," said coach Amber LeTarte. "She reads the ball so well and passes nails off serve receive."

**Sarah Wickstrom**, 5-11 S/RS, Jensen Beach (FL) – Wickstrom set Jensen Beach to a state title as a freshman. Though she didn't have the same supporting cast one year later, she was even better. A great athlete, Wickstrom dished out 358 assists, slammed 160 kills and racked up 193 service points for Jensen Beach, which went 25-5 and reached the 4A quarterfinals last fall. Wickstrom was a First Team All Conference and First Team All Area pick and Honorable Mention All State.

**Nina Wojtkiewicz**, 5-5 S, Griswold (CT) – After playing libero as a freshman, "Wojo" stepped into the starting setter's role this year and shined for a 17-4 team. Named All Conference in a league with lots of talented seniors, Wojo averaged 8 assists per game in 2008 (644 total) while adding 36 aces and almost 100 digs. Her club coach said she has the potential to be one of the state's all-time best setters before she's done.

**Jessica Wynn**, 6-2 RS, Cardinal Gibbons (Ft Lauderdale FL) – A First Team All County performer, Wynn had almost 200 kills and more than 100 blocks for the Chiefs, who advanced to the 4A semifinals in 2008. She is a tough competitor with a desire to shut down left side attacks with big, momentum-shifting blocks.

#### **SPECIAL MENTION** (41)

**Marilyn Agae**, 5-6 S, Silverado (Las Vegas NV) -- This Second Team All League performer 596 assists during the 2008 high school season. She also was team captain.

**Brytney Annis**, 6-0 MB, Lake Worth Christian (Lake Worth FL) – This versatile middle had almost 300 kills and more than 80 blocks for a 26-5 team that reached the Florida Class 1A finals in 2008.

**Amanda Ayers**, 5-6 Libero, Memorial (Edmond OK) – A very good libero, Ayers did the dirty work in the back row for Memorial in 2008.

**Mallory Babic**, 5-10 RS, Bellevue East (Bellevue NE) – A strong all-around player with a strong left-handed snap and good instincts in the back row, Babic had 243 kills in 2008 and her per ace average (68 total) ranked first in the state in Class A.

**Christina Beer**, 6-0 MB, Ursuline Academy (Cincinnati OH) – This fast-improving middle should be a force the next two years. She had 149 kills and 66 blocks for the 28-1 Lions in 2008.

**Taylor Belella**, 5-6 S, Smithsburg (MD) – After playing exclusively in the back row a year ago, Belella stepped into the starting setter's role and led the Leopards to a share of the MVAL championship in 2008. The First Team All League and First Team All County performer averaged 6.93 assists and 0.73 aces per game.

**Sheenagh Caroline**, 5-5 OH, Moose Lake (MN) – Named First Team All Polar Conference, Caroline was a digging machine for Moose Lake, a small school located 90 minutes from the Twin Cities. The backbone of the Rebels the past two seasons, Caroline is best suited for libero – she led Moose Lake with 359 digs in 2008 – but is needed at OH, where she smashed 139 kills despite being “vertically challenged.” Caroline added 64 aces and has been described by her coach as someone who “plays beyond her years and possesses a very high volleyball IQ.”

**Savannah Clark**, 5-7 Libero, Huntington Beach (CA) – Back court ace was Second Team All League selection.

**Shannon Dugan**, 5-8 OH, Douglas (Reno NV) – A starter for a 33-2 team that dominated Northern Nevada most of the fall, Dugan was a solid contributor, finishing fourth on the squad in kills and third in blocks.

**Jasmine Eatmon**, 6-0 MB, Los Osos HS (Rancho Cucamonga CA) - Eatmon help lead her team to the school's first CIF-SS semifinal appearance last fall. The First Team All League performer averaged 1.6 kills and 1.0 blocks per game. She plays the game with a passion and has the work ethic that will help her improve rapidly as her career progresses.

**Kate Foley**, 6-0 MB, Clear Lake (Houston TX) – Foley started and contributed on a team that make a strong advance in the Class 5A Region III tournament in 2008. She finished the year with 109 kills and 67 stuff blocks for a team ranked among the state's top 20.

**Jamie Goldschmidt**, 5-8 OH, Ursuline Academy (Cincinnati OH) – This Honorable Mention All-GGCL performer missed the playoffs due to illness, but managed 136 kills and 21 blocks during the regular season.

