



ALL-COUNTY VOLLEYBALL

Player of the Year KAELYNN BURGE

URBANA SENIOR SETTER

■ She was the versatile cornerstone for Frederick County's top team. Her skills and leadership helped the Hawks return to the MPSSAA final four despite losing a slew of players from their 2022 state championship team. Her hustle and touch allowed her to continually provide sets to Urbana's stable of capable hitters, including quick sets that led to middle hitter Simone Assasie's hard-to-stop kills. Burge also provided timely kills and blocks along with dependable defense.

■ She finished atop Frederick County's assist leaders list, averaging 7.81 per set. That average was two assists higher than any other county setters.

■ She led the Hawks in digs with 220, which landed her on the county digs leaders with 2.93 per set. She ranked second on the team in aces (42) and blocks (17).



FIRST TEAM

SIMONE ASSASIE SOPHOMORE MIDDLE HITTER URBANA

■ Propelling her athletic, 5-foot-9 frame in the air, Assasie was Class 4A state semifinalist Urbana's top threat at the net. She led the Hawks in kills (2.35 per set) and blocks (48). Also had an impressive .356 hitting percentage. Teams adjusted their game plans to account for her.

REGAN BYRD SENIOR LIBERO TUSCARORA

■ She was one of Frederick County's best liberos and consistently made opponents plan their offense to avoid her. Finished with a county-best 5.38 digs per set and also had 32 aces.

BRYNN COCHRAN SENIOR OUTSIDE HITTER THOMAS JOHNSON

■ An all-around player who was TJ's best overall hitter and passer. She ranked high on the county's kills leaders list with 2.60 per set. Also averaged 2.11 digs per set and had an 89.8 serving percentage with 34 aces.

SADIE GLADHILL JUNIOR LIBERO LINGANORE

■ An elite libero for one of Frederick County's top teams. Asked about facing Gladhill, Urbana coach Jerry Burge said, "You try to play keep-away. You try to make somebody else beat you. She's that good." Ranked second in the county in digs with 4.96 per set and had 31 aces.

LILY GODBOLD SENIOR OUTSIDE HITTER MIDDLETOWN

■ After doing a solid job playing out of position as a setter last year, Godbold thrived in her familiar role as an OH. She averaged an FCPS-best 3.45 kills per set and had a .227 hitting percentage. Ranked high on the county digs leaders list with 3.26 per set and had 25 aces.

MEG HUMMEL SENIOR MIDDLE HITTER LINGANORE

■ A captain and vocal leader for one of the county's top teams. With power and explosiveness, she could mix up attacks out of the middle. She made the county kills leaders with 1.55 per set and had a team-high 16 solo blocks. She's also a standout in lacrosse and basketball.



SYDNEY NAILL JUNIOR LIBERO ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PREP

■ Aside from being one of Frederick County's top liberos, she also provided plenty of kills. Ranked third in the county with 4.72 digs per set and made the county's kills leaders list with 1.61 per set. Also had a serving accuracy percentage of 93 and served as a captain.

MOLLY STEVENSON SENIOR OUTSIDE HITTER OAKDALE

■ She was one of Frederick County's most dangerous hitters, and the Bears sorely missed her when she was sidelined close to half a season with an ankle injury. She ranked high on the county kills leaders list with 2.36 per set and also made the digs leaders list with 2.48 per set.



SECOND TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	GRADE
AVA BILALI	OAKDALE	SETTER	JUNIOR
ARIANNA CALHOUN	CATOCTIN	OUTSIDE HITTER	SENIOR
COLLEEN CATANIA	TUSCARORA	OPPOSITE HITTER	SENIOR
KELSIE DUDA	LINGANORE	SETTER	SENIOR
JOSIE ELIOT	FREDERICK	MIDDLE HITTER	JUNIOR
KAYLIEAH FULLER	MSD	SETTER	SENIOR
SOPHIA GRECH	URBANA	OUTSIDE HITTER	SENIOR
ASHLYN KRAJEWSKI	WALKERSVILLE	OUTSIDE HITTER	JUNIOR
TEMIDIRE OLUBOYO	T. JOHNSON	MIDDLE HITTER	SOPHOMORE
KATIE RUSSELL	ST. JOHN'S	OH-SETTER	JUNIOR
SKYLAR SHIELDS	LINGANORE	OUTSIDE HITTER	JUNIOR
ANNA SWANN	WALKERSVILLE	SETTER	SENIOR

HONORABLE MENTION

Brunswick—Ashley Kramer, Eden Smallwood
Catoctin—Abbey Shaffer, Alex Potter
Frederick—Katie DeGirolamo
Linganore—Katie Bollhorst, Ashly Ratti
MSD—Maliyah Coleman, Jacqundia Fuller
Middletown—Kasey Harps, Angela Gilbert
New Life—Maria Ricketts
Oakdale—Katelyn Roberts
St. John's Catholic Prep—Serena Treadwell
Thomas Johnson—Reagan Warsing, Raylin Horst, Shyra Martin, Elena Feuer
Tuscarora—Zayna Brooks, Kyra Brockett, Marianna Bright, Christina Lockett
Urbana—Lilly Eichelberger, Talia DoCarmo, Natalia Johnson
Walkersville—Ella Montgomery, Abbie Brown, Makayla Hardin

Short Takes

from wire reports

Michigan receives notice of allegations

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The NCAA sent Michigan a notice of allegations related to impermissible on- and off-campus recruiting during the COVID-19 dead period and coaching activities, potential violations that led to the school's self-imposed three-game suspension of Jim Harbaugh to start the season.

