

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Players To Watch

IVY PEARSON, ALCESTER-HUDSON. The senior hitter earned honorable mention All-State honors last fall.

KELLIE WINCKLER, ANDES CENTRAL. One of the state's best hitters, Winckler helped the Eagles earn a return trip to the state tourney.

TESSA WEELDREYER, PARKER. She was the team's offensive MVP after recording 304 kills.

DEVON BRECKE, WAGNER. A veteran of state tournaments, the 5-foot-10 hitter leads a team that lost only one starter.

Alcester-Hudson

COACH: Linda Thompson (5th year)
ASSISTANTS: Vicki Abart, Hannah Baily

VITALS: District 8
LAST YEAR: The Cubs had a successful year going 16-11 overall. In the post-season Alcester-Hudson had a good run through districts before losing in the region. The Cubs' volleyball team lost four starters from 2010.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Ivy Pearson (Sr., First Team All-Conference, Honorable Mention All-State), Alyce Johnson (Sr.), Brittani Liston (Sr.), Makaula McConnell (Sr.), Rie Barnes (Sr.), Jessica Wegh (Sr.), Shenita Doering (So.), Jamie Jansen (So.), Courtney McKee (So.)

TOP PROSPECTS: Skylar McConnell (So.), Maggie Brown (Sr.), JoAnah Beeck (Sr.), Ashtin Scotting (Sr.)

Andes Central

COACH: Rocky Brinkman (10th year)
ASSISTANT: Tracey Hopkins

VITALS: District 11B, Region 6B
LAST YEAR: The Eagles had a strong season last year, finishing with a record of 27-5 after adding five wins and one loss in the post-season. From last season's roster, the team will return eight letterwinners.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Joy Kirkpatrick (Sr., S/DS), Janai Braun (Sr., DS), Latasha Dion (Sr., S/DS), Morgan Flying Hawk (Sr., OH), Hayli Gray (Sr., OH), Dakota Goode (Sr., DS), Sierra Svatos (Sr., S/DS), Kelli Winckler (Sr., OH/MH), Krista Winckler (Sr., OH/MH), JoMarie Garcia (So., OH/MH), Dennisha Johannesson (So., OH)

TOP PROSPECTS: Jacie Braun (So., DS), Annalea Chytka (So., DS), Dimeria Dvorak (So., OH), Makayla Pavel (So., S), Cybil Chytka (Fr., OH), Haley Coumoyer (Fr., DS), Brooke Deurmier (Fr., S/DS), Lolita Dion (Fr., OH), Peyton Johannesson (Fr., OH), Ashley Kirkpatrick (Fr., S/DS), Rebecca Lehmann (Fr., OH)

Avon

COACH: Tina Cameron (3rd year)
LAST YEAR: The Lady Pirates finished the year with a final record of 12-11.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Lanae Van Gerpem (Sr., 5-10, OH/MH), Shayna Nagel (Sr., 5-8, DS), Voni Finck (Sr., 5-8, OH), Paige Vilhauer (Sr., 5-2, DS), Lexi Halvorson (Sr., 5-8, OH/S), Kari Rucktaeschel (Sr., 5-9, OH/S), Alyson Roth (Sr., 5-10, OH/S)

TOP PROSPECTS: Ariana Orloug (So., 5-10, OH/MH), Chesney Nagel (So., 5-9, OH/S)

Beresford

COACH: Rob Wilson (11th year)
ASSISTANTS: Jim Nelson, Lisa Watkins

VITALS: Region 8A
LAST YEAR: The Watchdogs lost a close District Championship match to Elk Point-Jefferson in the fifth set.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Alison Klostergaard (Sr., L/S, 2nd team All-Region), Megan Olson (Sr., S), Jessica Aklund (Sr., RH), Krista Hoffer (Sr., L), Jenna Frink (Sr., BR), Taylor Christensen (Sr., OH)

TOP PROSPECTS: Hannah McKelvey (Sr., L/S), Ashley Ostrem (Sr., L/S), Megan Dahlin (So., MH), Devin Erlandson (So., MH), Jennifer Swanson (So., S), Ashleigh Oschner (Sr., BR), Sophie Doeden (Sr., S)