**April Gonzales**, 5-7 MB, Fowler (CO) – A vital cog in Fowler's 2008 2A state championship run, Gonzales is a great leaper and powerful attacker who came on very strong late in the year. She received Second Team All State honors.

**Katie Herbst**, 5-5 OH, Webster Schroeder (Webster NY) – This pint-sized big swinger was second on the team in aces and emerged as one of the team's better defensive players by year end.

**Kirsten Hudgens**, 5-4 S, Papillion-La Vista South (Papillion NE) – Hudgens finished 2008 with more than 550 assists and 50 aces while setting in a 6-2 offense for the surprising Titan team that reached the Nebraska Class A finals. She was an All-Metro Honorable Mention pick.

**Sarah Jones**, MB, Forest Park (Woodbridge VA) – A force at the net for Forest Park, Jones' 114 blocks in 2008 were good enough to earn her Honorable mention *Potomac News* All-Area honors.

**Kayla Kawamura**, 5-5 S, Hawaii Baptist Academy (Honolulu HI) – The Division 2 Second Team All Star was part of HBA's successful 6-2 that coach Myles Shioji used to capture another Division 2 state title. She finished first on the team in assists and fourth in digs. “She is hard working and willing to accept instructions and critiquing of her setting to make the team and herself better,” the coach said.

**Brooke Kelley**, 6-1 RS, Colonial Forge (Stafford VA) – Keith Mesa thought he was building at Colonial Forge in 2008, but that building got a huge boost when Kelley transferred in from Gilbert High in Arizona. Finishing third on the team in kills and blocks, Kelley made an immediate impact. Named Second Team All District, Kelley will challenge for the starting setter's position in 2009.

**Cheyenne Kyle**, 5-1 S/OH, Columbia Central (Columbia TN) – A hard-working sparkplug, Kyle was voted District MVP and to the All-Region team in 2008 after leading her team in assists (355) and aces (73), piling up 368 digs and almost 100 kills. Kyle was born prematurely. She'll always be small, but is intent on disproving the notion that being small means you can't achieve in volleyball.

**Janette Lambert**, S, Evangel Christian (Woodbridge VA) – Lambert amassed 307 assists and 82 aces for a 20-0 squad that won Old Dominion Association of Church Schools state title. She was Honorable Mention *Potomac News* All-Area.

**Bailey Lindner**, 5-8 RS, Ponte Vedra (FL) -- Lindner is a great athlete who goes the extra mile. She has been playing on the right for two seasons and is developing into a great setter as well. She is a very versatile player who understands the game. In 2008, she was an All County and Honorable Mention All Area selection.

**Esther Longoria**, 5-4 S, King (Corpus Christi TX) – First Team All District and both All South Texas and All Metro, Longoria set King to a District crown in 2008.

**Elizabeth Manthei**, 6-0 S, Bishop Gorman (Las Vegas NV) – An offensive-minded setter, Manthei led Gorman in assists in 2008 with 637 while adding 190 kills and 46 solo blocks for a 32-10 team. A natural leader with huge upside, Manthei was named Second Team All Conference.

**Taylor Masterson**, 6-1 MB, St. Joseph's (St. Louis MO) – Almost touching 10-0, Masterson's blocking ability changed many a match for the state champs in 2008. She had a team-leading 110 rejections in 2008. Offensively, she doesn't yet appreciate how powerful she is. When she does...

**Sara McClinton**, 6-0 OH, Millard North (Omaha NE) – McClinton's 209 kills made her the Mustangs' second-leading attacker in 2008. "She consistently surprised teams with her ability to attack over most blockers and also contributed to the team with her blocking and defensive abilities," said coach Sara Horn, who noted that McClinton was an Honorable Mention All State choice. "Sara's volleyball potential and jumping and athletic ability will enable her to receive a lot of interest from top colleges."

**Nikki McMillan**, 5-7 S, Osbourn Park (Manassas VA) – In her first season as a starting setter, McMillan set a state record for most set attempts in a season with 2,472 for an 18-4 team. She finished the year with 560 assists, 139 digs and 48 aces and honored as Second-team *Potomac News* All-Area and Honorable mention All-Cedar Run District.

