

2011 Frosh 59: The Best Varsity-Playing Freshmen in America 🏐

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Torrey Pines hammer Savannah Rennie has made the Frosh 59 list of the top freshmen in the USA.

Photo by Gregg Benson

Below please find the FROSH 59, our list of the nation's most outstanding varsity-playing volleyball freshmen for the 2011 fall season.

Starting in early December, 2011, we sent out word to high school and club coaches across the land (and posted the request on our Message Board) that we were looking for the best high school freshmen

in the United States. Unlike our Senior Aces and top 50 juniors, which are recruiting lists, **this is a high school list, based exclusively on accomplishment at the varsity prep level.** It does not necessarily mean you are one of the top recruits in the Class of 2015; only that you did well at the high school varsity level last fall. Remember that moms and dads!

To be considered, you needed to be a varsity starter as a freshman and one of the top talents in your area. There are many very fine players whom you won't find on this list because they played exclusively on the junior varsity or were bench players for national powers.

Please note: While we tried our best to identify ALL the freshmen deserving of inclusion on this list, we have no doubt that several will be missed. We rely heavily on coaches to tell us who the top freshmen are. Our best efforts inevitably fail to yield ALL of the most deserving young players out there. For instance, there are almost 20 players listed at the end of this piece we tried, unsuccessfully, to learn more about.

One other note: this list takes a LONG TIME to compile. I have been working on it practically full time for the better part of the past two weeks. I am indebted to Mike Miazga, Phil Brozynski and Kira Ambrose, who helped me with about 60 of the 220 or so blurbs that follow.

The Frosh 59 comprises the top varsity achievements, in our opinion, of freshmen in 2011, with other players finding homes in the Highest Honorable Mention, Special Mention and Honorable Mention categories. Congratulations to all of you!

The Frosh 59!

Briana Ainsworth, 5-7 Setter, Pojoaque (New Mexico) – Ainsworth has started for the Elkettes for two years. Both years, Pojoaque won the New Mexico 3A state title and Ainsworth was the state 3A Player of the Year. A First Team All-State pick in 2011, Ainsworth had 900 assists in 2011 (11.5 per game) for a 26-0 team that lost only two sets and was arguably the best team in the state regardless of class. She added a team-leading 39 aces, 110 digs and 92 kills. Ainsworth already holds school records for assists per game, assists per season, aces per season, serving percentage and hitting percentage.

Taylor Anderton, 5-10 S/OH, Evangelical Christian School (Cordova, Tennessee) – Named to the Best of the Preps Private School Team by the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* and First Team All-Region, Anderton helped lead the Eagles to the Division II-A Final Four in 2011. Anderton, whose older sister is a Middle Tennessee State signee, stuffed the stat sheet for ECS, recording 450 kills in 131 games while adding 456 assists, 102 aces and 248 digs for a 29-18 team.

Jessi Bartholomew, 6-1 OH, East Coweta (Sharpsburg, Georgia) – Bartholomew was named 2011 Offensive Player of the Year by the *Newnan Times-Herald* after delivering 330 kills, 103 digs and 45 blocks for the Indians en route to earning team MVP honors. A coachable player with great passion for the game, Bartholomew led East Coweta in kills, digs and aces in her first varsity game and led the Indians to a 27-16 mark in 2011 and a berth in the AAAAA Elite 8. In addition to averaging more than three kills per set, Bartholomew averaged almost 1.5 digs per set. "She not only is a great athlete but a great person and was a season changer for us," said coach Katey Lewis.

Kendall Beerman, 6-2 OH, Tates Creek (Lexington, Kentucky) – The go-to player for her high school team, Beerman is an ultra-physical attacker who has been starting on varsity since she was a seventh grader, made First Team All-City as an eighth grader and First Team All-State last fall as a freshman. With Beerman a major threat to score front row and back and a primary passer in all six rotations, Tates Creek won 25 matches and finished ranked among Kentucky's top 20 teams. Beerman, who has 28 kills in Tates Creek's season-ending loss in District play, is the daughter of former Pittsburgh head coach Chris Beerman.

Taylor Bennett, 6-0 Setter, Rowlett (Texas) – Named District 10-5A Newcomer of the Year and Honorable Mention Newcomer of the Year by LoneStarVolleyball.com, Bennett averaged more than 10

assists per set (982 total) in 2011 for a team that finished second in District 10-5A. Bennett, who added 50 kills, 57 aces and 247 digs, is one of the “smartest freshmen setters I have seen in long time,” said coach Tanika Haggan. “Although she is young in age she is wise beyond her years on the volleyball court. Taylor is a great leader, athlete and teammate.”

Remington Bowman, 6-0 Setter, Floyd Central (Floyds Knobs, Indiana) – Bowman totaled a jaw dropping 1052 assists for her young (three starting sophomores) top-ten ranked school and used her impressive height to add 93 blocks to the defense, earning her First Team All-Area and First Team All-Conference honors. A smart setter with huge potential to develop, Bowman played on her club’s 17s team as a 14 year old.

Brianne Burkert, 6-0 OH, JJ Pearce (Richardson, Texas) – Burkert helped lead the Mustangs to the State 4A finals in 2011, where they lost to national champion Lake Travis. A setter by trade, she was employed primarily as a hitter and finished the season with 278 kills while hitting at a .275 clip. A lefty, Burkert was named the District 10, Class 4A Newcomer of the Year and was a finalist for LoneStarVolleyball.com’s Newcomer of the Year. “Brianne has the ability to affect the game in a number of ways – as a setter, an attacker and a blocker,” coach Jason Nicholson said. “She plays with a lot of energy and will be one of the more highly recruited kids in her class.”

Kendra Dahlke, 6-0 OH, Fallbrook (California) – Co-league Player of the Year and Second Team All-San Diego Section, Dahlke was a do it all player for Fallbrook in 2011, amassing 465 kills (4.7 per set) and 394 digs for a 24-10 team. The sky is the limit for this immense talent.

Haley DeSales, 6-0 RS, La Salle (Pasadena, California) – Considered one of the premier freshmen in Southern California, DeSales played on the right side for the 30-7-1 Lancers in 2011 and helped them reach the CIF Southern Section Division 2AA title match. Named First Team All CIF SS in Class 2AA and First Team All-League, DeSales averaged 2.7 kills and 1.8 digs per game last fall while adding 55 blocks and serving as a primary passer.

Tamia Dockery, 5-5 Setter, Foster (Richmond, Texas) – Named Newcomer of the Year by LoneStarVolleyball.com, Dockery averaged 9.1 assists per game (more than 1,300 total), while adding 324 digs and 56 aces, for a Foster team that was the only one to take a set off of national champion Lake Travis in 2011. Dockery is hard working, smart, and very composed for a freshman.

Kenzie Fields, 5-11 RS, Bartlett (Tennessee) – A Division I selection by the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*, Fields led the Panthers to more than 30 wins in 2011 and an undefeated district slate. She was named MVP of the District 14AAA tournament and the Region 7AAA tournament.

Michaela Foecke, 6-2 MB, Holy Trinity (Ft. Madison, Iowa) – Foecke led her Holy Trinity squad to a 46-4 mark in 2011 and to the Iowa State Tournament before losing to Janesville. A member of the Iowa High Performance team, Foecke amassed 480 kills in 118 games in 2011 while adding 123 total blocks and 78 digs. She was one of two freshmen named First Team All-State in Class 1A. Foecke finished second to Iowa Gatorade Player of the Year **Megan Gilbert** in Class 1A voting.

Alivia Fraase, 6-0 MB, Shanley (Fargo, North Dakota) – Named First Team All-Conference, Second Team All-State and a member of the Class A All-State Tournament Team, Fraase was the kill and ace leader for the Deacons in 2011.

Jamie Gesink, 5-8 Setter, Western Christian (Hull, Iowa) – Gesink stepped into huge shoes for Western Christian in 2011, replacing her graduated sister, Kayla, who had been Iowa 2A Player of the Year in 2010. You never would have guessed that this smooth operator was a freshman, as she led a very young Wolves team to victories over most of the state’s elite. Blessed with soft hands and quick feet, as well as a veteran’s head, Gesink amassed 1,107 assists in 115 games for a 49-2 team that reached the

Iowa 2A finals. She added 276 digs, 41 solo blocks and 63 kills en route to earning First Team All-State Class 2A honors.

Amanda Gooch, 5-8 OH, Iola (Texas) – Named Honorable Mention Newcomer of the Year by LoneStarVolleyball.com, All-Brazos Valley First Team and First Team All-State in Class A, Gooch helped the Bulldogs reach the Class A title match. Also named District 22-A Newcomer of the Year, Gooch led Iola in kills in 2011.

Kayla Gwozdz, 5-10 MB, Bedford (Temperance, Michigan) – A starter in the middle for a Class A Final Four team, Gwozdz contributed 304 kills, 107 blocks, 119 digs and 41 aces to a 65-11-1 team last fall. She was an All-County pick and Honorable Mention All-Conference.

Rachel Harty, 5-10 S/RS, University (Orange City, Florida) – Special Mention All-County by the *Orlando Sentinel* and Second Team All-Area by the *Daytona Beach News-Journal*, Harty led a young Titan team in aces (71) and assists (283) in 2011 while placing second in both kills (159) and digs (141).

Annie Hasselmann, 6-0 Setter, La Jolla Country Day (La Jolla, California) -- A big blocker, Hasselmann had big shoes to fill with the graduation of an All-American setter from the 2009-2010 state championship teams, but showed the leadership, maturity and skill to hoist more than 1,000 assists while adding 70 blocks, 89 kills, 50 aces and 131 digs as the Torreys made it back to the state championship match in Division IV once again. The lefty was Second Team All-CIF San Diego Section Division IV.

Devin Herenda, 5-9 Setter, El Camino (Sacramento, California) – Very composed and the sister of last year's starting setter at El Camino, Herenda set the Eagles, who were nationally-ranked for much of the year, to a 37-4 record last fall. First Team All-Capital Athletic League and Honorable Mention All-Metro by the *Sacramento Bee*, Herenda averaged 12.1 assists per set (1089 total) while adding 169 digs and 79 kills. Herenda is a quiet, focused player with little ego who knows how to please her hitters while also keeping opponents off balance with a variety of dumps.

Haley Hodson, 6-1 OH, Corona del Mar (Newport Beach, California) – Named Second Team All-Pacific League and Fifth Team All-County by the *Orange County Register*, Hodson is a powerful six-rotation force who helped nationally-ranked Corona del Mar to the CIF Southern Section I-A finals. A game changer on the outside and a standout in serve receive, Hodson led the Sea Queens in kills with 347 while also compiling 30 aces and 155 digs.

Kendra Koetter, 5-9 Setter, The Bolles School (Jacksonville, Florida) – A heady player whose father is an NFL coach, Koetter guided the Bulldogs to a 23-8 mark in 2011 and the Florida 4A semifinals. She led the team with 895 assists, was special behind the service line with 72 aces and also had 144 digs. "She can set any ball and has great tempo on her sets," said coach Elise Bush. "She is a great competitor and very athletic and one of the best setters in North Florida."

Megan Kruidhof, 5-10 OH, Lakewood (California) – The top player on a 16-13 Lancer team, Kruidhof was the top hitter for coach Mike Wadley in 2011, averaging 17 kills per match. She earned First Team All-Moore League honors as well as a spot on the *Long Beach Press-Telegram's* Dream Team. Lakewood's had a lot of stars recently but none who received the freshman acclaim that Kruidhof did. She already had four Division I offers.

