

Denton Record-Chronicle Classic of Denton All-Area Volleyball Team



MOST VALUABLE PLAYER



Brooke Slusser
Guyer, junior

Good luck finding any player in the Denton area that did more than Slusser in 2019. The junior played nearly every rotation for Guyer and led the Lady Wildcats to their first-ever appearance in the region final. Slusser also finished the season averaging a triple-double. The Alabama commit posted a gaudy average of 20.3 assists, 13 digs and 11.5 kills per game, helping Guyer match the school record for wins in a season with 35. Slusser was named District 5-6A Hitter of the Year and was also named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association 5A-6A all-star team and 6A all-state team.

FIRST TEAM

Ruthie Forson

Lake Dallas, senior

The District 8-5A Setter of the Year tallied 1,323 assists in her final season as a Lady Falcon. Forson also eclipsed 2,000 career assists, finishing her high school tenure with 2,309.



Sydney Garrison

Aubrey, freshman

Garrison made the switch from middle blocker to outside hitter and saw the move pay off. The freshman ended the season with 543 kills and 363 digs while earning District 11-4A Newcomer of the Year honors.



Mariah Hesselgesser

Argyle, senior

The District 8-4A Co-Hitter of the Year finished the season with 237 kills, hitting an efficient .320. At the net, Hesselgesser rejected 14 shots by herself while assisting on 40 more.



Allie Jones

Argyle, senior

Jones was named District 8-4A Co-MVP after leading Argyle in kills with 359. She also added 24 aces and 379 digs, serving as a versatile force for the Lady Eagles virtually anywhere on the court.



Kiley Lavelle

Argyle, senior

Despite missing the first few weeks of the season due to injury, Lavelle led the Lady Eagles with 80 total blocks (18 solo, 62 assisted) while also earning District 8-4A first team honors. The senior tacked on 206 kills.



Payton Lucas

Krum, junior

Lucas led a talented Krum team in kills with 456 while earning District 8-4A Co-Hitter of the Year honors. The junior outside hitter averaged 3.4 kills per set to go along with 279 digs and 99 aces.



Harper Mulkey

Ponder, junior

Mulkey led the Lady Lions in kills with 458 and was the District 9-3A Offensive MVP. The junior's ferocious shot on the outside was a major reason why Ponder won a share of its first district title in school history.



Karli Stanley

Sanger, senior

A District 11-4A first-team selection, Stanley dished out 1,088 assists in her final season as a Lady Indian. Sanger's setter helped the Lady Indians reach at least the third round of the playoffs for the third consecutive year.



Averee Tipton

Ponder, junior

The Lady Lions' junior setter dished out 1,266 assists and averaged 26.9 helpers per match. Tipton also made 409 digs, served 25 aces and was named to the District 9-3A first team.



Sydney Soto

Denton, senior

Even after missing three district games due to injury, Soto still managed to bury 411 kills while averaging 9.6 kills per match. The District 8-5A first-team selection also averaged 10.5 digs per set.



Maggie Walsh

Guyer, sophomore

Walsh became an integral part of the Lady Wildcats' rotation as a sophomore. Along with leading Guyer in digs with 626, Walsh also put down 345 kills and was named to the District 5-6A first team.



Jordyn Williams

Guyer, junior

The Kentucky commit posted 346 kills and 45 solo blocks to go along with 111 block assists. Williams' length at the net posed problems for opponents all season. She was named to the District 5-6A first team.



SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Class	Stats
Mya Afflerbach	Sanger	Sr.	297 kills, 84 blocks, 224 digs
Gracie Bell	Aubrey	Soph.	1,161 assists, 449 digs, 34 blocks
Alyssa David	Pilot Point	Soph.	579 kills, 301 digs, 91 aces
Miranda Guffy	Krum	Jr.	653 assists, 227 digs
Caelyn Gunn	Lake Dallas	Soph.	416 kills, 380 digs, 28 blocks
Tytiana Johnson	Braswell	Sr.	276 kills, 36 total blocks
Tori Hamilton	Krum	Sr.	55 solo blocks, 239 kills
Hailey Schneider	Guyer	Sr.	538 digs, 268 kills, .245 hitting
Nicole Schroeder	Ryan	Sr.	754 digs, 55 aces
Laney Roos	Aubrey	Sr.	720 digs, 83 assists, 31 aces
Sterling Wilkinson	Ponder	Sr.	357 kills, 321 digs
Kaela Wilkerson	Sanger	Sr.	359 kills, 47 aces, 127 digs

CO-OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Taylor Thomas

Denton, junior

Thomas led Denton to its second straight undefeated district title. The TGCA 5A all-state selection buried 514 kills on the season, averaging 11.3 per set. Thomas also hit .240 and averaged 13.1 digs per set, ending the year averaging a double-double. At the net, the District 8-5A MVP tallied 48 blocks. Denton posted an overall record of 36-10 on its way to an area-round title.

CO-OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Reese Robinson

Krum, senior

Robinson was a force all year for the Lady Bobcats, landing 415 kills on an average of 3.1 per set. She turned away 55 shots on her own while recording 80 block assists, earning her District 8-4A Blocker of the Year honors. She was also named to the TGCA 4A all-state team. Robinson helped Krum advance to the region final for the first time since 2017.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Kylee Anderson

Ponder, senior

The District 9-3A Libero of the Year averaged a whopping 14.3 digs per set and posted 673 digs on the year. With Anderson anchoring the back line, Ponder won a share of its first-ever district title and finished 32-15.

BLOCKER OF THE YEAR

Leah Stolfus

Denton, junior

Stolfus had a knack for altering shots, recording 104 total blocks — 21 solo and 81 block assists. The 6-0 junior also buried 385 kills, averaging 9.1 kills per game. She hit an efficient .337 on the season, earning District 8-5A first-team honors. Stolfus' presence at the net was crucial for the Lady Broncos, who won the District 8-5A title.



SETTER OF THE YEAR

Kassidy Reeves

Argyle, junior

Reeves dished out a program record 65 assists in Argyle's five-set win over Liberty Christian to open the season and went on to have another stellar campaign. Reeves tallied 1,266 assists on the year and was named to the TGCA 4A all-state team. She was also the District 8-4A Setter of the Year. Reeves helped Argyle win the 8-4A title.



LIBERO OF THE YEAR

Jada Price

Argyle, sophomore

Price set the Argyle record for digs in a match with 47 in a win over Decatur and helped lead the Lady Eagles to a 35-6 record, as well as a regional semifinal appearance. The sophomore was named District 8-4A Libero of the Year and led the Lady Eagles with 556 digs. She averaged 5.1 digs per set and posted 54 aces.



COACH OF THE YEAR

Heather Van Noy

Guyer

Van Noy guided Guyer to a 35-9 record in one of the state's toughest districts. Those 35 wins matched the program record for most victories in a season. The Lady Wildcats went 12-2 in district play and won bi-district, area, region quarterfinal and semifinal titles.



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