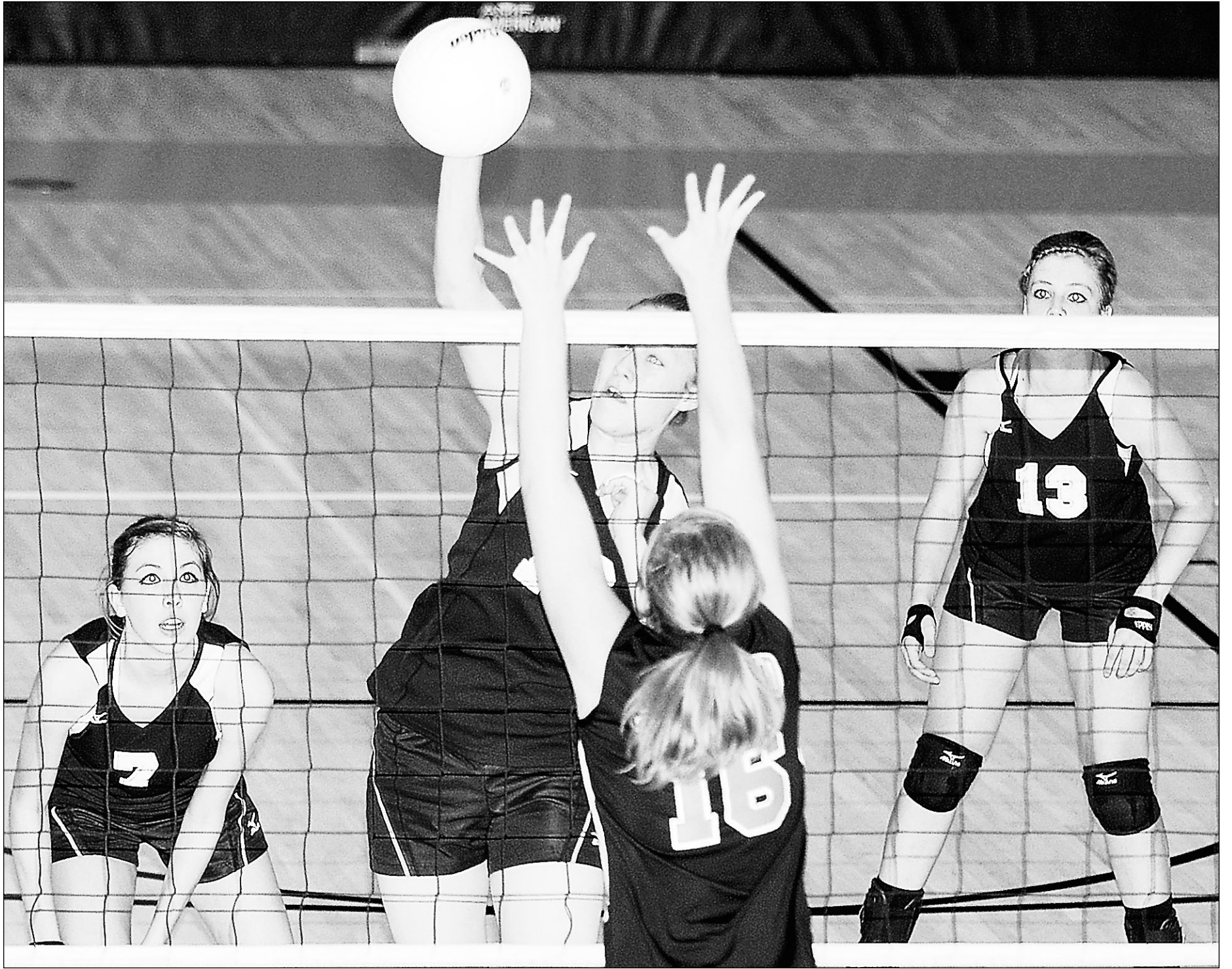
Bon Homme

COACH: Lindsey Fathke (2nd year)
ASSISTANT: Alicia Letcher

VITALS: District 10
LAST YEAR: The Cavaliers had a strong showing throughout the season, ending the year at 22-9. In the first round of district play their season was cut short at the hands of McCook-Montrose. Only two starters and four letterwinners are lost from last year's team.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Raquel Sutura (Sr., 5-10, H, LMVC All-Conference, 2nd Team All-State), Kayli Adams (Sr., 5-2, S, LMVC All-Conference), Tara Ronke (Sr., 5-6, S/H), Sara Burbach (Sr., 5-7, H), and Shelby Jesima (Sr., 5-8, H)