**Samantha O'Connell**, 6-0 OH, Reno (NV) – A transfer from Truckee, O'Connell was a key player in Reno's run to the Nevada 4A finals. She finished third on the team in kills with 147 while adding 31 aces and 38 blocks. O'Connell was a Second Team All League pick in the Northern Nevada High Desert League.

**Sara Rishell**, 6-2 MB, Smithsburg (MD) – Tall and blessed with great leaping ability, Rishell was a First Team All League, First Team All County and First Team All Area pick after averaging 3.5 kills and 1.25 blocks per set last fall. She is extremely coachable, is very hard working and has a burning desire to win. She is considered the top sophomore in the volleyball hotbed that is Washington County, Maryland, which has produced more than 20 state championship teams.

**Jazzmen Russell**, 5-10 OH, Los Altos (Hacienda Heights CA) – The First Team All League performer averaged 3.0 kills and 1.5 digs per set for the Conquerors in 2008

**Andi Sawl**, 6-1 S, Pedro Menendez (Saint Augustine FL) – Sawl shined in her first year on varsity and her first year as a setter, putting up 582 assists while adding 204 digs and 43 kills.

**Soma Sharan**, 5-5 DS, Mount Madonna (Watsonville CA) – Sharan got her hands on a lot of balls in Mount Madonna's 17-15 season, one year removed from its magical run to the California Division V state title. The Indian import amassed 514 digs.

**Andrea Streips**, 5-10 OH, Huntington Beach (CA) – Streips often put up double digit kill totals for the Oilers in 2008. She was an Honorable Mention All League choice.

**Caitlin Thomas**, 6-0 MB, Hylton (Woodbridge VA) – Second Team All District and Honorable Mention All Area, Thomas had 100 kills, 51 aces and 66 stuff blocks in 2008.

**Sarah Toggweiler**, 5-8 OH, Bishop Verot (Fort Myers FL) – Toggweiler had a strong attacking season for the Vikings, piling up almost 200 kills. Named Honorable Mention All Area, Toggweiler could emerge as Verot's go-to player in the coming years.

**Chloe Tom**, 5-3 DS, Flintridge Sacred Heart (La Canada CA) – One of three terrific sophomores on the Tologs, Tom used her quickness to dig up tons of balls and passed with great efficiency as well.

**Case Trimble**, 6-0 MB, Lake Highland Prep (Orlando FL) – Trimble will become more of an offensive threat in time, but she made her money last fall as a blocking machine, rejecting more than 200 for the five-time Florida 3A champs.

**Macey Tyree**, 5-6 OH, Lord Botetourt (Daleville VA) – First Team All-Blue Ridge District and Second Team All-Region III in 2008, Tyree led the Cavaliers in kills with 252 last fall and added 292 digs and 56 aces. She can hit around any block, has a nasty jump floater, but her specialty is digging and passing. She recently was named 15s MVP at the Capitol Hill Classic while playing for her Roanoke Juniors club team.

**Jordan Vehlewald**, 5-8 DS/RS, Lafayette (Wildwood MO) – Vehlewald started the year as a back row specialist but took over on the right, a position she'd never played before, at mid-season. An asset in either position and a positive clubhouse personality, Vehlewald contributed 120 digs and 106 kills and was named Rookie of the Year for the 33-3 team as well as Honorable Mention All Conference.

**Elysse Virden**, 6-5 MB/RS, Carson (Reno NV) – The Colts' only non-senior starter, Virden was a big presence on one of the top teams in Northern Nevada. She finished the year second in blocks and fourth in kills.

**Alyssa Walton**, 5-10 OH, Flintridge Sacred Heart (La Canada CA) – Walton delivered 178 kills for the Tologs in 2008.

**Laura Whalen**, 5-5 S/OH, Littleton (CO) – Her team wasn't very good in 2008, but Whalen was, amassing 194 kills, 124 assists, 140 digs and 50 aces.

