

## NCAA Division I Preview

### CENTRAL REGION

#### Top 25 (and Receiving Votes)

##### **Texas (29-2, 19-1 Big 12)**

**2009 Final AVCA Ranking:** 2nd

**2009 NCAA Postseason Finish:** NCAA National Runner-Up

**2009 Conference Finish:** 1st

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4/9

**Top Returners:** Juliann Faucette (OH, 6-2, Sr., AVCA Third-Team All-America); Rachael Adams (MB, 6-2, Jr.), Jennifer Doris (MB, 6-5, Sr.), Michelle Kocher (S, 5-10, Jr., 2008 Big 12 Freshman of the Year), Sydney Yogi (DS/Lib., 5-2, Jr.)

**Top Newcomers:** Hannah Allison (S, 5-11, Fr.), Ashley Bannister (OH, 6-1, Fr.), Haley Cameron (MB, 6-3, Fr.), Sarah Palmer (DS/Lib., 5-10, Fr.)

**Top Players Lost:** Ashley Engle (S/RS, 6-3, AVCA First-Team All-America), Destinee Hooker (OH, 6-4, AVCA First-Team All-America, *Volleyball Magazine* Co-Player of the Year), Heather Kisner (DS/Lib., 5-9)

##### **Nebraska (26-7, 16-4 Big 12)**

**2009 Final AVCA Ranking:** 5th

**2009 NCAA Postseason Finish:** NCAA Regional Final

**2009 Conference Finish:** 3rd

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5+libero/12

**Top Returners:** Sydney Anderson (S, 6-0, Sr., two-time AVCA All-America; two-time AVCA All-Central Region; two-time First-Team All-Big 12; 2009 NCAA Omaha Regional All-Tournament Team; 2008 Seattle Regional All-Tournament Team); Brooke Delano (MB, 6-4, Jr., 2009 AVCA Second-Team All-America; 2009 AVCA All-Central Region; 2009 First-Team All-Big 12); Tara Mueller (OH, 6-0, Sr., 2008 AVCA Second-Team All-America; 2008 Seattle Regional Most Outstanding Player; 2008 AVCA All-Central Region; 2008 First-Team All-Big 12); Hannah Werth (OH, 6-1, So., 2009 AVCA Honorable Mention All-America; 2009 AVCA Central Region Freshman of the Year; 2009 Big 12 Freshman of the Year; 2009 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12); Kayla Banwarth (DS/Lib., 5-10, Sr., 2009 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12; Two-Time Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week)

**Top Newcomers:** Lauren Cook (S, 5-8, So., 2009 AVCA National Freshman of the Year); Morgan Broekhuis (RS/S, 6-5, Fr.)

**Top Players Lost:** Kori Cooper (MB, 6-2, two-time AVCA Honorable Mention All-America)

##### **Iowa State (27-5, 17-3 Big 12)**

**2009 Final AVCA Ranking:** 6th

**2009 NCAA Postseason Finish:** NCAA Regional Semifinals

**2009 Conference Finish:** 2nd

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5+Libero/12

**Top Returners:** Ashley Mass (DS/Lib., 5-10, Sr., AVCA First-Team All-America, 2008 & 2009 Big 12 Libero of the Year); Victoria Henson (OH, 5-11, Sr., AVCA Third-Team All-America, two-time First-Team All-Big 12); Rachel Hockaday (OH, 6-0, Jr., All-Big 12 Honorable Mention), Jamie Straube (MB, 6-2, So., Big 12 All-Freshman Team)

