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## All State Freshman headlines All Area Volleyball Team

By **Greg Grabianowski**  
**Sports Editor**

ALGONA—Nine young ladies return to the first-team all-area team to highlight the 21st annual edition of the Kossuth County Advance’s All-Area Volleyball squad.

Allie Fehr and Addie Montag of West Bend-Mallard along with North Union’s Brylie Deim plus Graclyn Eastman of Bishop Garrigan and Algona’s Macy Knapp all are back for the third consecutive season.

Bishop Garrigan’s Emmi Bartolo, Cloey Anderson of North Union and West Bend-Mallard’s Chloe Dickey make the squad for the second time while the other 11 players are first time honorees.

This year’s first team features a total of eight seniors, eight juniors, three sophomores and one super-talented freshman round out the team.

This season’s first-teamers hammered home 2,306 kills in the 1,557 games they played in. They contributed 2,102 set assists and recorded a total of 353 blocks at the net. The squad came up with a total of 3,752 digs while they were on the court during the 2025 campaign.

The talented team members connected on 4,181 of 4,728 serving attempts for 88.4 percent with a grand total of 545 serving aces while on the court this fall.

### FIRST TEAM SELECTIONS

**Kate Limbaugh**  
**Algona**  
**Freshman Outside Hitter**



Limbaugh makes her first appearance on the all-area first-team after an incredible freshman campaign that saw her lead the area this fall in kills.

The red-and-black freshman was selected to the North Central Conference’s first team all-conference squad at the end of the season as an unanimous selection as an outside hitter.

“I that knew Kate was going to be a nice player for us but I did not expect her to have that big of season as she did,” said Algona head coach Missy Birkey.

“I thought Kate would play the front row for us but I never dreamed that she would play all the way around, much less put up the huge numbers on the court Kate did.

“She basically took the opportunity, ran with it and simply just got better every time she stepped on the court. Kate is a good jumper but she really sees the floor well and looks for open spots on the floor to hit the ball there.

“Kate was also a very effective server for us and led us in serving aces. Obviously I am very excited to have her for three more years as a foundation to build our team on and around.”

Limbaugh hammered home an area-leading 387 kills in 75 games for an average of 5.16 kills per set. The Bulldog freshman registered 34 blocks at the net, including a total of 30 solo blocks.

Kate came up with a total of 252 digs for an average of 3.36 digs per contest and also had five set assists for the red-and-black this season.

Limbaugh was successful on 236 of 260 serving attempts this year for 90.8 percent and served a team-high 52 aces for Algona this fall while on the court.

**Allie Fehr**  
**West Bend-Mallard**  
**Senior Outside Hitter**



Fehr makes the first-team all-area team for the third time in her high school career as she led her squad this fall in kills and was second in serving aces.

Allie was named to the Twin Lakes Conference’s first-team all-conference unit as an outside hitter at the conclusion of the 2025 campaign by a vote of the league coaches.

“Allie was a great six-rotation player for us this year,” said West Bend-Mallard head coach Kylie Belt. “She really could make a good pass on serve receive, was great on defense and when Allie got to the front row, she could really put the ball away for us.

“Allie was able to hit a lot of different shots at the net and the back row did a great job of telling her what area was open. She just took control of the net at times in our matches. Allie was a huge leader for us.

“She was a team captain and one of the biggest reasons for the success we had this season. Her leaping ability is a huge asset for her. Allie was able to get up high and the volleyball down to the floor with a lot of velocity for us.

### 21ST ANNUAL ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

#### FIRST TEAM

Kate Limbaugh	Algona	9	OH
Allie Fehr	West Bend-Mallard	12	OH
Addie Montag	West Bend-Mallard	12	OH
Brylie Deim	North Union	12	OH
Emmi Bartolo	Bishop Garrigan	12	OH
Avery Weydert	West Bend-Mallard	11	S
Graclyn Eastman	Bishop Garrigan	11	OH
Macy Knapp	Algona	12	DS
Chloe Dickey	West Bend-Mallard	12	MH
Reagan Haynes	Algona	11	OH
Samantha Hoye	North Union	10	S
Charli Dodds	Algona	11	OH
Laelah Crawmer	West Bend-Mallard	12	DS
Bella Jo Dunning	Algona	11	MH
Cloey Anderson	North Union	11	DS
Taylor VanOtterloo	Algona	11	S
Scarlett Olson	West Bend-Mallard	10	DS
Gabby Venteicher	Algona	11	DS
Allison Denker	Bishop Garrigan	12	MH
Olivia Dickey	West Bend-Mallard	10	MH