## **NEEDED MORE INFORMATION** (114)

### **Arizona**

Bradley Nash, 5-11 OH, Monument Valley soph was 1st team all state 1A-3A  
Rebecca Sponcil, 5-6 S, Veritas -- soph was 1st team all state 1A-3A

## **California**

Caitlin Bernardin, 5-8 OH, Garces Memorial (Bakersfield CA)  
Chloe Buckendahl, Rancho Buena Vista  
Samantha Cash, Canyon Crest  
Sierra Moran, Mt. Carmel  
Emma White, 5-9 OH, Mira Costa (Manhattan Beach CA)

## **Colorado**

Morgan Bohl, 6-0 OH, Eaglecrest (Centennial CO)  
Bailey Karst, 5-9 OH/L, Eaglecrest (Centennial CO)

## **Delaware**

Danielle Delpeche (Friends) third team AS sophs  
Gracie Firestone (Tower Hill) third team AS sophs  
Sammi Perillo, Friends, 2nd team all state soph libero  
Erica Wayne (AI DuPont) – All third team AS sophs

## **Florida**

Rebecca Acevedo, 5-11 S, Wesminster Chr. Soph assist leader  
Taylor Dicus, soph MB for Cardinal Newman was first team all PB cty  
Jenny Dugan: St. Francis (FL) sophomore middle blocker had 178 kills, 92 blocks for regional finalist.  
Gabby Fernandez, soph OH from Bayshore Chr was 2nd team all cty  
Jasmyne Flournoy: P.K. Yonge sophomore outside hitter had 183 digs, 161 kills, 158 SP (25 aces) and 4 blocks.  
Jennica Mullins, 6-1 MB, Northside Christian (Saint Petersburg FL) – Averaged 2.3 kills and 0.8 blocks last fall for a 23-7 team.  
Molly O'Neil, OH, Martin County (Stuart FL) –  
Beatriz Ortega, 5-7 S/OH, Everglades (Miramar FL)  
Lauren Spear, 5-8 S, Douglas (Parkland FL)  
Tina Toghiyani: Oak Hall sophomore middle blocker had 284 kills, 200 points (71 aces), 126 digs and 46 blocks.

## **Hawaii**

Elizabeth Blake, S, Kahuku High  
Ginger Long, 5-11 Soph MB, KS-Maui HM all state  
Kainoa Ocasek, OH, Word of Life Academy

## **Illinois**

Kelsey Card, Carlinville Sp mention 100

Hannah Crippen, 6-0 S/OH, Plainfield North (Plainfield IL)  
Emily Leazer, St. Viator Sp mention 100;  
Kylie Walch, Raymond-Lincolnwood Sp mention 100

## **Indiana**

Sami Gruse, 5-9 S/RS, Lafayette Central Catholic (Lafayette IN)  
Molly King, 5-10 MB, Lafayette Central Catholic (Lafayette IN)  
Tricia Sieger, 5-8 S, Woodlan (Woodburn IN)

## **Iowa**

Brittni Donaldson, 5-7 OH, Sioux City North (Sioux City IA)  
Kayla Gensink, Soph S, Western Chr, 2nd team AS 2A  
Mary Kaufmann, soph L Harlan, SM AS 3A  
Rachel Peth, Soph WSR 2nd tm as 3A  
Laura TerHark, Libero, Algona (IA) SM AS 3A

## **Kansas**

Heidi Brown, 5-10 OH, Southwestern Heights (Kismet KS)  
Cierra Ceazer, 5-10 MB, HM AS 5A out of Shawnee Hts

## **Kentucky**

Jackie Napper, 5-6 DS, Assumption (Louisville KY)  
Courtney Robison, 5-8 S, Assumption (Louisville KY)

## **Louisiana**

Mayme Cook, 5-9 S, Notre Dame (Crowley LA)

## **Massachusetts**

Brianna Souza, 5-5 Libero, King Philip Regional (Wrentham MA)

## **Michigan**

Ryian Hubbard, BC St Phil soph 2nd team all state D  
Allison Jyle, Bronson, Soph was 2nd team all state C  
Danae Rosendall, Hudsonville sophs Class A HM all state  
Maura Sullivan, 5-9 MB, Pinckney (MI)

## **Minnesota**

Calli McLellan, Libero, Heritage Christian (Maple Grove MN)  
Lauren Williams, MB, Heritage Christian (Maple Grove MN)

## **Missouri**

Jade Hayes, MB from Ozark HM all state as soph  
Erica Helm, soph S/OH from Logan-Rogersville 2nd team all state C3  
Ryan Parsons, 5-10, OH, McDonald County (Anderson MO)  
Dana Peters, St. Paul Lutheran soph HM all state C2  
Taylor Rohde, 5-6 S, Notre Dame (St. Louis MO)  
Molly Sander, soph setter from Sante Fe 2nd team as C1  
Claire Swope, OH, St. Mary's – soph HM all state C2