**Top Newcomers:** Hannah Willms (OH, 6-0, Fr.)

**Top Players Lost:** Kaylee Manns (S, 5-10, AVCA Third-Team All-America)

**Baylor University (24-10, 11-9 Big 12)****2009 Final National Ranking:** 20th**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA Regional Semifinal**2009 Conference Finish:** T-4th**2009 RKPI:****Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3 + Libero/10**Top Returners:** Torri Campbell (So., MB/RS, 6-2, Big 12 All-Freshman Team), Allison King (Jr., L/OH, 5-11), Ashlie Christenson (Sr., OH, 6-0), Elizabeth Graham (Sr., MB, 6-2)**Top Newcomers:** Kate Harris (S, 5-9), Courtney Windham (MB/RS, 6-3), Sam Skryd (S, 5-9)**Top Players Lost:** Taylor Barnes (S, 5-11, AVCA All-America Honorable Mention), Anna Breyfogle (MB, 6-1, AVCA All-America Honorable Mention), Katie Sanders (OH, 6-1)**Texas A&M (20-11, 11-9 Big 12)****2009 Final National Ranking:** 21st**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA Regional Semifinal**2009 Conference Finish:** T-4th**2009 RKPI:** 34**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 2 + libero/6 + redshirt**Top Returners:** Lindsey Miller (So., MB, 6-2, Big 12 All-Freshman Team); Alisia Kastmo (So., MB, 6-4); Kelsey Black (Jr., OH, 5-11, USA Volleyball A2 Team); Tori Mellinger (So., L, 5-10)**Top Newcomers:** Allie Freiwald (Fr., S, 6-1); Heather Reynolds (Fr., OH, 6-0); Allie Sawatzky (Fr., S, 6-1)**Top Players Lost:** Sarah Ammerman (OH, AVCA Third-Team All-American); Jennifer Banse (OPP, AVCA Honorable Mention All-American)**Northern Iowa (31-3, 18-0 Missouri Valley Conference)****2009 Final National Ranking:** 23rd**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA 2nd Round**2009 Conference Finish:** 1st**2009 RKPI:****Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5+ libero/9**Top Returners:** Bre Payton (Jr., S, 5-9, AVCA Honorable Mention All-America, MVC Player of the Year, MVC Tournament MVP) Ellie Blankenship (Sr., L, 5-10, AVCA Honorable Mention All-America, First Team All-MVC), Amy Braun (So., OH, 5-10, MVC Freshman of the Year), Michelle Burrow (Jr., MB, 6-1, MVC All-Conference First Team), Krista DeGeest (So., MB, 6-2, MVC All-Freshman Team)**Top Newcomers:** Brittany Nelson (OH, 5-9), Anna Wernimont (DS, 5-5), Eryca Hingtgen (OH, 5-10)**Top Players Lost:** Shannon Aschoff (OH, MVC All-Conference First Team)**Wichita State (26-7, 14-4, Missouri Valley Conference)****2009 Final National Ranking:** RV**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA Second Round**2002 Conference Finish:** T-2nd**2009 RKPI:****Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3/6**Top Returners:** Mary Elizabeth Hooper (Jr., S, 5-10, 2009 First Team all-Valley); Sarah McGee (Sr., MB, 6-3, 2009 First Team all-Valley)**Top Newcomers:** Camri Zwiesler (OH, 6-1); Hannah Eakin (MB, 6-2)**Top Players Lost:** Emily Stockman (OH, 6-0, 2009 AVCA Honorable Mention All-America, 2009 First Team all-Valley); Kim Wadsworth (OH, 6-0, 2009 Second Team All-Valley); Melissa Granville (L, 5-8); Katie Niggemeyer (MB, 6-1); Stephanie Tokarz (MB, 6-5)**Other Teams that made the NCAA Tournament****Oklahoma (18-12, 11-9 Big 12)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** NR  
**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA First Round  
**2009 Conference Finish:** T-4th  
**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5+Libero/9

**Top Returners:** Suzy Boulavsky (Jr., RS/OH, 6-1, 2009 AVCA All-Central Region Honorable Mention), Brianne Barker (Jr., S, 5-9, 2009 All-Big 12 honorable mention), Francie Ekwerekwu (Sr., MB, 5-11, 2009 All-Big 12 honorable mention)

**Top Newcomers:** Andrea McQuaid (DS/S, 5-10)

**Top Players Lost:** Bridget Laplante (OH, 6-0)

**Texas State (22-13, 13-3 Southland)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA Sub-Regional (Austin)

**2009 Conference Finish:** 1<sup>st</sup>, West Division

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4/7

**Top Returners:** Amber Calhoun (Jr., MB, 6-1, First Team All-SLC), Mo Middleton (Sr., OH, 5-11, Second Team All-SLC), Shelbi Irvin (Sr., S, 5-7)