“Her attacking was her biggest improvement from last year. She was a good hitter last season but this fall Allie was huge for us at the net. We could always count on her for a kill in the front row when we needed one the most.”

Fehr hammered down a team-leading 324 kills in 84 games for an average of 3.85 kills per set and she added 26 set assists while on the court this season.

Allie came up with 244 digs in the back row for an average of 2.90 digs per contest for the purple-and-gold this year and recorded a total of 10 blocks at the net.

Fehr went 291 of 330 behind the service line for the Wolverines for 88 percent with 45 serving aces, which was second on this fall’s squad.

**Addie Montag**  
**West Bend-Mallard**  
**Senior Outside Hitter**



Montag is back on the first team for the third consecutive year after having a great senior campaign for the 22-6 Wolverines on the court.

She was selected to the Twin Lakes Conference’s second-team all-conference team as an outside hitter at the end of the 2025 season in a vote of the conference coaches.

“Addie transitioned into a six-rotation player for us this year and her role on the team grew a lot,” said purple-and-gold head mentor Belt.

“Last season, she only played two rotations so Addie had to learn how to pass the ball, receive a serve and did a great job at it for us. She worked all year long on making our defense better and learned how to read the eyes of the attackers while in the back row.

“At the net, Addie could put the ball away with confidence and had a lot of quality kills for us. She was very effective when Addie ran the middle hit for us. She was a leader for us on the court and that role became even bigger as the year went on.

“Addie is a very positive player that did a great job of uplifting her teammates. Her biggest improvement from last year was definitely her back row play.

“We knew she was going to be great in the front row but having her be able to play all the way around really helped us have the success on the court that we had this fall.”

Montag was second on the West Bend-Mallard squad in kills this fall with 282 in 82 games for an average of 3.43 kills per set and registered a total of 34 blocks at the net, including 15 solo blocks.

She came up with 228 digs for an average of 2.78 digs per game for the purple-and-gold and also contributed 31 set assists this season.

Addie connected on 177 of 204 serves during the season for 86.8 percent for the Wolverines and served a total of 19 aces this fall while on the court.

**Brylie Deim**  
**North Union**  
**Senior Outside Hitter**



Deim put together a solid senior campaign for the green-black-and-silver to make the first-team all-area squad for the third consecutive season.

She was named to the Top of Iowa Conference’s first-team all-conference team this fall after being a second-team all-conference selection for North Union in 2024.

“Brylie was our go to girl at the net when we needed a kill,” said North Union head coach Nicole Hoye. “She was the rock of our

### VOLLEYBALL AREA STAT LEADERS

**KILLS**—Kate Limbaugh, AHS 387; Allie Fehr, WBM 324; Addie Montag, WBM 282; Brylie Deim, NU 231; Graclyn Eastman, BG 200; Emmi Bartolo, BG 159; Chloe Dickey, WBM 154; Ainsley Ulrich, NU 146; **SET ASSISTS**—Avery Weydert, WBM 766; Taylor VanOtterloo, AHS 568; Samantha Hoye, NU 486; Alyssa Haugland, BG 333; Rikiya Nielson, BG 274; **BLOCKS**—Allison Denker, BG 55; Madelyn Tigges, BG 53; Chloe Dickey, WBM 37; Bella Jo Dunning, AHS 37; Limbaugh, AHS 34; Montag, WBM 34; Jenna Peterson, BG 33; Olivia Dickey, WBM 30; **DIGS**—Laelah Crawmer, WBM 363; Cate Birkey, BG 333; Macy Knapp, AHS 302; Bartolo, BG 296; Eastman, BG 271; Cloey Anderson, NU 266; Limbaugh, AHS 252; Fehr, WBM 244; **SERVING**—Weydert, WBM 304 of 369; Fehr, WBM 291-330; Bartolo, BG 297-325; Chloe Dickey, WBM 281-200; Gabby Venteicher, AHS 271-291; Knapp, AHS 261-291; Haugland, BG 276-290; Anderson, NU 271-287; **SERVING PERCENTAGE**—Rikiya Nielson, BG 97.5%; Haugland, BG 95.2%; Anderson, NU 94.4%; Chloe Dickey, WBM 93.7%; Charli Dodds, AHS 93.6%; Venteicher, AHS 93.1%; Olivia Price, NU 92.6%; Birkey, BG 91.6%; **SERVING ACES**—Weydert, WBM 55; Limbaugh, AHS 52; Fehr, WBM 45; Ulrich, NU 42; Deim, NU 37; Anderson, NU 36; Knapp, AHS 34; Nielson, BG 33; Shallie Walders, NU 33