## **Montana**

Monica Grimsrud, MB, Helena – soph 2nd team all state Class AA

## **Nebraska**

Kim Bailey, LNS, sophs to get HM all state Class AA  
Jaecee Barta, Ogallala soph stat stuffer  
Emily Cady, 6-2 Seward soph had 160 kills  
Kalee Cromer, 5-10 MB, Fairbury (NE)  
Cori Ehman, soph, Sutton – star of state bound C2 team  
Sarah Faubel, LSW OH soph with 200 kills  
Brittney Lester, Johnson County Ctrl soph s led team in assists  
Cody Long, Thayer Ctrl soph OH 2nd on team in kills  
Hailey Mandelko, Lexington, sophs to be HM all state Class B  
Liz McGowan, GICC  
Shannon Mettling, Skutt RS 4th in kills  
Tracey Neumann, soph S from Bancroft-Rosalie team assist leader  
Taylor Polacek, Skutt sph setter led team in assists  
Tristen Sharp, South Sioux City – sophs to be HM all state Class B  
Andrea Spaustat, soph MB had 200 kills for Marian  
Courtney VanGroningen, soph libero from Sterling 1st team all state D2  
Jamie Van Kirk Sutton soph 2nd team all state  
Makayla Westphal, Scottsbluff, sophs to be HM all state Class B

## **Nevada**

Jena Chavez, GV soph 2nd team all league  
Morgan Malone – soph from Durango 1st team all league  
Ashley Newton, Lake Mead soph OH who led Lake Mead to state title in 1A

## **New York**

Kim Valverde, Libero, East Hampton (NY)

## **North Carolina**

Chandler Bryant, 5-11 MB, Page (Greensboro NC)

Manon Murray, 5-9 OH, Grimsley (Greensboro NC)

### **North Dakota**

Jess Herauf, 5-9 OH, Dickinson (ND)

### **Ohio**

Alexa Abrams, Buckeye Trail;  
Bridgett Daughy, 5-8 S, Bay (Bay Village OH)  
Erica Fullenkamp, Minster  
Lauren Landsman, 5-9 RS, Kenston (Chagrin Falls OH)  
Tabatha Piper, 5-10 S, Big Walnut  
Marissa Radick, 5-9 OH, Bay (Bay Village OH)  
Erin Seckinger, Bishop Ready

### **Oregon**

Reagan Beatty, 5-11 MB, West Linn (OR)  
Alyssa Foster, 5-9 OH, Central Catholic (Portland OR)  
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### **Pennsylvania**

Brooke Bailey  
Paige Baker  
Bethany Burns, 5-5 Libero, McDowell (Erie PA)  
Elizabeth Horner, 6-0 MB, State College (PA)  
Emily Lohr  
Julia McCabe  
Tiffany Smathers

### **Texas**

Breeann David, S/MB, Denver City (TX)  
Jessica Hall (Bowie High School / Austin Juniors 16 Mizuno)  
Jillian Humphrey, 6-1 MB, La Porte (TX)  
Caitlin Ogletree, 5-7 S/RS, Montgomery (TX) – A very athletic player.  
Malorie Pardo, 5-9 OH, Pearland (TX) – A smooth operator, Pardo was a standout for Pearland in 2008.  
Abbey Rogge, 5-7 Libero, Parish Episcopal (Dallas TX)  
Amshatar Stephenson, 5-10 MB, Parish Episcopal (Dallas TX)

### **Utah**

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Brooke Bliss, Richfield 1st team all state 2A  
Cassidy Christiansen, 5-8 OH, Provo (UT)  
Shelby Dalton, Grand 1st team all state 2A  
Ashley Garfield, Soph from Morgan 1st team AS 3A  
Kandice Gleave, OH , Piute 1st team all state 1A  
Kayla King, So Sevier 1st team all state 2A  
Kalani Norris, 6-1 MB, Panguitch (UT) – 1st team all state 1A

## Virginia

Chelsea Blanford, soph OH from Cox  
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## Washington

Cami Silverman, 5-9 OH, Eastside Catholic (Bellevue WA)

## Wisconsin

Jenny Ciriacks, soph.,OH, Wauwatosa West

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