**Top Newcomers:** Preslie Alexander (Fr., OH/MB, 6-1), Amari Deardorff (Fr., 6-2, OH/RS), Amy Bremer (Fr., 6-0, S)

**Top Players Lost:** Jessica Weynand (OH, 6-0, First Team All-SLC)

#### **Other Teams in the Region – Alphabetized**

**Bradley (9-23, 0-18 Missouri Valley Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 10th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4 + Libero/9

**Top Returners:** Megan Schmidt (Jr., MB, 6-1), Annie Cave (Jr., OH, 6-1), Caitlin Staib (Sr., OH, 6-1), Madelyn Ervin (So., OH, 6-0), Alise Tupuritis (RS-Fr., OF, 6-1), Rachele Dejean (Jr., L, 5-1)

**Top Newcomers:** Amy Angelos (Fr., MB, 6-1), Allie Falter (Fr., MB, 6-2), Brianna Lampe (Fr., OH, 6-0), Shelly Mueller, So., S, 5-9), Jennifer Sykes (Jr., S, 5-9), Lauren Zerante (Fr., MB, 6-0)

**Top Players Lost:** Kaitlyn Comiskey (MB, 6-0), Amy Reichel (OH, 6-2), Lyndi Senkpiel (DS, 5-6)

**Central Arkansas (27-3, 16-0, Southland Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a

**2009 Postseason Finish:** n/a

**2009 Conference Finish:** 1st

**2009 RKPI:** 91

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3+libero/7

**Top Returners:** Name (Yr., Pos, Ht, Postseason Honors): Chloe Smith (Sr., RS, 6-3, Southland Player of the Year, Southland Student-Athlete of the Year, ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Second Team); Cristin Curl (Jr., L, 5-9, Southland Libero of the Year); Jessica Hays (Jr., OH, 5-10); Taylor Hammonds (So., MB, 6-0)

**Top Newcomers:** Name (Yr., Pos, Ht): Jessica Nagy (Fr., MB, 6-2); Marissa Collins (Fr., S, 5-10); Kyle Hartman (Fr., MB, 6-0); Karlie Giesler (Fr., OH, 6-0)

**Top Players Lost:** Name (Pos., Honors): Robyn Smith (S, Southland Setter of the Year), Evaree Franklin (MB, First Team All-Southland), Amicha Williams (OH)

**Creighton (14-17, 10-8 Missouri Valley Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** Not Ranked

**2009 Postseason Finish:** Lost in semifinals of MVC Tournament

**2009 Conference Finish:** Tied for 4th of 10 teams

**2009 RKPI:** 83

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4/11

**Top Returners:** Allie Oelke (Sr., RS/OH, 6-1, 2007 MVC Freshman of the Year), Alicia Runge (Sr., OH, 6-1), Laurel Sanford (Jr., MB, 6-0), Megan Bober (So., S, 6-0, 2009 MVC All-Freshman Team)

**Top Newcomers:** Natalie Hackbarth (Fr., OH, 6-1), Alexa Malm (Fr., OH, 6-1), Savannah Smith (Fr., MB, 6-2)

**Top Players Lost:** (Jessica Houts, MB, 2x First-Team all-MVC), Sarah Schulze (OH)

**Colorado (7-22, 2-18, Big 12)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** NR

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NA

**2009 Conference Finish:** 10<sup>th</sup>/11

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:**

**Top Returners:** Kerra Schroeder (So., OH, 6-0); Rosie Steinhaus (Jr., RS/OH, 6-1, Academic All-Big 12)

**Top Newcomers:** Emily Alexis (Fr., OH, 5-11); Nichole Lindow (Fr., MB, 6-2); Anicia Santos (Jr., MB, 6-1); Alyssa Valentine (Jr., S, 5-10)

**Top Players Lost:** Kaitlyn Burkett (S, 6-1); Schylur Edelman (MB, 6-1); Becah Fogle (OH, 5-11)

**Illinois State (12-17, 7-11, Missouri Valley Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** None

**2009 Postseason Finish:** None

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-6th

**2009 RPI:** 134

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:**

**Top Returners:** Mallory Leggett (Sr., OH, 6-1, All-Valley First Team), Angela Rego (So., OH, 6-1, Valley All-Freshman Team)