Jenna Lerg, 5-4 Libero, Mercy (Farmington Hills, Michigan) – Lerg was the starting libero on a Mercy team that went 65-4, was ranked No. 1 for most of the year in the state and rose to as high as No. 20 on Prepvolleyball.com's national rankings. "Jenna was instrumental in passing and defense for a team that has one girl above 5-11," coach Loretta Vogel said. "Jenna filled big shoes on a team that had been in back-to-back final fours. Jenna was involved in every passing rotation, many times alongside Maddy Doyle (Michigan Miss Volleyball) and her older sister, Lindsey Lerg, both who have been leaders in our

program since they were sophomores. While I can throw out stats that may seem impressive, they would not do her justice. I don't have enough words to describe the volleyball intelligence this young athlete possesses. For Mercy, she has a good chance of hitting outside next year. Similar to her sister and Maddy Doyle, she will be playing positions she won't necessarily play in club and college, yet she will still dominate at that position in high school."

Taylor Lord, 5-8 RS/OH, Musselman (Inwood, West Virginia) - Lord was named special honorable mention all-state and was an all-PVC first-team pick, in addition to earning all-tournament accolades at Hedgesville. Lord also snared all-area first-team plaudits from the Martinsburg Journal. She also received the Applemen team blocking and passing awards. "Taylor hit right side all season until the state tournament where she moved to the left in place of one of our ineligible players," coach Shawn Martz explained. Lord tallied 38 kills in 10 games in the state tournament (3 matches). "She is by far our most talented freshman we have ever had," Martz stated. "She is already being heavily recruited. If I had to speculate, she will break all our records by the time her career is over here." Horton finished the season with 295 kills (2.4 per game), 63 aces, 291 digs, 27 solo blocks and had a team-best 2.2 passer rating.

Riley Lyman, 5-10 OH, Enterprise (Utah) – First Team All-State 2A by the *Salt Lake City Tribune* and *Deseret News*, Lyman had a big year for the Wolves, amassing 273 kills, 338 digs and 47 aces while also providing a very strong block on the pin.

Patricia Mattingly, 5-7 S/OH, Providence (Clarksville, Indiana) – Named Second Team All-State in Class 2A, Mattingly was part of an effective setter tandem for a Providence team that finished 26-14 in 2011 and won a regional title for the first time in nine years. An excellent athlete who hit and set, Mattingly amassed 563 assists, 247 kills, 65 blocks, 345 digs and 89 aces last fall. "She is extremely intelligent and has a great court sense," said coach Teri Purichia. "She is calm and level headed, and was one of our very best overall players. We used her in many different ways this season, and I wish I had a few more just like her because she is just so valuable."

McKenna Maycock, 5-11 Setter, Randolph (New York) – Maycock set the Class D power to the state final in 2011, averaging 27 assists and three kills per match. She was a First Team All-State pick.

Leah Meyer, 6-1 MB, St. Mary's (Lancaster, New York) – St. Mary's had been denied a state title three consecutive years until Meyer's arrival, and her presence dramatically changed the Lancers' fortunes. Meyer hit .415 on the year and averaged 2.6 blocks per match. "Leah is equally skilled as an attacker and blocker, and she was our second-leading point scorer," coach Don Pieczynski said. "A gifted blocker at an early age, she is athletic enough to hit anywhere along the net. Her powerful jump float is already one of the best in the state." With Meyer's help, the Lancers bested New York state powers such as Eden, Penfield, Pitt-Sutherland, Baldwinsville and Williamsville North on their way to a state title and claim as one of the state's top teams. Meyer was named Small School First Team All-Area by the *Buffalo News*.

Shannon Mikesky, 5-11 Setter, Schulenburg (Texas) – Named Honorable Mention All-State in Texas' 2A class, Mikesky set the Shorthorns to a 35-8 mark in 2011 while recording 1,297 assists, 285 digs, 154 kills, 65 aces and 74 blocks. Very composed, Mikesky has a passion for setting and competing and should soon follow her sister, Leah (a Top 100 Senior Ace), as a top national recruit.

Anna Nyberg, 6-1 OH, Tomahawk (Wisconsin) – Nyberg was an all-conference selection for a Tomahawk team that lost to Catholic Memorial in the state championship. Nyberg averaged 3.4 kills per game (348 total kills) and racked up 270 digs, 28 blocks and 38 service aces.

Courtney Pence, 5-8 OH, Springfield (Illinois) – The only freshman named Special Mention All-State by the *Champaign News-Gazette*, the ultra-athletic Pence was a do-it-all player for the 21-11 Senators in 2011. She averaged a team-leading 5.0 kills per set (391 total) and also led in digs with 294 and aces with 34. An All-Conference pick and team MVP, Pence is very well-rounded with few, if any, weaknesses.

"I think what continues to surprise me the most about her is how she is such a terrific leader and competitor," said coach Megan Withers. "She is a team player and is well respected as an athlete by her teammates and coaches."

Rachel Petkosh, 5-6 Libero, Merritt Island (Florida) – A defensive stalwart on Merritt Island's Florida 5A championship team, Petkosh set a school record in 2011 with 5.09 digs per game (509 total). She also was second on the team in aces while playing in every set for the Mustangs. She had 36 digs and five aces in Merritt Island's four-set championship win over Gulf Breeze. A leader despite her tender years, very smart, confident and highly skilled, Petkosh was a First Team All-Conference selection.

Katie Placek, 5-11 MB, Traverse City West (Traverse City, Michigan) – First Team All-Conference, First Team Dream Team, First Team All-Region and the only freshman to earn All-State recognition in Class A (Honorable Mention), Placek helped West finish second in the Big North Conference in 2011 and win a Class A District championship. Named team Defensive Player of the Year, Placek finished the fall campaign with 157 blocks and 215 digs while also contributing 261 kills (2.5 per game) and 49 aces.

Megan Polak, 5-11 Setter, Gilmour Academy (Gates Mills, Ohio) – Polak, who led Cleveland Volleyball Company to a 14 Open club title a year ago, took over a Gilmour team that finished 24-5 and went to the state final a year earlier. All Polak did was guide Gilmour to another state runner-up finish and a 26-3 mark. She finished the year with 894 assists, "spreading the ball so evenly it was uncanny," noted coach Kelly Coughlin. Three Gilmour hitters had 200 or more kills and two had just over 100 each. "I have had a lot of setters in 22 years of coaching and she is, by far, the best freshman setter I have ever seen," added Coughlin. "At nearly 5-11, she is close to elbows over the net when she blocks and is very core-strong, winning almost every joust she is involved with."

Taylor Portland, 5-10 OH, Charlotte Country Day (Charlotte, North Carolina) – This young player made an explosive impact on her first season of varsity. With Portland leading the stat sheet with 301 kills, 351 digs and 62 aces, Charlotte Country Day enjoyed the winningest season in school history and a semi-final finish in the state playoffs. Portland's exceptional resume extends beyond her school—she tallied the most kills and kills per game of all freshmen in her state and was second in digs.

Jordyn Poulter, 6-1 S/OH, Eaglecrest (Centennial, Colorado) – Considered by some the best setter in the state regardless of class, Poulter began 2011 both setting and hitting, but transitioned to setting only in a 5-1 offense for a Raptor team that finished fifth in Colorado's Class 5A. A very physical player who touches over 10-0 and is money when she dumps, Poulter finished the 2011 season with a team-leading 483 assists in 87 games. She added 169 kills, 97 blocks, 133 digs and 29 aces, demonstrating a strong all-around game. "We have had the opportunity to coach some great players, and many freshman starters, but Jordyn is the best of them all," said Eaglecrest coach Tanya Bond of her First Team All-Centennial League player. "She is one of the hardest workers and most determined kids I have ever met and was the one girl I needed on the floor every minute of this season."

Beth Prince, 6-3 OH, Avon (Indiana) – The Orioles were one of the best teams in the country in 2011, going 39-0 before losing to Penn in the Indiana 4A championship match, and Prince was a huge reason why. She finished the season with more than 450 kills, which ranked second in school history, while adding 52 blocks and 81 digs. Prince was the only significant change on a team that was 28-7 before her and 39-1 with her in the lineup. A big-game player, Prince was named First Team All-State in Class 4A, was the *Indianapolis Star* Super Team Player of the Year and was named National Freshman of the Year by ESPN Rise. "While I have had really good players play in our program in high school and club," said coach Scott McQueen, "she has the chance to be one of the best, if not the best."

Taylor Reiss, 5-10 MB, Minneota (Minnesota) – Named First Team All-Area, Reiss led the Vikings to a 34-7 record and third-place finish in the Minnesota Class A state tournament. In three state tournament games comprising 11 sets, Reiss totaled 68 kills and was part of the All-State Tournament team. Reiss finished the year with 474 kills and 108 stuff blocks.

Savannah Rennie, 6-2 MB, Torrey Pines (San Diego, California) – Powerfully built and capable of playing any position in the front row, Rennie was a Godsend to a star-laden but injury-riddled team that nonetheless won the San Diego Section Division I title. Rennie, who earned Second Team All-League and Second Team All-San Diego Section honors, led the Falcons in kills with 305 and also was the team block leader with 69. “She is very mature for a freshman,” said coach Brennan Dean, “and can be a six-rotation player.”

Grace Richmeyer, 5-10 MB, St. Pius X (Festus, Missouri) – Second Team All-State Class 2, Richmeyer helped the Lancers to the Missouri Class 2 title in 2011, amassing 185 kills, 237 digs, 67 blocks and 39 aces. Richmeyer played all the way around and did a phenomenal job at the net and on her serve and was no slouch defensively either.

Maggie Rick, 5-9 Setter, Blessed Trinity Catholic (Roswell, Georgia) – Rick led Blessed Trinity Catholic to a 48-11 record in 2011 and the Georgia Final Four with 1,013 assists, which was third overall in the state and easily the highest total by any freshman. She had 54 assists in the area championship match, which ranks sixth all-time in the state and was the best single-game performance by a freshman in state history. Her 1,013 assists were second all-time at Blessed Trinity Catholic.

Kayla Rosman, 5-10 MB, Morley Stanwood (Morley, Michigan) – A huge factor for the Class C state champs, Rosman contributed 245 kills (1.6 per set), 490 digs, a team-leading 116 blocks and 69 aces for a 58-6-2 team. For her work, she was honored as an Honorable Mention All-State Class C selection. “Kayla was our most effective and consistent server,” said coach Robin Kozuch. “She is a very hard working young lady who loves the game.” Rosman also was All-Conference and All-Region and earned Pioneer Dream Team accolades.

Marissa Round, 5-11 MB/OH, Olathe East (Olathe, Kansas) – First Team All-Sunflower League and an Honorable Mention All-State pick in Class 6A, Round helped Olathe East compile a 36-10 record and get to the state tournament in 2011 by delivering 343 kills in 95 games. Round, who played her best ball late in the year, also was chosen to the 6A All-State Tournament team, the only freshman honored in any classification. “Marissa is extremely quick at the net and hits the ball with tremendous power,” said head coach Brian Martin. “She was a key component for our team that finished fourth at the Kansas 6A State Tournament.”

Ashley Rozell, 5-9 Setter, Warner (South Dakota) – First Team All-Conference, First Team All-Area and Second Team All-State Class B, Rozell amassed 834 assists in 82 games for the 28-2 Monarchs in 2011. Rozell also added 158 digs, 73 kills and 47 aces. “Ashley is an extremely smart setter and has an incredible court sense,” said Warner head coach Kari Jung. “With her as the leader of our offense, we were able to effectively attack from all positions on the court.”

Shannon Ryan, 6-3 MB, Beekmantown (Plattsburgh, New York) – Ryan was named First Team All-Conference and Fourth Team All-State in Class B after her team went 20-2 in 2011. “As a second-year player, freshman Shannon Ryan quickly established herself as one of the top offensive players in the section,” said coach Shana Hileman. “Her sheer athletic ability, height and basketball background allowed her to transition into a dominant attacker and blocker in this sport. Her ability to attack quick tempo sets opened up numerous options for the BCS offense. What most impressed the coaching staff was her maturity, work ethic and ability to handle pressure during key games like a veteran.” Ryan led the team in kills (157), aces (29), blocks (47) and digs (57) in 2011.