TOP PROSPECTS: Brianna Pesek (Fr., 5-4), Kelsey Hovorka (Fr., 4-10, D), Jaclyn Rothschadl (Fr., 5-2), Megan Schmidt (Fr., 5-8, H), Madisn Schwartz (Fr. 5-5), Amy Navratil (Fr., 5-2), Liz Kubal (Fr., 5-7, H), Erica Mendoza (Fr., 5-4), Elizabeth Mittel (Fr., 5-4), Tyra Patzlaff (So., 5-1, D), Ally Slykhuus (Fr., 5-2), Emily Pechous (So., 5-7, S), Sarah Heusinkveld (So., 5-



ANDES CENTRAL: Kellie Winckler (12), Krista Winckler (13); **SCOTLAND:** Ashley Alvey (16)

5, H), Megan Burbach (So., 5-6, H), Mariah Kostal (So., 5-8, H), Kayla Kloucek (So., 5-5), Taylor Ahrens (So., 5-8, H), Vanessa Navratil (So., 5-2, H/S), Ashley Holec (Sr., 5-4, D), Jody Kriz (Sr., 5-2, S), Kelsey Sutura (So., 5-6, H), Shawna Rezac (So., 5-4), Caitlin McLouth (So., 5-11, H), Danielle Tycz (So., 5-5)

Centerville

COACH: Doug Edberg (1st year)
ASSISTANT: Emily Sitter

VITALS: Class B, District 8B, Region 4B
LAST YEAR: The Tornados lost to Alcester-Hudson in the district championship

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Samantha Blake (Sr., MH), Nicole Steadman (Sr., OH), Megan Hilt (Sr., OH), Courtney Knudson (Sr., DS), Stacey Hecht (Sr., OH), Brittany Austin (Sr., S), Logan Wiesler (Sr., MH), Kieran O'Malley (Sr., OH), Mikayla Abbas (Sr., OH)

TOP PROSPECTS: Gabby Larson (So., S), Carleigh Oster (So., MH)

Dakota Valley

COACH: Don Craig (4th year)
ASSISTANTS: Tracy Klein, Kristin Hanson

VITALS: District 8A, Region 4A
LAST YEAR: The Panthers lost in a five-set match in the first round of the District Tournament to Beresford. The loss dropped the young DVHS to an 8-18 record on the year. The Panthers look to improve on last year's record as they only lost one starter and one other letterwinner.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Shelby Olson (Sr., 6-1, RS/MB), Kylie Martin (Sr., 5-9, MB/OH, Honorable Mention All-Conference), Piepre Tweed (Sr., 5-5, DS), Shyler Funk (Sr., 5-6, DS), Ellie Bohan (So., 5-3, S), Erica Johnson (So., 5-4, OH), Hannah Bauer (So., 5-6, DS), Jayde Bergmann (So., 5-7, RS/MB), Morganne Pfaffle (So., 5-8, OH/MB)

TOP PROSPECTS: Abby Scmitt (Sr., 5-5, DS), Karissa Jensen (Sr., 5-10, MB)

Elk Point-Jefferson

COACH: Traci Kolbaum (4th year)
ASSISTANTS: Aubrey Helling, Megan Kahler

VITALS: Class A, District 8A, Region 4A, Big Sioux Conference
LAST YEAR: The Huskies were one match short of a state championship as they fell to Sioux Falls Christian in the title match. EPJ finished 29-3 overall and claimed the District title, Region title, and regular season Conference title.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Lexie Branson (Sr., 6-0, MH, All-State Tourney, All-Conference), Kelsey Abbey (Sr., 5-2, DS)

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TOP PROSPECTS: Amy Zeller (Sr., 5-6, S), Tory McCreary (Sr., 5-4, OH), Brittany Paulsen (Sr., 5-8, OH)

Freeman

COACH: Abbie Hobbick (1st year)
ASSISTANT: Rebecca Van Roekel

VITALS: District 7B, Region 4B
LAST YEAR: The Flyers fell just short of a district championship as they claimed the

runners-up. The final record ended at 8-13.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Shelby Bauer (Sr., 5-2, L/OH), Kaitlyn Stern (Sr., 5-6, OH), Carli Lager (Sr., 5-7, MH), Lauren Hinckley (Sr., 5-7, OH), Grace Gering (Sr., 5-2, S), Chelsey Steen (Sr., 5-7, MH/RS), Dina Soulek (Sr., 5-6, OH/MH), Carly Uecker (Sr., 5-7, MH)

TOP PROSPECTS: Lexi Graber (Sr., 5-5, RS/OH), Maranda Egan (So., 5-0, DS/R), Melissa Geier (So., 5-4, RS), Taylor Anderson (So., 5-4, MH/RS), Megan Eisenbeis (So., 5-2, MH/L), Vanessa Dowden (Fr., 5-7, OH), Riley