**Top Newcomers:** Sarah Fetter (Fr., S, 5-9), Shannon McGlaughlin (OH, 5-10)

**Top Players Lost:** Kasey Mollerus (L, 5-4, ISU all-time digs leader), Katie Seyller (MB, 5-11, 291 kills, 146 blocks in career)

**Kansas (16-14, 8-12 Big 12)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** None

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 8th

**2009 RKPI:** 54

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4+libero/9 Top Returners: Karina Garlington (Sr., OH, 6-0), Allison Mayfield (Jr., OH, 6-1), Melissa Manda (Sr., L, 5-9)

**Top Newcomers:** Kara Wehrs (S, 5-10), Marianne Beal (MB, 6-0), Jessie Allen (MB, 6-2)

**Top Players Lost:** Paige Mazour (MB), Katie Martincich (DS/S)

**Kansas State (12-18, 6-14 Big 12)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 9th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4+Libero/7

**Top Returners:** Lauren Mathewson (Sr., Libero, 5-8), JuliAnne Chisholm (Sr., OH, 5-11, Academic All-America 3rd Team)

**Top Newcomers:** Lilla Porubek (Fr., OH, 6-1)

**Top Players Lost:** Kelsey Chipman (MB, All-Big 12 Honorable Mention), Soriana Pacheco (S)

**McNeese State (17-10, 5-8, Southland)**

**2009 Final National Ranking: none**

**2009 Postseason Finish: none**

**2009 Conference Finish: t-9th**

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners: 3 + Libero/10**

**Top Returners:** Priscilla Massengale (So., OH, 5-10, All-SLC honorable mention, Louisiana Freshman of the Year

**Top Newcomers:** Amy Moyer (Fr., OH, 5-10),

**Top Players Lost:** Sarah Cartie (setter)

**Missouri (18-14, 9-11 Big 12)**

**2008 Final National Ranking: NA**

**2008 Postseason Finish: NA**

**2008 Conference Finish: 7th**

**2008 RKPI: 64**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners: 5 + Libero/9**

**Top Returners:** Paola Ampudia (Sr., OH, 6-1, All-Big 12 First Team, Big 12 Newcomer of the Year), Catie Wilson (Sr., MB, 6-3), Julianna Klein (Sr., OH, 6-0), Caitlyn Vann (Sr., L, 5-6).

**Top Newcomers:** Molly Kreklow (S, 6-0), Lisa Henning (OH, 6-0).

**Top Players Lost:** Lei Wang-Francisco (S, 6-1)

**Missouri State (21-10, 2009 14-4 Missouri Valley)**

**2009 Final National Ranking: Not ranked**

**2009 Postseason Finish: MVC Tournament semis**

**2009 Conference Finish: t-2nd**

**2009 RKPI: 52nd**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners: 4 + Libero/10**

**Top Returners:** Cara Hackmann (Sr., L, 6-0, 2009 CVU.com National Libero of the Year, 2009 First-Team all-MVC), Calli Norman (Jr., MB, 6-1, 2009 AVCA All-Central Region honorable mention), Kelley Michnowicz (Jr., RS, 6-2, 2009 First-Team all-MVC)

**Top Newcomers:** Carly Thomas (S, 5-11), Christine McCartney (OH, 5-10)

**Top Players Lost:** Addie Foley (OH, 5-10, 2009 Second-Team all-MVC), Sara Staubach (OH, 6-0, 2008 First-team all-MVC)

**North Dakota State (23-4, 18-0 Summit)**

**2009 Final National Ranking: none**

**2009 Postseason Finish: none**

**2009 Conference Finish: 1st**

**2009 RKPI: 46**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners: 6/9**

**Top Returners:** Chrissy Knuth (Jr., MH, 6-0, 2008 and 2009 Summit League Player of the Year, 2009 AVCA Honorable Mention All-Central Region); Jennifer Lopez (Jr., S, 5-10, 2008 and 2009 All-Summit League); Lauren McLaughlin (Sr., OH, 5-8, 2009 All-Summit League); Brooke VandenBergh (Sr., OH, 5-10, 2007 and 2008 All-Summit League); Brynn Joki (So., OH/S, 6-1, Summit League All-Freshman Team).