Blossom Sato, 5-8 Setter, Santa Monica (California) – Sato, part of the “First Family” of volleyball in Southern California, led the Ocean League in assists in 2011 en route to earning league MVP honors. With Sato running the show, Santa Monica reached the CIF-Southern Section Division 3-AA semifinals. Sato was named First Team All-CIF SS 3AA.

Jess Schaben, 6-0 MB, Harlan (Iowa) – Harlan experienced a big turnaround in 2011, going from a .500 team in 2010 to a 31-5 squad last fall that reached the 3A quarterfinals. Named First Team All-State in Class 3A, Schaben was one of the state’s kill leaders with 459 and was a blocking leader as well with 94.

Samantha Seliger-Swenson, 5-11 Setter, Hopkins (Minnetonka, Minnesota) – A two-time All-Conference and All-Area performer who plays well beyond her years, Seliger-Swenson was team captain and team MVP for Hopkins in 2011. She averaged 9.6 assists per set (856 total) and brok the school record for assists in a match (58) and aces in a season (109). “Samantha plays like a senior,” said coach Vicki Swenson. “She is the ultimate floor general and sees the game better than anyone I’ve ever coached. She has her best matches against the best competition and elevates the level of play around her. She is a fierce competitor who loves to win.”

Riley Sents, 5-5 Libero, Grundy Center (Iowa) – Sents delivered a whopping 566 digs and 58 aces for a 44-2 Spartan team that reached the Iowa 2A semifinals in 2011. Sents, daughter of head coach Darwin Sents, unseated a senior incumbent early in the year and played like a standout all season long, earning First Team All-Area accolades.

Carly Skjodt, 6-0 OH, Carmel (Indiana) – A massive impact player for the 26-4 Greyhounds, Skjodt didn’t garner as much national attention as did Avon masher **Beth Prince**, but she was no less important to her team. A six-rotation gem and primary passer for Carmel last fall, Skjodt amassed 274 kills while playing on the outside for the first time. She added 274 digs, 28 aces and 33 blocks and was a unanimous choice for All Conference and All County.

Alexa Smith, 6-0 OH, Lewis-Palmer (Monument, Colorado) – A driving force in the Rangers’ run to the 4A state tournament, one rival coach called Smith “probably the best outside hitter in the state not named Nicole Dalton.” That’s high praise indeed for a freshman who led her team in hitting with 545 kills and in defense with 452 digs. Teams knew that Smith would get every ball, yet she was still able to hit over, around and through blocks. Smith was the only freshman to earn First Team All-State 4A honors.

Kendyl Sorge, 5-5 OH, Janesville (Iowa) – A First Team All-State selection in Class 1A, Sorge led the 30-11 Wildcats to the Iowa state tournament in 2011. She had a team-high 362 kills and a team-high 305 digs in 99 sets for the state’s sixth-ranked 1A team, while adding 68 aces.

Annie Stock, 5-8 OH, Johnstown (New York) – First Team All-League, First Team All-Area and Second Team All-State and a member of the All-State Tournament Team, Stock led Johnstown in kills and was second in digs in 2011. “Annie’s talents on the court are far beyond her age,” said head coach Heather McGuire. “Annie’s passion and hard work make her a standout player and teammate. There are few athletes that have the talent, positive attitude and selflessness Annie has. Because of this our team experienced great success in 2011.”

Morgan Stute, 5-4 Libero, Kearney Catholic (Kearney, Nebraska) – A Second Team All-State pick in Class C-1 by the Associated Press, Stute helped the Stars to a 30-3 season and runner up finish at state. Stute had more than 300 digs and almost 60 aces in 2011.

Alyce Wallace-Ford, 5-9 OH, Laguna Beach (California) – An athletic terminator, Wallace-Ford was a sensation for the nationally-ranked Breakers in 2011, amassing a team-leading 456 kills (5.4 per game). Wallace-Ford scored with aplomb against even the best competition, delivering 32 kills in a win over Edison, 31 in a match versus Corona del Mar and 26 against Mira Costa. Wallace-Ford, who also had 155 digs and 40 aces, was a First Team All-CIF Southern Section in Class 1-A and a Third Team All-Orange County Register pick.

Briana Weber, 5-8 OH, Dike-New Hartford (Dike, Iowa) – Weber capped a sensational season by delivering 15 kills, four blocks and nine digs in an Iowa 2A state finals sweep of Western Christian to

earn tournament MVP honors. On the season, the freshman amassed 441 kills, 283 digs, 73 blocks and 46 aces and not only was named to the Iowa 2A All-State team and Player of the Year in 2A, she was named to the eight-player Elite All-State team, which considers players from all classifications. "Briana is a very smart player who has a solid understanding of the game and is able to make adjustments quickly during a match," said coach Diane Harms. "She has many offensive shots to keep the defense off balance. She is very athletic and reads well defensively."

Taylor Wilson, 5-10 MB, Providence (Clarksville, Indiana) – Named First Team All-State in Class 2A, Wilson was a go-to hitter for a Providence team that finished 26-14 in 2011 and won a regional title for the first time in nine years. She finished the year with 378 kills and 140 blocks. "Taylor is a fiery competitor and was instrumental in our post-season success this season," said head coach Teri Purichia. "Quick and athletic, she has an outstanding work ethic and a real passion for the game."

Jaali Winters, 6-1 MB, Ankeny (Iowa) – A First Team All-Conference selection and Second Team All-State pick by the Iowa Girls Coaches Association in Class 4A, Winters led the 29-9 Hawkettes, who finished third in class 4A, with 284 kills in 100 games in 2011. Winters also was among the team's blocking leaders with 52 total blocks.

Roxanna Wood, 5-10 S/OH, St. George's (Collierville, Tennessee) – Named to the Best of the Preps Private School Team by the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*, Wood helped pace the Gryphons to the Tennessee Division II-A title in 2011. The athletic Wood recorded 446 assists, 314 digs, 257 kills and 46 aces in 133 sets for a 38-9 team.

Highest Honorable Mention

Kaylea Ahrens, 5-7 Libero, Owatonna (Minnesota) – A two-year starter for the Huskies, Ahrens led the area in digs by a wide margin, picking up 572 in 2011 while adding 34 aces. She was a First Team All-Area pick for the 24-9 Class AAA fifth-place finishers.

Taylor Alexander, 5-7 OH, Detroit Country Day (Beverly Hills, Michigan) – Honorable Mention All-State Class B, Second Team All-County and First Team All-Region, Alexander is a big leaper with six-rotation ability. She finished 2011 with 193 kills and 176 digs in 64 games last fall. She is also a strong server, able to target the weakest serve-receivers on the opposing team. "She can adjust her arm swing and find gaps in blocks as well as anyone in the state," said coach Ann Kingbury. "Her quick hits and effective back row attacks have positioned her as the top attacking threat for DCDS. Taylor leads by example with her strong work ethic and competitive spirit."

Jordan Anderson, 5-7 Setter, Horizon (Scottsdale, Arizona) – Anderson led her team to a Division I state runner-up finish as the lead setter in a 6-2 offense. She finished the season with 517 assists, 238 digs, 46 kills and 12 aces in 99 games. "She has great defensive skills and showed leadership qualities beyond her years working with senior, junior and sophomore hitters," coach Valorie McKenzie said. "Her play is consistent and intelligent." Anderson had 23 assists in Horizon's 14-25, 24-26, 26-24, 25-19, 15-10 championship game loss to Gilbert.

Hannah Bailey, 6-2 MB, Cameron (Wisconsin) – A left-handed middle, Bailey was an all-conference pick and was named the varsity team's offensive player of the year. Bailey finished the year with 237 kills (2.6 per game), 86 blocks, 54 digs and 38 service aces for coach Mary Brion. "Hannah is the top freshman in our area," stated Brion. "She is an outstanding athlete with remarkable confidence and poise. Hannah led our team in blocks and also leads the state for a freshman. Hannah has an extremely quick and powerful arm swing. She has a passion for the game and puts in the extra effort and time to be the best she can be. Hannah started placing the ball very well as the season went on. She has a lot of potential, has an excellent attitude and is a very determined young lady." Bailey helped Cameron win the conference title. Cameron was the only team to beat Grantsburg, which played in the state

tournament.”

Allison Baird, 5-6 Libero, North Royalton (Ohio) – Baird was named to the all-conference and all-district first teams, while also earning the team’s defensive player of the year honor. Baird set a new school record with 432 digs (5.20 digs per game). She also had 21 aces and 172 service points. “Allison is one of the most energetic and enthusiastic players I have ever coached,” said coach Kristin Hubbell. “She does not play like a freshman. She is quick and athletic, understands the game and has amazing court presence. She also is very vocal, which is rare for a freshman. Many opposing coaches and officials could not believe she was a freshman. The sky is the limit for Allison.”

Megan Ballenger, 6-0 MB, Ankeny (Iowa) – Ballenger started slowly for the Hawkettes but set a torrid pace down the stretch for a 29-9 team that finished third in Iowa’s Class 4A. She had a team-leading 91 blocks and 172 kills in 100 sets. She played all the way around, was a primary passer and added 228 digs.

Sierra Bates, 5-10 OH, Tesoro (Rancho Santa Margarita, California) – Second Team All-Sea View League, Bates helped lead Tesoro to its first league title in 2011. “There were several times last season when Sierra was the best player on the floor,” said coach Rich Polk. “She is ultra- competitive which made her a force at the net. She has a great arm and a solid jump serve that will make her a player to watch in the future. “

Tatyana Battle, 6-0 OH, Cibola (Albuquerque, New Mexico) – The athletic Battle averaged a team-leading 3.0 kills per game in 2011 (234 total) for the Cougars. Reportedly touching 9-11, Battle also had 44 blocks and 72 digs for a 14-10 team. She was First Team All-District, Second Team All-Metro and has Division I written all over her.

Maddie Bazalak, 6-0 OH, Archbishop Alter (Dayton, Ohio) – An all-around player and her team’s primary serve receiver, Bazalak had 215 kills, 35 aces and 264 digs for the Ohio Division 2 state runner-up. She earned first team all-conference honors in the Girls Greater Cincinnati League and was second team all-district. “Maddie is a very athletic, very competitive kid,” coach Tina Jasinowski said. “She plays with a mental game that is beyond her years, plays hard and aggressive, and will be a dominant force for us over the next three years.”

Yasmeen Bedart-Ghani, 6-2 RS, Marymount (Los Angeles, California) – Tall and powerfully built, Bedart-Ghani worked her way into the lineup for the Sailors and became a go-to hitter as well as shut down blocker from the right side by season’s end for the nationally-ranked squad, which came within a point of capturing the California Division I title.

Lizzy Blough, 5-8 OH, Dike-New Hartford (Dike, Iowa) – One of two standout freshmen on the 44-3 Iowa 2A champs, Blough recorded 267 kills, 156 digs and 35 aces in 2011. An extremely quick jumper with a fast arm, Blough didn’t play all the way around until mid-season but made the transition well because she reads and understands the game so well.

Molly Burkhardt, 5-10 Setter, St. Augustine (Florida) – Honorable Mention All-County, Burkhardt had 902 assists, 298 service points, 128 digs and 84 kills for a 17-9 team in 2011. “Her ability to run an offensive at such a young age is incredible,” said head coach Anna Renton. “She developed into an offensive threat early on, delivering assists and earning points with kills. She helped lead our team to a district title which was last accomplished in 1995. She is a player with a competitive spirit and the drive to get better daily.”