Mehlhaf (So., 5-1, S), Haley Glanzer (Fr., 5-3, OH/MH), Megan Egan (Fr., 5-3, MH), Shelby Jensen (Fr., 5-6, S/RS), Nicole Hinckley (So., 5-8, MH/RS), Mady Pravacek (Fr., 5-7, S/OH), Dana Kaufman (Sr., 5-3, RS), Stefanie Ruml (Sr., 5-3, RS/OH)

Freeman Academy

COACH: Larry Timmerman (1st year)
ASSISTANT: Kristi Hofer

LAST YEAR: The Bobcats finished 7-19 and lost to Freeman in the first round of districts. Gone from that team are three starters.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Christina Hofer (Sr., MH), Natalie Miller (Sr., Libero), Brittney Ries (Sr., S), Carolina Schrag (Sr., S)

TOP PROSPECTS: Jamie Tschetter (Sr., MH), Lizzie Davis (Sr., MH), Meghan Hofer (So., L), Olivia Boese (Fr., L), Brooklyn Ries (Fr., S), Elizabeth Sanchez (Sr., L), Chelsea Wentz (Sr., L), Clara Koerner (Fr., M)

Gayville-Volin

COACH: Natalie Selchert (11th year)
ASSISTANT: Jenny Krier

VITALS: District 8B, Region 4B
LAST YEAR: The Raiders enjoyed a better than expected year with an inexperienced team going 9-16 overall with a 0-1 post-season record. Once again, G-V will be fighting some inexperience this season, but hope to improve on last year's record.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Natalie Harkness (Sr., 5-1, S, First Team All-Conference, Holds three GVHS

records including a career record for assists, currently at 1031 total assists), Maggie Bertrand (Sr., 5-10, MH, TVC All-Conference Honorable Mention), Rachel Haas (So., 5-9, MH), Vanessa Ryken (So., 5-7, S/MH)

TOP PROSPECTS: Kellia Barta (Fr., 5-6, OH, Most Improved and Team Leader in Serving Aces), Rachel Pokorney (So., 5-4, OH), Kaley Ulmer (So., 5-4, OH/S), Adison Bertrand (Fr., 5-7, MH), Nicole Guy (Fr., 5-6, MH/OH)

Irene-Wakonda

COACH: Mike King (7th year)
ASSISTANT: Jody Woehl

VITALS: District 8B
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Haley Hinseth (Sr., 5-9, MH), Lexy Schenk (Sr., 5-5, OH), Pearl Gaidelis (Sr., 5-7, OH), Trisha Kathol (Sr., 5-7, OH), Dana Schenk (So., 5-8, MH), Bailey Hinseth (So., 5-5, S)

TOP PROSPECTS: Melissa Hessman (Sr., 5-5, S), Samantha Smith (Sr., 5-6, OH), Brooke Mitchell (Sr., 5-4, DS), Morgan Lee (Sr., 5-5, DS), Maggie Kribell (Sr., 5-5, OH), Bridget Kribell (So., 5-6, OH), Sydney Nielsen (So., 5-2, DS), Chloe Nielsen (Fr., 5-6, OH), Taylor Lee (8th, 5-7, OH), Caitlyn Hinseth (8th, 5-5, S)

Marion

COACH: Ron Nelson (20th year)
VITALS: District 7B, Combelt Conf.
LAST YEAR: The Bears were .500 on the season, going 14-14. Eight letterwinners, in-



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Tripp-Delmont/Armour Football

8/26	Avon	Tripp	9/23	Marion	A
9/2	Andes Central	A	9/30	Marty Indian	Armour
9/9	Corsica-Stickney	Corsica	10/7	South Central	Bonesteel
9/16	Scotland	Tripp	10/20	Gregory	Armour

Tripp-Delmont/Armour Volleyball

8/27	Dakota Christian	A	9/27	Parkston	A
8/30	Menno	A	9/29	Corsica-Stickney	Armour
9/1	White Lake	A	10/3	Wagner	Armour
9/6	Avon	A	10/6	Plankinton	A
9/8	Kimball	Armour	10/11	Mount Vernon	A
9/13	Bon Homme	Tripp	10/13	Scotland	Tripp
9/15	Freeman	Armour	10/17	Platte-Geddes	A
9/17	Cavalier Classic	Tyndall	10/22	Andes Central Tourn.	
9/20	Andes Central	A	10/24	Ethan	A
9/22	Mitchell Christian	Tripp			

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