**Top Newcomers:** Jordan Kissman (Fr., S, 5-10); Carissa Whalen (Fr., MH, 6-1).

**Top Players Lost:** Kelly Lopez (L, 6-0, 2008 and 2009 Summit League Defensive Player of the Year); Mattie Johnson (S, 5-8, 2007 Summit League Setter of the Year); Abbey Perez (DS, 5-5)

**Oral Roberts (12-15, 8-10, Summit League)**

**2009 Final National Ranking: n/a**

**2009 Postseason Finish: n/a**

**2009 Conference Finish: 7th**

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4+Libero/8+Libero

**Top Returners:** Serena Cate (Jr., RS, 6-1), Joana Gruber (So., MH/OH, 6-0, Second-Team All-Summit League), Cassidy Holmes (Sr., DS/L, 5-8)

**Top Newcomers:** Luara Rosa (So., OH, 5-11), Laura Taylor (Fr., S)

**Top Players Lost:** Juliane Vieira (S, Two-time All-Summit League selection)

#### **Southern Illinois (18-12, 7-11 Missouri Valley)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a

**2009 Postseason Finish:** MVC Tournament

**2009 Conference Finish:** 6th

**2009 RKPI:** 107

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 10/4

**Top Returners:** Jennifer Berwanger (Sr., OH, 5-10, 2009 First Team All-MVC); Alicia Johnson (Sr., RS, 5-11, 2009 MVC All-Tournament Team); Rachael Brown (So., S, 5-10, 2009 MVC All-Freshman Team); Alysia Mayes (So., MB, 6-1); Lauren Blumhorst (Jr., DS, 5-5)

**Top Newcomers:** Elly Braaten (Fr., OH, 6-1); Emily Less (Fr., MB, 6-0); Jessica Whitehead (Fr., MB, 6-0)

**Top Players Lost:** Chandra Roberson (MB, 5-11, All-time SIU leader in block assists)

#### **Southern Utah (9-20; 7-11 Summit)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** None

**2009 Conference Finish:** 8th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 6 (Lost Libero)/11

**Top Returners:** Analaine Pelaez (R-So., OH, Summit League Freshman of the Year/First-team All-Summit League)

**Top Newcomers:** Alissa Youart (OH, 5-11), Hailey Moore (MB, 5-9), Jordan Anderson (OH, 5-11), Kylie Schofield (OP, 6-2), Lisa Angilau (MB, 5-11)

**Top Players Lost:** Courtney Lelepali (Libero, 5-7)

#### **UMKC (15-16, 10-8, The Summit League)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a

**2009 Postseason Finish:** First Round Summit League Tournament

**2009 Conference Finish:** t-4th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5+L/12

**Top Returners:** Christiana McQuin (Jr., MH, 6-2, 2009 Second Team all-Summit League), Kelsey Knoche (Jr., OH, 6-0), Elizabeth Beck (Jr., OH, 5-11)

**Top Newcomers:** Chloe Jarema (OH, 6-1), Demetria Williams (MH/RS, 6-2)

**Top Players Lost:** Jamie Hagerman (OH, 2009 Second Team all-Summit League)

#### **UT Arlington (12-17, 8-8 Southland)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** NR

**2009 Postseason Finish:** Southland Tournament

**2009 Conference Finish:** 6th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 6 + Libero/10

**Top Returners:** Tara Frantz (Jr., OH, 6-1, 2009 Southland First Team All-Conference), Emily Shearin (Jr., MB, 6-1, 2009 Southland Second Team All-Conference), Bianca Sauls (Sr, OH/S, 5-11, 2009 Southland Honorable Mention All-Conference), Amanda Aguilera (Jr., OH, 5-10, 2008 Southland First Team All-Conference), Christy Driscoll (RS Jr., MB, 6-1, 2009 Southland Second Team All-Academic)

**Top Newcomers:** Chelsea Mayor (S, 5-8), Emily Gentle (OH/MB, 6-0), Taylor Jacobs (OH/MB, 6-0), Kendall Whitson (DS, 5-8)

**Top Players Lost:** Teena Sobczak (OH/L, 6-0)

**UTSA (12-19 overall, 7-9 Southland)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** none

**2009 Postseason Finish:** none

**2009 Conference Finish:** 5th/West Division

**2009 RKPI:** 176

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4+libero/11

**Top Returners:** • Kelsey Jewasko (Jr., L, 5-7, two-time All-Southland, 2008 Southland Libero of the Year)

• Kendra Rowland (Sr., OH, 5-11, three-time All-Southland)