Ashley Bush, 5-10 OH/S, Ryle (Union, Kentucky) – Bush, the Ryle offensive player of the year, also earned all-state second-team honors, first-team Northern Kentucky Coaches Association accolades and was the 33rd District MVP. Bush racked up 238 kills (2.7 per game, 45 kill percentage), 46 aces, 22 total blocks and 119 assists. “She was one of our outside hitters as well as one of our setters for about half

the season," said Ryle coach Tasha Lovins. "Ashley has been a great addition to our program. She stepped on the court during her first varsity match as a freshman and no one would ever be able to tell how young she was. She played strong and was a great leader as well."

Megan Chintala, 5-3 Libero, Fleming (Colorado) – Named First Team All-State Class 1A, Chintala led the Wildcats in digs in 2011 with 338, averaging four per set. Fleming went 29-3 last fall and reached the 1A title match before losing to Otis.

Margaret Connett, 6-1 OH, Cooper (The Woodlands, Texas) – Connett terminated 408 times in 2011, making her one of the top freshman kill getters in the country. She also had 50 aces and was a SPC Division I First Team performer.

Kayla Ellis, 5-8 OH, Century (Pocatello, Idaho) – Sister Jenna Ellis won the Gatorade POY award for Idaho after leading the Diamondbacks to the 4A state title in 2011, but Kayla Ellis also was a huge factor for the 36-4 team. She was second behind only her sister with 263 kills (2.7 per game), while finishing third in digs (280) and adding a team-leading 69 aces. She was chosen Second Team All-State Tournament, the only freshman recognized.

Alyssa Enneking, 5-10 OH, Clear Falls (Texas) – Named Honorable Mention Newcomer of the Year by LoneStarVolleyball.com, Enneking helped the Knights reach the Texas 4A quarterfinals in 2011. Enneking led Clear Falls in kills with 429 and was second in both digs (347) and aces (66).

Cara Flach, 5-11 S/RS, Wabaunsee (Alma, Kansas) – Honorable Mention All-State in Class 2A, Flach did a nice job setting and hitting on the right for the 26-15 Chargers in 2011. Flach finished the year with 387 assists, 183 kills, 195 digs, 55 aces and 40 blocks.

Cecily Gable, 5-8 OH, Munford (Tennessee) – Another "Flyin Hawaiian," had 467 kills for the 24-12 Cougars in 2011. She was selected to the Division I team by the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*.

Gabby Hansen, 5-7 OH, North Tonawanda (New York) – Hansen had a terrific first season with the Lumberjacks in 2011, delivering 268 kills, 440 digs and 47 aces. Hansen was Second Team All-Niagara Frontier.

Cassie Haut, 6-0 MB, St. Mary Catholic Central (Monroe, Michigan) – Honorable Mention All-State Class C, Haut helped the Ketsrels to a 48-7 mark in 2011 and a place in the Class C finals. Also named First Team All-Region, Haut contributed approximately 250 kills and 150 blocks over the fall campaign.

Kenzie Higareda, 5-1 Libero, Forest Park (Woodbridge, Virginia) – Higareda was a first-team all-district and all-area selection after finishing with 438 digs, 62 aces, 32 kills and 32 assists to go with a 2.7 serve-receive rating (on a 3.0 scale). Higareda helped lead the Bruins back to the top of the Cardinal District and to within one win away from a state bid. Playing in Virginia's top AAA division, Higareda used her passing and defense to help turn around a team that went 12-10 in 2010. Forest Park ended up 23-6 in 2011, winning the Hayfield tournament and Cardinal District before losing in the Northwest Region semifinals.

Taylor Hite, 5-8 Setter, Hamburg, (New York) – A two-year starter on Hamburg's varsity team, Hite, an All-ECIC First Team pick, is already a do-everything, go-to player for the Bulldogs. "She possesses a big jump, a lethal swing and a court I.Q. well beyond her years," coach John Crangle said. As an eighth grader, Hite was the Bulldogs' clutch attacker in their playoff run to a sectional championship. "Taylor scores big with her aggressive jump serve, and should be one of the state's elite setter/hitter combos by

her sophomore year," Crangle added.

Jenna Holly, 5-7 OH, Upper Sandusky (Sandusky, Ohio) – Holly was an all-NCC second-team pick and earned third-team all-district honors. "Typically, very few freshmen are recognized," pointed out coach Matthew McConnaughey of Holly's all-conference and all-district accolades. Holly also was the team's defensive MVP, setting two program records for most digs in a season (359) and most digs in a match (28). "Jenna immediately elevated our team ball control," the coach stated. Holly passed 316 serves to target with only 27 errors. She also served over 90 percent with a 9.7 ace percentage (32 total aces). "She was our first server when we had receive," said McConnaughey. "Even though her strengths are in the back row, we needed Jenna to play outside hitter for us. Against older, more experienced competition, Jenna managed to terminate 150 times with a kill efficiency of .295. Jenna is a natural athlete with a high volleyball IQ. She is able to read instinctively and often anticipates our opponents' ball placement, keeping us in rallies. The recognition she has received at the league and district levels shows how other coaches have noticed her skills. I expect her to get better and better as she gains experience."

Rachel Holthaus, 5-11 MB, Winona (Missouri) – Named First Team All-State in Class 1, Holthaus led the Wildcats to a 28-5-2 mark in 2011. The freshman middle led her team with 303 kills in 72 games while placing second in both aces (49) and blocks (63). Holthaus also contributed 107 digs.

Cheyenne Hooper, 6-6 MB, Christian Academy of Knoxville (Knoxville, Tennessee) – First Team All-State Class AA, Hooper moved out of state after the season and is a basketball star at Greenbrier East in West Virginia.

Katie Houser, 5-10 OH, James Wood (Winchester, Virginia) – Houser missed two weeks with a broken finger yet still managed a team-leading 271 kills for the 16-8 Colonels, who reached the regional semifinals in 2011. Houser, who added 120 digs and 15 aces, is a nice leaper (9-10 approach) who was third in her district in kills behind two seniors. She was named First Team All-Northwestern District and made two First Team All-Area teams.

Jamila Johnson, 5-8 OH, St. Joseph's (Greenville, South Carolina) – All-Region and All-State Class A, the skywalking Johnson averaged a team-leading 2.6 kills per game for the 33-3 Class A state champs. She also added 78 aces for the Knights using a terrific top-spin jumper.

Destiny Julye, 5-10 MB, Tehachapi (California) – Julye led the 21-11 Warriors with 262 kills (2.8 per game) and a whopping 162 blocks in 2011. She was a First Team All-League pick.

Hanna Justesen, 5-9 MB, Elmwood-Murdock (Murdock, Nebraska) – The Mustangs reached the Nebraska C-2 state tournament aided greatly by Justesen, who finished second on the team in both kills (more than 400) and digs (more than 225) while adding 70 aces.

Katie Kampen, 5-9 OH, Mount Carmel (New Orleans, Louisiana) – An injury kept Kampen out of the early playoffs, but she recovered in time to help the Cubs reach the Division I title match. A great leader with humble bearing, Kampen contributed 319 kills, 130 digs, 30 blocks and 23 aces to a 31-6 team in 2011.

Haley Kleespies, 5-8 Setter, Avon Grove (West Grove, Pennsylvania) – Displaying her immense versatility, Kleespies began the season running a 6-2, then hit right side before finishing the season running a 5-1. She finished with 883 assists, 298 digs, 42 blocks and 68 aces to lead Avon Grove to a 27-9-3 record and earn all-league and all-district honorable mention honors. "Haley was the starting setter when we had big wins against Unionville, Parkland, St. Basil, Bishop Shanahan, Central Bucks West, Mt. Saint Joseph's and Becca," coach Missy McLinden said. "She was the starting setter that led us into the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) District 1 semifinals and into our state

match against Hempfield."

Savannah Kohlhagen, 5-9 OH, Union Grove (Wisconsin) – An all-around performer who finished the season with 319 kills, 37 aces, 20 blocks, 281 digs and 31 assists, Kohlhagen did just about everything for the 29-14 Broncos except find a cure for the common cold. Kohlhagen earned second team all-conference, second team all-area and honorable mention all-county honors. She is also a standout on the Wisconsin Juniors 15-1 team. "I feel very strongly that she is someone to watch in the future," coach Sarah Busalacchi said.

Kristin Kreklow, 5-9 Setter, Delano (Minnesota) – Kreklow ran the Tiger offense in 2011, using her big, soft hands and high volleyball I.Q. to ring up 748 assists. Kreklow, whose sister, Molly, sets for Missouri, also had 167 digs, 32 aces and 46 kills for a 22-8 team.

Roxanne Lake, 5-7 Setter, Hamilton (Chandler, Arizona) – Lake had some big shoes to fill after Hamilton lost one of the top setters in the state to graduation, but she stepped right in and led her team to a 33-9 record in 2011, including a third-place finish out of 65 teams at the Nike Tournament of Champions. "You would never know Roxanne is a freshman," coach Sharon Vanis said. "She stepped onto a court with three Division I signees and ran the offense the way a senior would run it. We were successful this year because Roxy was able to fill some big shoes." Lake averaged better than nine assists per game in 96 games.

Taygn Larson, 6-1 OH, Roosevelt (Sioux Falls, South Dakota) – Fairly new to the sport, Larson showed off her tremendous potential as a freshman in 2011, recording 246 kills, 315 digs and 70 blocks for the 17-7 Roughriders, who reached the state 4A final. "She has court awareness that is incredible for her age and inexperience," said head coach Holly Lynch.

Haley Libs, 5-10 OH, Providence (Clarksville, Indiana) – Named Second Team All-State in Class 2A, Libs was a go-to hitter for a Providence team that finished 26-14 in 2011 and won a regional title for the first time in nine years. Very quick and athletic, Libs had 290 kills, 62 blocks, 64 aces and 168 digs for a very young team. A very determined player who missed time mid-season due to complications from a broken foot, Libs has the potential to be one of the best players in school history.

Hannah Liss, 5-4 Setter, Glacier (Kalispell, Montana) – Liss joined a senior-laden team in 2011 and ran a 5-1 offense with extreme confidence and poise, leading the Wolfpack to the state tournament. On the year, Liss had 787 assists (8.3 per set), 63 aces and 183 digs. She was named Second Team All-Conference and Honorable Mention All-State in 2011. "Her knowledge of the game is exceptional," said coach Christy Harkins. "Her skills are well-defined beyond her years. Hannah is highly adept at individualizing every set to meet the unique needs and skills of each hitter. Our team finished fourth in our conference, won our playoff match, and qualified for the State tournament. Hannah played very near to every point of every set of every match. Without Hannah quarterbacking our team, it is not likely that we would have experienced such success."

Shealene Little, 5-11 OH, Culver (Oregon) – Named First Team All-League and First Team All-State in Class 2A, Little was integral to Culver's winning the Tri-River League for the first time in school history and advancing to finish fourth in the state tournament. Little also was named to the All-State Tournament team for the Bulldogs, who finished the season with a 20-6 mark.

Kortney Lockey, 5-11 OH, Eaton (Colorado) – A First Team All-State pick in Colorado's 3A class, Lockey averaged 2.5 kills and 2.5 digs per set for the 27-3 Colorado 3A state champs.

Destiny Marks, 6-0 MB, Hancock (Kiln, Mississippi) – Marks filled up the stat sheet for the Hawks in 2011, recording 382 kills, 112 digs, 89 blocks and 46 aces.

Iman McGary, 5-11 OH, Keith Country Day (Rockford, Illinois) – McGary made the most out of her 52

games played in 2011, amassing 210 kills (3.7 per) while adding 100 digs and 58 aces. The First Team All-Conference pick is a great athlete with the ability to put the game on her shoulders and finish when needed.

