



Lauderdale County's Molly Burchell. [PHOTOS, UNLESS NOTED, BY DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]



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2023 SMALL SCHOOL ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL

FIRST-TEAM ALL-AREA

Alex Howard, junior, MB, Lexington

Totaled 475 kills and a .262 attack percentage with 84 blocks. Set a five-set career high with 28 kills vs. Lamar County in the North Regional quarterfinals and a three-set career high with 17 kills vs. Mars Hill for an area championship. Helped the Golden Bears reach the state quarterfinals for the first time since 2019, marking Lexington's 22nd state tournament in 27 years.

Molly Burchell, junior, OH, Lauderdale County

Finished with 515 kills and a .229 kill percentage, plus 430 digs and 56 aces. Reached 1,000 career kills. Finished with a team-high 13 kills when the Tigers won their fourth straight area championship.

Zoe Griffin, sophomore, OH, Covenant Christian

Had 578 kills this season, including the 1,000th of her career, along with 281 digs. Third-year varsity player has career totals of 1,137 kills, 566 digs, 174 aces and 41 blocks. Two-time All-Area.

Kadence Rolston, junior, OH, Mars Hill

Registered 401 kills with a .378 attack, averaging 10.8 kills and 19.7 attempts per match. Helped the Panthers, after missing last year, reach the North Regional for the fifth time in six seasons.

Charli Turner, junior, S, Lexington

Posted 1,176 assists and 499 digs. Her career-high 51 assists in the regional quarterfinals helped the Golden Bears clinch a state berth.

Brayden Chandler, senior, MH, Lauderdale County

Had 258 kills and a .322 hitting percentage with 84 blocks. Helped lead the Tigers to a fifth straight North Regional appearance.

SECOND-TEAM ALL-AREA

Abby Owens, senior, S, Shoals Christian

Set a school record with 1,014 assists this season, including 86 in the area tournament, helping the Flame win its first area tournament since 2016. Also had 160 aces. Two-time All-Area.

Reanna Springer, junior, OH, Lexington

Totaled 389 kills with a .167 attack. Led the Golden Bears with 129 aces and was second in kills.

Sierra Cook, senior, S, Covenant Christian

Posted 788 assists, finishing her career with 2,702. Also had 100 kills and 172 digs. Four-year varsity player.

T'Maya Coman, freshman, OH, Shoals Christian

Racked up 602 kills, setting a school record. Also had 211 blocks.

Adeline Dickerson, sophomore, L, Lauderdale County

Finished with 784 digs and 36 aces.

Jordan Andrews, sophomore, S/OH, Collinwood

Led the Trojans with 69 aces, plus had 70 kills, 146 assists and 140 digs.

HONORABLE MENTION

Belgreen: Morgan Vandiver.
Cherokee: Layla Gorman.
Collinwood: Tessa Statom.
Covenant Chr.: Ella Estave.
Hackleburg: Jordyn Ware.
Hatton: Brianna Oliver.
Lauderdale Co.: Allie Beth Brown.
Mars Hill: Taylor Higgins, Kate James.
Phil Campbell: Britney Coffman, Bradley McDaniel.
Shoals Chr.: Sarah Davis.

FINAL RECORDS

Belgreen (24-10), Cherokee (10-22), Colbert Co. (7-18), Colbert Heights (11-30), Collinwood (18-11), Covenant Chr. (20-17), Hackleburg (15-20), Hatton (11-33), Lauderdale Co. (47-13), Lexington (43-18), Mars Hill (18-20), Phil Campbell (20-24), Phillips (2-16), Red Bay (15-19), Sheffield (1-17), Shoals Chr. (26-6), Tharptown (6-33), Waterloo (12-23).

COACH OF THE YEAR

Julianna Taylor, Phil Campbell

Led the Bobcats, in just their third varsity season, to within one victory of a state tournament berth. Phil Campbell also won its area tournament for the first time and finished 20-24. The Bobcats were 4-21 in 2022.

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



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