



Mars Hill's Kadence Rolston. [PHOTOS BY DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]



Lauderdale County's Molly Burchell.

TIMES DAILY 2024 SMALL SCHOOL ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL

FIRST-TEAM ALL-AREA

Alex Howard, senior, Lexington

Amassed a .249 attack percentage with 554 kills, plus finished with 65 blocks. Averaged 10 kills per match and over 4 per set. Totaled a season-high 20 kills in a mid-October loss to eventual 2A runner-up Lindsay Lane. For her career, had 1,279 kills (averaging 3.1 per set), a .237 attack and 181 blocks. Two-time All-Area.

Kadence Rolston, senior, Mars Hill

Clubbed a school-record 735 kills and recorded a .295 attack percentage. Added 426 digs. Posted a career-high 33 kills in a state semifinal loss to Pleasant Valley. Helped the Panthers reach their first state tournament since 2015 and just their third this century. Finished her career with a school-record 1,521 kills plus 1,076 digs. Two-time All-Area.

Molly Burchell, senior, Lauderdale County

Posted 415 kills with a .205 attack percentage. Had 19 kills in a five-set win over Central for the Tigers' first county championship. Finished with 1,503 career kills and surpassed 1,000 career digs. Two-time All-Area.

Zoe Griffin, junior, Covenant Christian

Reached 460 kills with a .236 attack percentage and 489 digs this season. For her career, has 1,597 kills, 1,055 digs and 228 aces. Three-time All-Area.

Charli Turner, senior, Lexington

Totaled 1,054 assists, plus 440 digs and 133 kills. Finished her career with 2,844 assists, 1,299 digs and 332 kills. Two-time All-Area.

Sarah Davis, senior, Shoals Christian

Recorded 441 kills to go with 284 digs, 105 blocks and 102 aces. Finished with 41 kills and nine blocks to help the Flame win the Class 1A, Area 15 tournament. Three-time All-Area.

SECOND-TEAM ALL-AREA

Adeline Dickerson, junior, Lauderdale County

Totaled 652 digs and has 2,018 in her career. Recorded a season-high 43 in a five-set win over Central for the county title. Two-time All-Area.

Reanna Springer, senior, Lexington

Had 225 kills with 422 digs this season. Recorded 71 aces to reach 229 for her career. Two-time All-Area.

Kate James, freshman, Mars Hill

Set a school record with 1,222 assists, averaging almost 9.2 per set. Had a career-high 51 in the state semifinals.

Ta'Maya Coman, sophomore, Shoals Christian

Recorded 428 kills with 385 digs and 175 aces. Two-time All-Area.

Layla Gorman, junior, Cherokee

Posted 142 kills with 346 assists.

Sarah Allen, senior, Waterloo

Registered 231 kills, averaging 7.5 per match.

HONORABLE MENTION

Belgreen: Carson Hovater.
Cherokee: Libby Collum.
Colbert Heights: Autumn Willis.
Collinwood: Tessa Statom, Layla Daniel.
Covenant Chr.: Ella Estave.
Hackleburg: Brianna Jackson.
Lauderdale Co.: Sunja King-Davis.
Mars Hill: Molly Wright
Shoals Chr.: Callie Owens.
Tharptown: Carly Cason
Waterloo: Claire Cooper.

FINAL RECORDS

Belgreen (14-16), Cherokee (11-19), Colbert Co. (2-23), Colbert Heights (16-24), Collinwood (18-12), Covenant Chr. (19-37), Hackleburg (14-14), Lauderdale Co. (41-16), Lexington (32-23), Mars Hill (38-12), Phil Campbell (16-17), Phillips (0-17), Red Bay (6-19), Rogers (13-30), Sheffield (1-13), Shoals Chr. (26-9), Tharptown (6-27), Waterloo (10-21).

COACH OF THE YEAR

Mary Brooke Shifflet, Mars Hill

Helped push the Panthers to their first area championship and first state tournament appearance since 2015 and their first state semifinal berth since at least 1978. This year's 38-12 finish was a 20-win improvement over 2023.



Lexington's Charli Turner.



Covenant Christian's Zoe Griffin.

Compiled by A. Stacy Long in consultation with area coaches. No information received from Colbert County, Phil Campbell, Phillips, Red Bay, Rogers or Sheffield. Vina and Wayne County did not have varsity teams.