Brenna McIlroy, 5-10 OH, Rowlett (Texas) – Hard working and coachable, McIlroy dominated the net for the 25-10 Eagles in 2011, amassing 213 kills in 2011. Named First Team All-District, McIlroy is the “next big thing to keep an eye on,” said coach Tanika Haggan.

Paige McKnight, 5-6 Setter, Dunwoody (Georgia) – The Wildcats came on strong late in the 2011 season with McKnight at the helm. She averaged eight assists per game, one of the best rates in DeKalb County.

Madalyn Nicols, 5-9 OH, Maplewood (Guys Mills, Pennsylvania) – Nicols was Second Team All-District and a member of the Class A All-State Tournament Team for a Maplewood squad that was ranked among the best in the state all season long in 2011. A versatile player, Nicols finished the year with 314 kills, 358 digs, 39 aces and 52 blocks. “She was our primary passer as well as our top offensive and defensive player,” said coach Sheila Bancroft. “When the pressure was on she played at her best.”

Elizabeth Owens, 6-0 MB, Lake Worth Christian (Boynton Beach, Florida) – Second Team All-Area by the *Palm Beach Post*, Owens helped the Defenders to the Florida 2A title in 2011 by slamming home five kills in the fifth set of the championship match. She finished the year second on the team in kills with 186 and added almost 50 blocks, which also was second best on the squad.

Katie Puisis, 5-9 Setter, Mason (Ohio) – Puisis led the Greater Miami Conference in assists and was third in the District 16 to earn second-team all-GMC honors. She finished the season with 695 assists – an average of 8.8 per set – and added 22 aces and 126 digs. “Katie has tremendous raw talent as a freshman setter,” coach Tiann Keesling said. “She will be dominant setter in the area with maturity and experience in the coming years.”

Caroline Ostman, 5-9 OH, Harrison (Kennesaw, Georgia) – Blessed with great jumping ability and a powerful swing, Ostman made an immediate impact for the Hoyas. “Caroline can hit for power to all zones or make the needed adjustments to frustrate opponents,” coach Clay Taylor said. Ostman was her team’s No. 2 hitter behind Florida State recruit Alexis Ryan, hitting .223 on the season and averaging 2.4 kills per set. Ostman also added 22 aces and 262 digs. “Caroline is an energetic and vocal leader on the floor and seems poised to become one of the top players in the state,” Taylor said.

Morgan Reed, 5-6 Setter, Lake Highlands (Dallas, Texas) – A starting 5-1 setter on a team that reached the 5A regional semifinals, Reed finished among the top three setters in the Dallas area in assists, amassing 714 (8.5 per game) on the year. Reed, who added 131 digs and 45 kills, was named District 9-5A Setter of the Year.

Jordan Runge, 6-0 OH, Solon (Iowa) – Runge compiled nearly 250 kills and earned all-conference honors – the only freshman so recognized – for a 32-2 team ranked No. 2 in Iowa’s 3A class. “She would have had more kills than that, but she was matched up in front row with [senior] Kelsey Cave, so people can guess where quite a few sets went,” coach Kurtis Trout said. “But with many teams focusing on our primary hitters, Jordan was able to have huge games and come through in big stretches when we needed her.”

Payton Schultz, 5-7 OH, Bethlehem Academy (Faribault, Minnesota) – A starter since the seventh grade, Schultz is a natural setter who played outside for the Cardinals in 2011 in order to cover the entire floor for the Class A state champs. Extremely athletic, Schultz amassed 403 digs in 2011 and already stands fifth on the school’s career digs list. BA’s best server, Schultz added 46 aces and 135 kills, many coming at tournament time when she shined. She was an All-Conference pick and was selected to the All-State Tournament team.

Harley Sebastian, 6-2 OH, The Lovett School (Atlanta, Georgia) – Sebastian recorded 280 kills (3.2 per game) to go with 33 aces and 20 blocks in 87 games. She also had 175 digs and scored more than 350 points for the team. The next closest scorer had 175 points. “Harley just turned 14 as we began our preseason,” noted coach Mary Buczek. “She matured a ton. She had to replace three key basketball players who decided to focus on basketball and the recruiting process. She also was learning a new position (outside hitter) with a ton more responsibility. She is one of the top recruits in the country and led our very young varsity team in total points scored, attempts, kills and kills per game. She moved to outside and assumed the role of one of our primary passers and played middle back for us in the back row.”

Ally Standard, 6-4 MB, San Angelo Central (San Angelo, Texas) – Named All-West Texas Newcomer of the Year and Honorable Mention Newcomer of the Year by LoneStarVolleyball.com, Standard led the Lady Cats with 308 kills and 151 blocks in 2011.

Adlee Van Winden, 6-0 OH, Vintage (Napa, California) – Named *Napa Valley Register* Defensive POY, Van Winden led the Crushers in most statistical categories her freshman year, piling up 258 kills, 148 digs, 20 blocks and 50 aces. A beach star, Van Winden is a power player who is very mature for her age.

Heidi Wehner, 6-1 MB, Edgewater (Orlando, Florida) – Special Mention All-County and the team’s “Rookie of the Year,” Wehner was a key cog in Edgewater’s run to the regional finals in 2011. Her 79 aces and 61 blocks led the team, which finished 20-10. Her 189 kills and .390 hitting percentage both ranked second. “As a freshman she led the team in many categories throughout the season and was looked up to by even our seniors,” said coach Michelle Bookamy. “She is a leader and has so much passion for the sport!”

Mady White, Libero, St. Joseph’s (Ogden, Utah) – Named First Team All-State Class 1A by the *Salt Lake City Tribune* as well as First Team All-Region and First Team All-Area, White helped the Jayhawks to a 23-5 season in 2011 and a state Final Four finish. She finished the year with 212 digs while serving at 92 percent.

Stephanie Williams, 5-10 OH, Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin (Chadron, Ohio) – Williams went up against some of the biggest names in Ohio such as Lake Catholic, Padua, Walsh Jesuit and Beaumont, and more than held her own. Williams finished the fall campaign with team-leading 247 kills, 231 digs, 38 aces and 32 solo blocks. “She is a dominating outside hitter who can touch nearly 10 feet,” said Steve Scherlacher of Eastside Cleveland Volleyball Club. “She also is counted on as one of the primary passers on her team.” An outstanding student as well as a gifted volleyball player, Williams has already received interest from Duke University.

Ariana Wiltjer, 6-5 MB, Jesuit (Portland, Oregon) – A difference maker for the young Crusaders, the dynamic Wiltjer shook off a hip injury to lead Jesuit to the large-class state finals in 2011. Long and agile, she averaged 2.6 kills and 1.1 blocks per set and made the All-State Tournament Second Team. Also a great server, Wiltjer has a very high ceiling. “I believe Ariana will develop into one of the top players in the nation,” said coach Teresa Zimmerlee.

Alex Wittinger, 6-1 MB, Delano (Minnesota) – A three-sport star who is quick and explosive, Wittinger contributed 159 kills and 75 blocks for the 22-8 Tigers in 2011. “A natural, we have big expectations for her in the upcoming years!” said coach Rebecca Rue.

Special Mention

Bailee Berringer, 5-3 Setter, Dickinson (Texas) – Honorable Mention All-County, Berringer hoisted 895 assists for the Gators in 2011 while adding 251 digs, 85 kills and 36 aces.

Erica Barber, 5-11 OH, Rio Rancho (New Mexico) – A promising young athlete whose varsity volleyball career began in the eighth grade, Barber blossomed this past high school season, leading her team in kills and attempts. A six-rotation player, Barber is just only exploring her volleyball career, having yet to play for a club, but hopes are high for this offspring of a 6-6 father.

Kendall Bradley, 5-8 S/RS, Jensen Beach (Florida) – The only freshman on the Falcon varsity, Bradley, a Second Team All-Area pick, amassed almost 383 assists in a 6-2 offense for a team that reached the Florida 5A semifinals in 2011. “She is a highly-skilled setter with great hands and court awareness,” said coach Mike Sawtelle. “She was voted as the team’s *Unsung Hero* because of her ability to run a consistent offensive attack while spreading the ball around to all our hitters. She was also an excellent defensive player and ranked in the top five on the team in service points.”

Katherine Carlson, 5-7 OH, Notre Dame Prep (Pontiac, Michigan) – First Team All-League and All-Region and Honorable Mention All-County, Carlson emerged as the go-to hitter for a young Fighting Irish squad in 2011. Displaying consistency all year long and a variety of shots, she led the team in kills with 326 in 121 games. She also contributed 215 digs and 31 aces and was a primary passer when she was on the court.

Madison Carter, 5-8 OH, South River (Edgewater, Maryland) – Carter led the Seahawks in kills with 108, kills per game at 2.6, hitting percentage at .430 and serving percentage at .986. She was also second on the team in digs with 102 and aces with 15 to earn All-County honors for both the Coaches and Maryland Capital Gazette newspaper. “In addition to being a statistical leader for the team, Madison showed leadership on the court and was a positive influence on the team,” coach Maureen Carter said.

Madison Clark, Setter, Starpoint (Lockport, New York) – A terrific defensive setter, Clark contributed 395 digs and 333 assists and 65 aces for the Spartans in 2011.

Meredith Dignan, 5-6 Setter, Millbrook (Millbrook, New York) – A starting varsity setter since her eighth grade year, Dignan took on the challenge of running a three-middle offense this season and finished with the eighth-most assists in the state of New York and 13th in average assists per game. She also had a staggering 98 aces to rank 13th in the state. “Meredith’s ability to set the different options in the offensive system is better than any senior I have seen in this area in a long, long time,” coach Shawn Stoliker said.

Jessica Dillon, 5-9 S/RS, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake (Burnt Hills, N.Y.) – Second Team All-Area, Dillon hit .312 this year while averaging 2.9 kills per game. Dillon had a team-high 19 kills in the state semifinal pool-play round. “Jessica really became a go-to player as the year went on,” said coach Gary Bynon. “Having that right side attack was a major part of our success this season. Jessica also is a setter and will run a 6-2 the next three seasons. She was totally not on anybody’s radar, but became a go-to player in October and November.”

Jennifer DiSanto, 5-4 Libero, Castilleja (Palo Alto, California) – DiSanto contributed 450 digs and 35 aces in 2011 for the small-school Northern California power.

Pamela Dungo, 5-6 Libero, Salesian (Richmond, California) – Dungo was among the nation’s freshman leaders in 2011 in digs (460) and digs per game (6.21). She also added 38 assists for a 28-11 Pride team.

Tinsley Fain, 5-4 Setter, Spartanburg Christian Academy (Spartanburg, South Carolina) – Fain recorded 1027 assists, 205 digs and 127 aces for a 41-8 team in 2011.

Brooke Faust, 5-11 MB, Nazareth (Pennsylvania) – Honorable Mention All-Area, Faust averaged 1.7 kills per game (239 total) for the Eagles in 2011 while adding 66 total blocks. A tremendous athlete who is quick off the floor, Faust’s fast arm was on display all season long and she elevated her game playing

against the best teams in the district. "Although only a freshman she developed into a leader on and off the court, even with a strong and large senior class," said head coach Jill Lichty.

Kaitlin Ferretti, 5-5 Setter, Musselman (Inwood, West Virginia) – Ferretti was an honorable mention all-state pick, earned first-team all-PVC honors and was named to the all-area first team by the Martinsburg Journal. She also was an all-tournament pick at Hedgesville. Ferretti finished the year with 1,036 assists (8.9 per game), 81 aces, 144 digs and 36 kills. "Kaitlin is a very good player, especially for a freshman," coach Shawn Martz said.