**Final Records**  
Algona  
West Bend-Mallard  
North Union  
Bishop Garrigan

**Overall-Games**  
22-6 (56-20)  
22-6 (58-24)  
14-10 (47-33)  
12-19 (37-53)

**Conference-Games**  
7-1 (21-5)  
8-3 (25-12)  
5-3 (17-12)  
4-4 (16-15)

#### SECOND TEAM

Hayden McLaughlin	Algona	11	MH
Alyssa Haugland	Bishop Garrigan	12	S
Ainsley Ulrich	North Union	11	OH
Ellie Gerber	West Bend-Mallard	11	OH

team.

“Brylie was very dependable even though she had down time due to a concussion. Brylie came back and was very reliable for us. I would not trade her for anyone in the world. She absolutely played great for us all the way around.

“Brylie broke the school record for kills in a career as the previous record was 550 and she ended her career with 706. Her back row play improved a lot and her dig count this season showed that. Her biggest improvement from last year was definitely her back row play.

“Brylie also improved her serving; we could really rely on her serving to get us some points. She also provided us with leadership. The other girls looked up to her as their leader on the court and she led them by example.”

Deim led the Warriors in kills this year with a total of 251 in 68 games for an average of 3.64 kills per set and also had five set assists.

The green-black-and-silver senior came up with 185 digs this season for an average of 2.72 digs per game and recorded 16 blocks at the net, including seven solo blocks.

Brylie was successful on 177 of 204 serving attempts for 86.8 percent with 40 aces for North Union this season while she was on the court.

**Emmi Bartolo**  
**Bishop Garrigan**  
**Senior Outside Hitter**



Bartolo returns to the first-team all-area team for the second straight year. She was chosen to the Top of Iowa Conference’s first team at the conclusion of the 2025 season after being an honorable all-conference choice in 2024.

“Emmi had a great year and played all the way around for us,” said Bishop Garrigan head coach Dave Schnurr. “She had a match this year against Eagle Grove where Emmi had a school record 31 digs and that was awesome.

“She just had a great all-round year. Emmi deservedly was named to the first-team all-conference squad after her outstanding play while on the court.

“She excelled in her play in the back row and was also a great server for us. Emmi was also great defensively in the back row that a lot of people forget about. Her biggest improvement from last season was her hitting consistency.

“She was much more aggressive this fall than last year. Last season Emmi used the tip a lot at the net but this fall she just swung away every chance she got at the net.”

Bartolo hammered home a total of 159 kills in 90 games played in for an average of 1.76 kills per set and added nine set assists this fall.

The Bishop Garrigan senior went 297 of 325 serving during the year for 91.4 percent and had 28 serving aces. Emmi came up with 296 digs for an average of 3.28 digs per game and registered a pair of blocks at the net this fall.

**Avery Weydert**  
**West Bend-Mallard**  
**Junior Setter**



Weydert returns to the first team for the second straight season after having an outstanding junior campaign as she led the area in set assists, serving and serving aces this fall.

The West Bend-Mallard junior was a third-team all-conference choice this year in the Twin Lakes Conference at the

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