School spokesman Kurt Svoboda confirmed Wednesday that the notice was received this week.

The Big Ten suspended Harbaugh for the final three games of the regular season for an unrelated matter, stemming from a sign-stealing scheme, that is still under investigation.

Harbaugh returned to coach in the Big Ten championship game and will lead the Wolverines against Alabama in the semifinals of the College Football Playoffs on Jan. 1 at the Rose Bowl.

Hoping to mitigate some of the damages of an eventual punishment, Michigan chose to suspend Harbaugh for the first three games for impermissible texts and calls — including some by him — to high school prospects during part of a pandemic-related dead period for contact with potential recruits.

The NCAA also is looking at whether a member of Michigan's off-field football staff violated rules by doing on-the-field coaching during practice.

Harbaugh previously told NCAA investigators that he would not agree to an unethical conduct charge for not being forthright, according to multiple people familiar with the situation. The people spoke earlier this year to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because details of the investigation have not been shared.

Jags' Lawrence still in concussion protocol ahead of game vs. Bucs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Trevor Lawrence was in the facility but still in the NFL's concussion protocol Wednesday,

leaving the Jacksonville Jaguars preparing to play without their star quarterback for the first time in three seasons.

Coach Doug Pederson said Lawrence is "progressing well" but declined to speculate on Lawrence's chances of gaining clearance before Sunday's game at Tampa Bay (7-7).

"Still in the protocol," Pederson said. "Progressing well, but we have to follow the steps; we can't skip anything."

The Jaguars (8-6) believe Lawrence sustained a head injury while scrambling up the middle on the team's final drive in a 23-7 loss to Baltimore on Sunday. Lawrence misfired on seven of his final eight passes after the hit, a stretch that raised concerns on the sideline about his health. Lawrence reported symptoms after the game.

"He's doing better," backup quarterback C.J. Beathard said. "He's been in the building today. I got to talk to him and hang out with him."

There has been precedent for guys to play a week after entering the league's concussion protocol, with San Francisco quarterback Brock Purdy, Cleveland receiver Amari Cooper and New Orleans receiver Chris Olave gaining clearance before their next games.

If Lawrence doesn't get cleared, Beathard would make his first start since the 2020 season.

Seahawks get QB Geno Smith back fully on practice field

RENTON, Wash. — Geno Smith is set to return at quarterback for the Seattle Seahawks this week.

No one seems sure when, or if, Jamal Adams will return this season for the Seahawks.

Smith was a full participant in practice for Seattle on Wednesday, the first step in likely returning to be the starter this Sunday at Tennessee after missing the past two games with a groin injury.

Smith was close to starting on Monday night against Philadelphia, but the Seahawks opted to keep him out for one more game with the hope that he'll be fully healthy for the final three weeks.

The move decision appeared to work out in Seattle's favor after backup Drew Lock led the Seahawks to a late touchdown and a 20-17 win over the Eagles that snapped

a four-game losing streak and put them in the middle of a jumbled NFC playoff race.

But it's once again Smith's job should he make it through the week without any setbacks.

Coach says Jets QB Zach Wilson remains in concussion protocol

The Jets conducted a walkthrough on Wednesday, but Zach Wilson was not one of the participants.

Wilson remains in concussion protocol after exiting Sunday's 30-0 loss to the Dolphins with 1:03 remaining in the second quarter. After his concussion diagnosis, the quarterback must pass a five-step process before being cleared to practice or participate in a game.

If Wilson does not pass concussion protocol in time for Sunday's game against the Commanders, Trevor Siemian would get his first start of the season.

Wilson was sacked four times in just two quarters against the Dolphins and was pressured on eight of his dropbacks. He finished 4-of-11 for 26 passing yards and also a lost fumble.

A day after the game, Wilson's mom, Lisa, said on her Instagram story that the former No. 2 overall pick didn't tell the coaching staff or medical team how badly he was injured until he began suffering blurred vision and issues with his depth perception.

Ex-Oriole Flaherty, Tigers finalize \$14 million, 1-year contract

DETROIT — Right-hander Jack Flaherty and the Detroit Tigers finalized a \$14 million, one-year contract on Wednesday, a deal that allows the 28-year-old right-hander to earn an additional \$1 million in performance bonuses.

Flaherty would earn \$250,000 each for 26 and 28 starts and \$500,000 for 30.

He went 8-9 with a 4.99 ERA in 27 starts and two relief appearances, including 1-3 with a 6.75 ERA in seven starts and two relief outings with the Orioles. Baltimore acquired him on Aug. 1 for infielder César Prieto, left-hander Drew Rom and right-hander Zack Showalter.