Courtney Furlong, 6-2 MB/RS, Oviedo (Florida) - Furlong played in all 96 games in 2011 for Oviedo, one of the top teams in the state. She racked up 176 kills, 66 total blocks, 45 block solos and 42 block assists, while hitting .375. "Courtney is a huge asset to this team," said coach Jennifer Darty. "She started on the right side and then moved into the middle halfway through the season."

Ellie Goodwin, 5-6 Libero, Academy of the Holy Cross (Kensington, Maryland) – Named Honorable Mention All-Gazette, one of only two freshmen so honored, Goodwin had 165 digs, was a primary passer in serve-receive and used her dynamic jump float to record 51 aces for a 25-8 team in 2011. Her digs total was second in school history. "Ellie is a fearless, super-competitive athlete who beat out two older teammates for the starting libero position," said head coach Dave Geiser. "Her desire/will to win propelled the team to victory on several occasions. Her best defensive games were always against the opposing teams with the biggest hitters."

Lauran Graves, 6-0 MB, St. Ursula Academy (Toledo, Ohio) – Graves had 125 kills (1.58 kills per game) and a 46 percent kill percentage (0.338 kill efficiency) for an Ohio Division I team that was undefeated until the state final. Graves added 79 total blocks (0.87 per game). "The best way to sum Lauran up is that pressure doesn't bother her," said St. Ursula coach John Buck. "She delivers no matter how big the match. A former Division I coach watching the state finals asked where she was going to college. When told she only was a freshman, she was more than impressed. She is someone I am very happy will be around another (three) years."

Katia Haak, 5-10 OH, Lake Mary (Florida) – Haak finished second on her team in kills with 206 and added 39 aces, 13 blocks and 133 digs to earn second team all-conference honors in the Seminole Athletic Conference. "Katie also provided our team with a lot of defense and passing," said coach Trav Green. "She is an excellent club player as well as a high school player. We asked a lot of her this past season, and as a freshman she responded great."

Clare Hamburger, 5-7 Setter, St. Cecilia (Hastings, Nebraska) – Hamburger set the Hawkettes to the Nebraska C-2 Final Four in 2011, hoisting more than 750 helpers while adding 150 digs and more than 50 aces.

Emily Hogan, 5-5 Setter, Dearborn (Michigan) – Hogan was not penciled in the rotation as a setter at the beginning of the season, but due to defections and an untimely auto accident, the diminutive Hogan stepped in and earned Rookie of the Year and all-city honors with 484 assists while leading Dearborn to a district title. "I have never had a freshman setter as a starter in my 31 years of coaching high school volleyball," coach Dianne H. Phillips said. "But Emily was more than up to the task. She brings focus, resolve, great work ethic, skill and a true passion for the game."

Logan Holanchock, 5-4 Libero, St. Augustine (Florida) – Honorable Mention All-County, the ultra-competitive Holanchock led St. Augustine in digs in 2011 with 347 while adding 246 service points and 84 aces. "With Logan's first-ball contact, the team was able to run an effective offensive to side out, which helped it conquer a district title for the first time since 1995," said coach Anna Renton.

Maddie Jones, 5-8 Libero, Colleyville Heritage (Colleyville, Texas) – Jones average 3.2 digs per game and averaged a 2.3 passer rating on a 3.0 scale. "Maddie is a stud defensive player that would run

through a wall to keep a ball in play," said coach Jamie DeTurck. "She played extremely well for us this season on the varsity against some high-level teams from preseason through playoffs. She is a fierce competitor that other teams tried to find a way to keep the ball from her. She can read a player like a book and make a good play on the ball."

Samantha Jones, 5-8 Setter, Hatboro-Horsham (Hatboro, Pennsylvania) – Jones averaged almost nine assists per game for the Hatters in 2011 while also contributing 99 digs and 48 aces.

Maddy Kassen, 5-7 OH, St. Pius X (Festus, Missouri) – One of two freshmen starters on the Missouri Class 2 champion Lancers, Kassen contributed 164 kills, 129 digs and 20 aces last fall for a 28-6-7 team. She was Second Team All-Conference and came up big in the pressure-packed playoffs.

Marie Kelly, 5-7 MB, Bayshore Christian (Tampa, Florida) – The 21-8 Faith Warriors have a good one in Kelly, who amassed 342 kills, 99 digs and 88 aces in 2011. Kelly was an Honorable Mention All-Hillsborough County selection.

Sarah Kinnard, 5-7 OH, Luxemburg-Casco (Luxemburg, Wisconsin) – Kinnard was part of a Luxemburg-Casco team that won a conference championship. She finished with 300 kills (2.4 per game) and added 281 digs, 58 service aces and 26 assists.

Shayla Ledger, Setter, Rockport-Fulton (Rockport, Texas) – Named All-South Texas Newcomer of the Year and Honorable Mention Newcomer of the Year by LoneStarVolleyball.com, Ledger amassed 922 assists in 2011.

Jordan Lentz, 5-10 RS/S, Homestead (Fort Wayne, Indiana) – Lentz, a lefty, finished with 155 kills (third on the team) and 51 blocks (tops on the team). She also led Homestead in aces (50) and was second in digs with 190. Honorable Mention All-Conference, Lentz hit right side in the front row and set in the back out of coach Kent Mitchell's 6-2 formation. "She continued to improve each week in her blocking skills," said Mitchell. "This young lady continues to improve every day and is playing club for Fort Wayne Volleyball Club. I believe she is going to be a D-1 setter. She has a very high upside. Jordan is very coachable and was one of the three captains on our team."

Maggie Liebeck, 5-10 MB, Luxemburg-Casco (Luxemburg, Wisconsin) – Very athletic with a big time arm, Liebeck had 231 kills and 91 blocks working out of the middle in 2011. The All-Bay Conference Honorable Mention pick is extremely coachable and a hard worker. She will move to the outside in 2012.

Haley McLaren, 6-1 MB/OH, Grandview (Aurora, Colorado) – McLaren, a second-team all-Centennial League selection, racked up 204 kills (2.1 per game) and had a .389 kill percentage for Grandview. She also added 89 digs and 43 aces. "Haley played some middle and outside for us," noted Wolves' coach Patricia Childress. "In my opinion, that made her very unique as a freshman as she adjusted to different tempo sets very well. She is very versatile and already shows a lot of promise in the back row as well."

Elisa Merten, 5-8 Setter, Menlo (Atherton, California) – Merten ranked first in the Coast Section and fourth in the state of California in assists per game with 7.7. She also contributed 1.7 digs/game, 10 total blocks, 13 aces and 21 kills. "Elisa established herself on our team as a consistent setter who ran our offense effectively," coach Atlee Hubbard said. "The team was more confident with her leadership skills and ability to play with poise in pressure situations." Merten was named honorable mention in the West Bay Athletic League Foothill division after helping Menlo win 24 games and reach the CCS Division 4 semifinals. "I am looking forward to her helping our team reach the CCS finals next year," Hubbard said.

Madison Murtagh, 6-1 MB, Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep (San Francisco, California) – Murtagh helped SHCP win the Central Coast Section D3 championship and reach the NorCal D3 finals. "Most notable about Madison is that she has an amazing hitting efficiency for any hitter, let alone a freshman," said

coach Margi Beima. Murtagh hit .374 against WCAL opponents and had a .520 efficiency in nonleague preseason play. She also averaged 0.59 blocks per game in WCAL play and 1.0 blocks per game in the preseason. She finished the year with 191 kills and 79 blocks. "She was impressive all season, but came up big, especially in blocking, in our CCS and NorCal matches (1.35 blocks per game). "Madison was huge in our WCAL league play and could go toe-to-toe with any of the middle blockers in our league. She had eight kills and six blocks in the NorCal finals against Albany. Murtagh was an all-City Team second-team selection and an all-WCAL honorable mention choice.

Leah Nigh, 5-0 Libero, Summit Christian Academy (Lee's Summit, Missouri) – First Team All-Region and Second Team All-State Class 2, this beach standout was a defensive dandy for Summit Christian in 2011.

Kirsten Nowak, 6-0 MB, Suncoast (Riviera Beach, Florida) – Nowak led the Chargers in kills and blocks in 2011.

Lauren O'Brien, 6-0 MB, Clackamas (Oregon) – Confident and poised, O'Brien started all year for the Cavaliers and helped them to a 38-6 season, which included a league championship and fifth place in Class 6A. O'Brien, who hits with power and range and is very consistent, was second on the team in blocking, displayed a strong serve and hit .244.

Berkeley Oblad, 6-3 MB, Coronado (Henderson, Nevada) – Oblad was a 2011 first-team Sunrise Region selection after recording 137 kills, hitting .309 and adding 35 blocks and 18 services aces. "Berkeley helped change our team from an outside-oriented team to a middle-oriented team," said coach Matt Johnson. "Her stats do not tell the whole story of her impact on a match. She had 35 blocks on the season but caused many hitters to either error trying to avoid her or tip or change their shot to avoid her. Her presence as a hitter helped us to run a balanced offense. Opposing middles had to pay attention to her, which in turn, allowed our outsides to have one-on-one opportunities."

Amanda Pedersen-Henry, 5-11 MB, Vista Murrieta (Murrieta, California) – "She is the best freshman in our area," said coach Kristen Cooke of Pedersen-Henry, who averaged 7.0 kills and 4.0 blocks per match, "She is lightning-quick to get off the ground," said Cooke. "She impressed me because she is able to think quickly and is athletic enough to pick up her own ball after it has been blocked." Pedersen-Henry was an all-league second-team pick.

Kylie Pickrell, 5-10 S/RS, Coppell (Texas) – Pickrell helped Coppell win the 2011 Class 5A Texas state title and earn a No. 22 national ranking by PrepVolleyball.com. Pickrell finished the season with 139 kills (1.32 per game), 74 blocks, 76 assists and 48 digs. She scored 180.5 points. "I have only had two freshmen on my varsity teams since I have been coaching," said Coppell coach Julie Green. "For me, it is a rarity to find a player with the skill set and maturity to play at that level and also fit with the older girls. Kylie has been a tremendous player on a team loaded with talent. A starter from the beginning of the season, she played right side for us and setter occasionally. We distribute the ball fairly equally among four or five hitters, and as a leftie with a great vertical, she was one of our best attackers. She also was a threat in taking the second ball because she would swing or set a quick for our middles—she forced the defense to play honest. As we played teams in the playoffs with great outside hitters, I matched her up with them. She has really good block timing and is so competitive. She made many big plays for us at the net. She is one of my most passionate players. She plays hard, loves volleyball, is coachable and is encouraging to her teammates. She wants the ball near her, wants to be the one to make the play."

Jordan Pingel, 5-7 OH, Air Academy (Colorado Springs, Colorado) – Pingel had a fine all-around year in the Springs last fall, recording 151 kills, 251 digs and 28 aces.

Reghan Pukis, 5-11 OH, Bellarmine Prep (Tacoma, Washington) -- Pukis had 201 kills, 116 digs and 31 blocks playing opposite superstar sophomore **Courtney Schwan** for one of the best teams in the

Evergreen State.

Elyssa Purcell, 5-8 Setter, Alvin (Texas) – One of four freshmen and sophomore starters for the 16-22 Alvin Yellowjackets, Elyssa Purcell amassed 772 assists in 121 games and added 53 kills, 68 aces, 196 digs and 32 blocks. Like her twin Kelsey, she also plays for the Gulf Coast Volleyball Association 15 East Beach team, which ranks in the top 10 of the Tour of Texas' 15's division.

Courtney Quinn, 5-9 OH, The Woodlands (Texas) – In 103 games played, Quinn had 214 kills (2.1 per game) and hit .251. She also had 166 digs (1.6 per game), 23 aces and 21 block assists. "Courtney was a key player for us on the outside after graduating two big hitters in Kate Messing and Stacey Difrancesco," said coach Leslie Madison. "Courtney plays older than her years, works hard, has great court awareness and is an amazing kid."

Hailye Reynolds, Setter, Groesbeck (Texas) – Named Honorable Mention Newcomer of the Year by LoneStarVolleyball.com, Reynolds earned District 20-3A's Setter of the Year Award while averaging 30 assists and five kills per match. She also was named *Waco Tribune-Herald* Super Centex Newcomer of the Year.

Nicole Rightnowar, 5-9 MB, Bedford (Temperance, Michigan) -- A starter in the middle for a Class A Final Four team, Rightnowar contributed 172 kills, 146 blocks and 85 digs to the cause last fall. Rightnowar is a great leaper with intuition to play the game. A very hard worker, she has a massive upside.

Jordan Roberts, 5-10 Setter, Calallen (Corpus Christi, Texas) -- A member of USA Volleyball's A3 team, Roberts, the sister of Villanova setter Courtney Oertli, tallied 91 assists and 10 aces in 19 games played for Calallen this season. She was named Honorable Mention All-South Texas and Honorable Mention Newcomer of the Year by LoneStarVolleyball.com

Alison Rowse, 5-6 Setter, Minden (Nebraska) – The Whippets reached the Nebraska Class C1 state tournament in 2011 behind Rowse, who contributed a team-high 729 assists while adding more than 150 digs.

Mady Ruhlman, 5-5 DS, North Branch (Michigan) – Ruhlman recorded 295 digs (1.7 per game) and had 284 of her 304 serve receptions rated as a 2- or 3-point pass. Ruhlman served at a 93.6 percent clip with 47 aces. "Mady is very aggressive and extremely quick," said coach Jim Fish. "I am absolutely certain she will be a Division I prospect. Mady came in, and from Day 1, knew she would have some big shoes to fill." Fish said Ruhlman was instrumental in leading the team to a 54-17-1 record, a No. 7 state ranking in Class B and an appearance in the regional final (where it lost to Frankenmuth in five). The strength of our team was defense and serving and that is where Mady excelled."

Kerrigan Samons, 5-10 MB, Paintsville (Kentucky) – Samons was among the top freshman terminators in the nation in 2011, averaging 4.8 per set for the 22-8 Tigers. In addition to her 275 kills, Samons also had 130 digs.

Shelby Schnurstein, 5-7 OH, Janesville (Iowa) – In 88 sets, the athletic attacker amassed 178 kills, 101 digs and 39 aces for a 30-11 team that reached the Iowa Class 1A semifinals in 2011.

Jillian Seanz, 5-7 Setter, St. Paul (Santa Fe Springs, California) – Saenz contributed 945 assists and 60 aces for a 21-12 team in 2011.

Emily Stoppler, 5-5 Libero, Bellevue Christian School (Bellevue, Washington) – A first team All-Emerald City League selection and the conference's Rookie of the Year, Stoppler averaged 6-8 digs per match and served at a 91 percent clip. She is considered one of the top defenders in the state. "Emily is very poised for a freshman and very consistent in her defense and passing," coach Sonja Bennett said. "She

is also capable of setting when we need her to and hit right or outside. She has a lot of savvy for a young player, and works extremely hard every day to get better."

Jenna Talbert, 5-11 OH, University (Orange City, Florida) – Special Mention All-County by the *Orlando Sentinel* and Second Team All-Area by the *Daytona Beach News-Journal*, Talbert topped the Titans in kills (194) and digs (145) in 2011.

Emily Thorson, 5-11 OH, College Park (The Woodlands, Texas) – In a state known for producing nationally competitive players, Thorson made a name for herself with an impressive stat sheet of 177 kills, 110 digs and 22 aces and a place on the Second Team All-District. A threat at the net, Thorson is a well-rounded and competitive player who works well with her team and coaches.

Kelly Vahos, 5-10 MB, Haldane (Cold Spring, New York) – Vahos played a key role in Haldane winning the Class D New York state title this season. She totaled 120 kills, 36 aces, 18 blocks and 17 digs. "Kelly really stepped up this year and definitely was a strong force at the net," stated coach Melissa Rossano. "Our team won the state championship this year and Kelly really helped the team achieve this goal. In addition, her serving also was a great asset to the team and her spot serving was on the mark."

Anna Walsh, 6-3 MB, Colleyville Heritage (Colleyville, Texas) – Walsh averaged 2.3 kills and 2.0 blocks per game. "Anna was a good offensive threat throughout the season," said coach Jamie DeTurck. "If she wasn't set, she did her job and helped the pin players have a split in their block because she held the other middle blocker."

Taylor Wickey, 5-11 OH, Concordia (Omaha) – The Mustangs went 23-7 in 2011 and reached the Nebraska Class C1 tournament behind Wickey, who contributed more than 230 kills and 200 digs.

Cassidy Wurth, 6-2 MB, Valor Christian (Highlands Ranch, Colorado) – Wurth was named the Jeffco 4A freshman of the year and also earned all-conference first-team honors. She led the conference with 78 total blocks and ranked second in conference with 154 kills and a .448 kill percentage. "She will be a force in the future as she teams up with Alexa Smith (another highly touted Colorado freshman) and several others in the club season for Colorado Juniors," said Valor Christian coach Lars Nielsen.

Jalin Yoder, 5-9 OH, Fountain Hills (Arizona) – Honorable Mention All-State Division III, Yoder led her 23-9 team with 295 kills in 2011 while adding 101 digs.

Malaki Ziegler, 5-4 Libero, Cheyenne Wells (Colorado) – Ziegler was among the nation's freshman leaders in 2011 in digs (400) and digs per game (6.8).

Paige Zywick, 5-6 Setter, Seaholm (Birmingham, Michigan) – Zywick set the Maples to a 33-18 mark in 2011 while amassing 985 assists and 189 digs.

Honorable Mention

Alison Bastianelli, 5-11 MB, Marysville (Michigan) – A starter for a Michigan Class B Final Four team, Bastianelli contributed 208 kills and 90 blocks for the Vikings in 2011.

Mary Boken, 6-1 MB, St. Francis (Wheaton, Illinois) – A difference maker on a senior-dominated team, Boken's 84 kills and 53 blocks while playing out of position helped the Spartans to a third-place finish in Illinois 3A class in 2011.

Chelsea Bostwick, 6-1 MB, Chaminade College Prep (West Hills, California) – A great net defender, Bostwick's blocking helped the Eagles to a second-place finish in the Mission League. The only freshman

on varsity, her role on the team will expand in the coming years.

Elizabeth Boyd, 6-1 MB, Flower Mound (Texas) – District 8-5A Newcomer of the Year, Boyd, who sets and plays right side in club, overcame an early-season injury during the fall campaign to become a defensive force at the net during the district slate. She averaged more than one block per set and shut down many of the top hitters in the district.

Kylie Brumley, 5-9 OH, Ozark (Ozark, Missouri) – Endearingly described as “fearless” and powerful, Brumley has left a big impression on her coach and her opponents with her “hit hard and good things happen” attitude towards the game. Brumley tallied 133 kills for her season and peaked just in time for playoffs, leading her team to a successful third-place finish.

Rachel Butterfield, Setter, Seneca (Missouri) – Named Freshman of the Year by the *Neosho Daily News*, Butterfield took over the setting spot after an injury and never relinquished it, recording 124 assists for the Lady Indians.

Meghan Buzzerio, 6-0 RS, Chino Hills (California) – Buzzerio made an impact in 2011 on a team with two Division I recruits. The Sierra League HM pick amassed 184 kills, 103 digs and 42 aces. She will be the go-to hitter next season and for the two that follow.

Nicole Ciari, 5-11 MB, Presentation (San Jose, California) – All-Santa Clara Valley Freshman of the Year had 45 kills and 45 blocks for the nationally-ranked Panthers.

Brooke Cousin, 5-10 OH, Blue Valley West (Overland Park, Kansas) – Cousin was only one of four freshman in school history to make the varsity program at Blue Valley West and went on to make a huge impact as a starting outside. Cousin received an EKL All Conference honorable mention nod and notched 151 kills, 33 blocks and 26 aces during her rookie campaign. “Brooke has a heavy armswing and held her own against area top guns at Bishop Miege and Aquinas, among others,” coach Terry Flynn said. “We look forward to her making an even bigger impact during the 2012 season.”

Chloe Dane, 5-9 RS, Yerington (Nevada) – Sharing the floor with five seniors, the fast-leaping Dane helped the Lions win another state title in 2011. She touched many blocks on the block, affording her team many transition opportunities. Dane finished the year with 24 blocks, 101 kills and 32 digs for a 36-6 team.

Alexa Dreyer, 6-3 MB, Archbishop Mitty (San Jose, California) – Dreyer played in 72 games in 2011 for the nationally-known Monarchs, recording 84 kills while adding 15 solo blocks. A member of the USA Volleyball 2011 A1 team, Dreyer will be a force to be reckoned with in coming years.

Faith Ferris, 6-1 MB, Delton-Kellogg (Delton, Michigan) – A starter for the Class C Final Four Panthers, Ferris contributed 68 kills, 128 blocks and 80 digs in 2011.

Hannah Grobisen, 5-11 MB, Canyon Crest (San Diego, California) – Grobisen contributed 69 kills, 33 aces and 17 blocks in 76 games for the 23-13 Ravens in 2011.

Bailey Halfmann, MB, Miles (Texas) – The 4-1A Newcomer of the Year and All-West Texas pick averaged seven kills and four blocks per match in her initial varsity season.

Brielle Hefner, 6-0 MB, Madera (California) – Hefner averaged 1.8 kills and 1.1 blocks per game for the 23-9 Coyotes, who won the Division II Valley title for the first time in 35 years. Hefner sets and plays middle for her club team.

Karlee Hollis, 5-10 MB, Crook County (Prineville, Oregon) – A fast-improving middle on Crook County’s state championship team, Hollis is a great jumper with a strong arm.

Taylor Horton, 5-9 S/RS, Norman North (Norman, Oklahoma) – Horton, a southpaw, was part of coach Karin Moore’s 6-2 formation this past season on a Timberwolves’ squad that went 16-10 and 7-2 in conference play. Horton led the team in aces and was named the team’s most improved player, while also earning Norman Athletic Association female athlete of the month honors.

Taylor Joachim, 6-2 RS, Lakeshore (Stevensville, Michigan) – Joachim had 171 kills and 80 blocks for the Lancers in 2011.

Arien Joyce, 5-5 DS, Dickinson (Texas) – Joyce amassed 342 digs, second on the Gator team, from her back row position in 2011.

Hanna Juley, 5-10 OH, Lyons Township (LaGrange, Illinois) – You are not going to get many opportunities on a team with three returning starters from a state championship squad, but when called upon, Juley responded. She helped lead Lyons to the Class 4A final eight in Illinois with 93 kills (and a kill percentage of 37.8 percent) and 35 solo blocks. “Hanna started every single varsity match of her freshman year,” coach Joann Pyritz said. “She showed that she is capable of being an effective blocker even against hitters who are experienced veterans.”

Morgan Kissick, 5-9 MB, Calvary Christian (San Diego, California) – Kissick led the Lions in kills (171) and blocks (65) in 2011 and was second in aces with 51.

Alyssa Kvarta, 5-7 Setter, Crown Point (Indiana) – Kvarta contributed 341 assists, 231 digs and 81 aces to the Bulldog cause in 2011.

Meagan Lantz, Libero, North Broward Prep (Coconut Creek, Florida) – The two-year starter had another good year for the small-school power, recording 291 digs in 2011.

Nikki Lyons, 6-1 RS, St. Thomas Aquinas (Ft. Lauderdale, Florida) – Named Third Team All-Broward County, Lyons was fifth in kills and a leading blocker on a 21-6 Raider team that reached the Florida 7A semifinals. “Nikki has an all-around game and was an impact player for us out of the right side this year,” said head coach Lisa Zielinski. “She puts up a very good block and can hit a variety of attacks from in front of and behind the setter.”

Lexi Mantas, 5-11 MB, Stagg (Palos Hills, Illinois) – Stagg competes in one of the toughest volleyball leagues in the Chicago area, so Mantas rarely had time to catch her breath. But the 5-11 newcomer more than held her own after impressing the coaches during the summer. “Lexi was an immediate standout at our summer camp, and was a huge part of our offense and defense this season,” coach Deanna Storino said. Mantas led the Chargers with 59 solo blocks and 77 total blocks and was second on the team with 139 kills.

Lauren Mattmuller, 6-0 MB/OH, Venice (Florida) – Mattmuller finished her ninth-grade season with 132 kills, 48 blocks and 34 aces. “Lauren is one of the top freshmen in Florida,” said coach Brian Wheatley. “She is extremely athletic, has a high volleyball IQ and is an amazing blocker. She is one of the few kids in 18 years I have ever seen start as a freshman.”

Morgan Miller, 6-0 OH, Magnolia (Texas) – Playing behind two seniors, Miller’s statistics aren’t overwhelming. But her talent is undeniable, especially at her natural setter position. “She didn’t get to set much this season because she had two seniors in front of her,” coach Terri Johnson said. “But she played right side in every match. She had 19 aces despite only serving in six matches, and in the matches where she was a primary setter, she had 17, 20 and 12 assists, respectively.” Miller finished with 153 kills, 19 aces, 25 blocks and 54 digs to earn all-district and all-county honors.

Alex Mills, 5-9 MB, Roswell (Georgia) – Roswell finished as one of the best teams in Georgia in 2011 with Mills guarding the net. Notching an impressive 139 kills and 47 blocks, Mills proved her defensive chops with 46 digs for her team. Mills impressed her coaches with her willingness to work and her hustle along the net. Overall, the Hornets recorded a successful season with 38 wins and 11 losses.

Lindsey Mitchell, 5-8 Setter, Rudder (Bryan, Texas) – An Academic All-District selection and honored at the school's fall athletic banquet as the Rudder "Newcomer of the Year" award recipient, Mitchell contributed significantly to the Rangers' success this past season with 422 assists, 151 digs and 24 kills during her rookie season.

Carly Nolan, 5-11 OH, Crystal Lake South (Crystal Lake, Illinois) – The only freshman on varsity, Nolan was a starter most of the year and recorded 139 kills, 75 digs, 21 blocks and 10 aces while passing a 1.7 for a young team in 2011.

Brianna Nowak, 5-10 MB, Althoff Catholic (Belleville, Illinois) – Nowak was an Honorable Mention All-Area pick by the *News-Democrat* after compiling 128 kills and 46 blocks for the Crusaders in 2011.

Carlyle Nusbaum, 5-9 MB, St. Thomas Aquinas (Overland Park, Kansas) -- Nusbaum was the only freshman on a senior-laden team (Aquinas had 9 seniors on the roster). "She's an incredible player in the front and back row, but on a deep team, contributed primarily in the front row," coach Kim Bogart said. Nusbaum had 161 kills (1.7 kills per game) and hit .454. She also had 38 digs, 32 total blocks for a Saints team that went 31-10.

Kenzie Pieper, 5-10 MB/OH, Shakopee (Shakopee, Minnesota) – Pieper played a key role in Shakopee going 26-4-1 this past season. "As a first-year varsity team member, Kenzie played all three front-row positions, often two in a match," coach Matt Busch stated. "Whatever the overall needs were that night, she came in and got the job done. You would not have guessed she was the youngest member on the team based on her level of confidence and clutch plays. Come playoff time, we had no choice but to use Kenzie almost solely in the middle. Her ability to read and transition as a blocker was critical to our defensive success." In 78 games in 2011, Pieper had 108 kills and 58 blocks. "Her 58 blocks were barely half the story," Busch said. "She was getting strong touches and stops on almost every ball she didn't block. We only used her in the back row a handful of times, but her serve receive and defensive abilities are very strong, and she was, by no means, a weakness back there."

Kelsey Purcell, 5-8 MB/RS, Alvin (Texas) – Alvin did not reach the Texas state playoffs in 2011, but the future looks awfully bright with the Purcell twins ready to lead the Yellowjackets for three more years. Kelsey Purcell compiled 148 kills in 119 games and also had 40 blocks, 88 digs and 17 aces. She also plays for the Gulf Coast Volleyball Association 15 East Beach team, which ranks in the top 10 of the Tour of Texas' 15's division.

Sarah Robertson, 5-9 OH, Arnold (Panama City Beach, Florida) – First Team All-Bay County, Robertson averaged 1.6 kills and 2.3 digs per set in 2011 for the 18-10 Marlins while also contributing a team-high 50 aces.

Jenny Roy, 6-0 MB, Memorial (Edmond, Oklahoma) – Named Freshman of the Year by the *Edmond Sun*, Roy's strong blocking and improving hitting helped lead a young Memorial team to a third-place finish in Oklahoma's 6A class in 2011.

Kym Royster, 6-2 MB, Newark (Ohio) – Royster contributed 100 kills and 63 blocks for the 21-4 Wildcats in 2011.

Toni Saracco, 5-4 DS, Lyons Township (LaGrange, Illinois) – Saracco started every game for the 2010

state champion Lions alongside highly-touted libero Megan Miller and helped Lyons reach the final eight in Class 4A in 2011. Saracco collected 248 digs for the Lions.

Julia Saunders, 6-2 OH, Nazareth Academy (LaGrange Park, Illinois) – Saunders finished fourth on the young and talented Roadrunners in kills and blocks in 2011. She is still growing and already touches 9-11.

Madeline Scarbrough, 5-10 MB, Prosper (Texas) – Scarbrough was named to the all-District 11-3A second team after recording 92 kills and 52 block kills in 118 games and amassing a .268 attack percentage. “Madeline stepped in as a freshman and played the middle position like a seasoned upperclassmen,” stated coach Jolene Vinson.

Hope Schiller, 5-10 OH, Totino-Grace (Fridley, Minnesota) – Schiller amassed 143 kills, 164 digs, 60 service aces and 19 blocks for coach Michelle Hockersmith’s Eagles squad. “Hope came into the season after a strong JO experience at MN Select and never once did we think she wasn’t ready for the varsity level,” said Hockersmith. “Every day she came ready to learn and grow as a player/teammate. Her ability to see the court and play smart is something most freshmen have not yet figured out. She has a drive to always do better and push herself to the next level. I believe she was an asset to our team’s success this season. We needed another strong outside hitter to show we had more than just a few key players. She took on that role. She plays at a much higher level than a true freshman and her knowledge/awareness of the sport is why she was able to become such a key player this season.”

Kelly Surkovich, 5-7 OH, Wilde Lake (Columbia, Maryland) – Honorable Mention All-Howard County, Surkovich averaged 1.3 kills per game in 2011 while also contributing 154 digs and 26 aces. She jumps well and is especially effective playing back row defense. “Kelly works hard to improve her game and demonstrates a mature competitive edge,” said coach Caitlin Williams. “Her desire to win and dedication to excellence was a valuable addition to our varsity team last year.”

Kate Swanson, 5-2 Libero, The Bishop’s School (La Jolla, California) – Swanson stepped into The Bishop’s School lineup at mid-season and provided a key boost. “Her serve-receive is still a work in progress (about a 2.0), but she is a dynamic defender who changes game plans,” coach Tod Mattox noted. “By the end of the season, she was putting on a show in every match.” Swanson was an all-tournament selection at the Scripps Ranch tournament and earned all-CIF Division IV second-team accolades.

Jessica Taylor, 5-8 OH, Lemoore (California) – First Team All-WYL and First Team Sentinel All-County, Taylor had 174 kills, 41 aces and 107 digs for 25-5 team in 2011.

Alexis Trowbridge, 5-5 Libero, Harmony (Florida) – The daughter of head coach Eric Trowbridge recorded a team-high 344 digs, led the Longhorns in serve-receive and was second in aces for a team that reached the Class 7A semifinals in 2011.

Katie Tyler, 5-7 Setter, O’Hara (Kansas City, Missouri) – Tyler helped O’Hara win a district championship in 2011 and earned all-conference and all-district first-team honors. She finished the year with 393 assists, 86 digs, 19 total blocks and 15 kills to go with 58 aces. “One would never know Katie is a freshman when she is on the volleyball court,” said coach Jerry Nurrenbern. “If I had to say just a few words to describe Katie on the court it would be ‘old soul.’ She knows the game so well. We had Katie as our setter and she did a great job. She has great hands and quick feet—everything you would want from a setter. Mentally, she is what you would want from any player on the court. Coming onto a team that won four state championship in four years is hard to do, but Katie took on the challenge of running the offense and being a leader. Her two outside hitters (both returning starters and all district players) trusted this freshman to run the offenses and run it well she did.”

Jessica Wang, 5-9 S/OH, Thomas S. Wootton (Rockville, Maryland) – Honorable Mention All-Gazette, Wang hit outside and set part time for Wootton. She reached triple figures in kills and assists and improved greatly over the course of the season.

Kristin Watson, 5-0 OH, Eleanor Roosevelt (Greenbelt, Maryland) – A First Team All-County pick, the diminutive Watson was a standout both back row and front row for the Raiders in 2011.

Hannah Western, 5-11 MB, St. Joseph Academy (St. Louis, Missouri) – Western hit .471 and had 68 blocks in starting every game for St. Joseph Academy. "Hannah is a very steady player who does not make many errors," stated coach Karen Davis. Western helped the Angels go 24-9 in 2011.

Emily Zelhart, Setter, Blue Ridge (Farmer City, Illinois) – The All-County pick had an area-best 411 assists in 2011 while also placing among the team leaders in digs (187) and aces (46).

Needed More Information

Alabama

Josy Chapman, 5-8 MB, Parker (Birmingham, Alabama) – Birmingham News All-West Team

Emory Reedy, Setter, Spring Garden (Alabama) – All County

Alaska

Morgan Christy, MB, Robert Service (Anchorage, Alaska)

Rachel Gregg, 5-11, RS, Chugiak (Chugiak, Alaska) – Gregg was moved up to the Chugiak varsity in the postseason. Chugiak finished 19-11 overall and 10-4 in conference play.

Shelby Little, MB, South Anchorage (Anchorage, Alaska)

Kayla Sims, Setter, South Anchorage (Anchorage, Alaska)

Taryn Wright, Mt. Edgecumbe (Sitka, Alaska) all tourney hitter for 3A champs

Arizona

McKenna Woodford, 6-0 S/MB, Red Rock (Sedona, Arizona) – HM All State Division IV

California

Kim Wright, 5-11 MB, Patrick Henry (San Diego, California) – First Team All Eastern League

Florida

Nicole Jimenez, 5-0 Libero, Florida Christian (Miami, Florida) – Third Team All-Dade Classes 4A-2A.

Maryland

Kristen Mellott, MB, Clear Spring (Maryland) – Second Team All-Washington County for 6-10 team

New York

Lauren Schreiner, Williamsville North – All Conference First Team

Oregon

Payton Rund, 5-11 OH, West Albany (Albany, Oregon) – HM All-State 5A

Rhode Island

Phoebe Wong, Setter, East Greenwich (Rhode Island) – Second Team All-Division I South

Texas

Cierra Patlan, 5-6 OH, Somerset (Texas) – Class 3A All-Area in San Antonio

Libbie Vickers, 5-9 RS, Parish Episcopal (Dallas, Texas) -- TAPPS Second Team All-State 4A

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