• Whitney Walls (So., OH, 6-0, 2009 second-team All-Southland)

**Top Newcomers:** • Sarah Scott, (Fr., MH/OH, 6-0)

• Cara Tripp, (Fr., MH, 6-1)

• Laura Witt (Fr., S, 5-10)

**Top Players Lost:** • Stefanie Robbins (MH, 2008 Southland Newcomer of the Year)

## **EAST REGION**

### **Top 25 (and Receiving Votes)**

**Florida State University: (31-3, 19-1 ACC)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** 11<sup>th</sup>

**2009 Postseason Finish:** Elite 8

**2009 Conference Finish:** First

**2009 RKPI:** Third

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3/8

**Top Returners:** Rachael Morgan (Jr., OH, 6-2, 2009 All-ACC Team, AVCA Honorable Mention All-American), Fatma Yildirim (So., OH, 6-0, 2009 ACC All-Freshman Team), Stephanie Neville (Sr., OH, 6-3, MVP at 2009 New Mexico State Tournament), Duygu Duzceler (So., S, 5-10, 683 assists in 2009), Jenna Romanelli (Sr., L, 5-4, 381 digs in 2009).

**Top Newcomers:** Visnja Djurdevic (Jr., OH, 6-1, Conference USA Player of the Year), Marija Milosavljevic (Jr., MB, 6-4, Conference USA All-Freshman Team), Jekaterina Stepanova (Jr., OH, 6-2, First Team Junior College All-American), Patricia Figueiredo (Jr., S, 5-9, First Team Junior College All-American), Ashley Neff (Fr., MB, 6-3, Prep Volleyball No. 89 Ranking), Katie Mosher (Fr., L, 5-9, Youth A2 National Team).

**Top Players Lost:** Brianna Barry (MB, 6-3, 2009 ACC Player of the Year, AVCA East Region Team, AVCA Second Team All-American), Jordana Price (MB, 6-1, 2009 AVCA East Region Team, AVCA Honorable Mention All-American), Mira Djuric (OH, 6-2, 2009 All-ACC Team, AVCA East Region Team, AVCA Honorable Mention All-American).

### **Other Teams that made the NCAA Tournament**

**Clemson (23-10, 14-6 ACC)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA First Round

**2009 Conference Finish:** 4th

**2009 RKPI:** 71 (8th in East)

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3/9

**Top Returners:** Sandra Adeleye (So., MH, 6-2, 2009 AVCA Honorable Mention All-American; 2009 AVCA East Region Rookie of the Year), Alexa Rand (So., MB, 6-3, 2009 ACC All-Freshman Team)

**Top Newcomers:** Moneshia Simmons (OH, 6-0), Hannah Brenner (S, 5-11), Camila Rosado (L, 5-8).

**Top Players Lost:** Kelsey Murphy (S, 6-1, 2009 AVCA HM All-American, 2009 All-ACC), Didem Ege (L, 5-7, 2009 AVCA HM All-American, 2009 ACC Defensive Player of the Year), Lia Proctor (OH, 6-0, 2009 AVCA HM All-American)

**Coastal Carolina (20-14, 10-6 Big South)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:**

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA First Round against No. 10 Nebraska

**2009 Conference Finish:** 4th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4/10

**Top Returners:** Chelsy Kimes (Sr. OH, 5-9, First Team All-Big South, Big South Tournament MVP), Megan Bickford (Sr. MB, 6-1, Second Team All-Big South, Big South All-Tournament Team), Sierra Livesay (So., OH/RS, 6-0, Big South Freshman of the Year, Big South All-Tournament Team. Amanda Russell (Sr., OH/RS, 5-10)

**Top Newcomers:** Kindra Bailey (MB, 6-0), Lauren Alejo (S, 5-5), Meghan Laffin (MB/RS, 6-2), Lindsay Gill (DS).

**Top Players Lost:** Jill Nyhof (MB, ESPN The Magazine Second Team Academic All-American, Big South Scholar-Athlete of the Year), Meagan Tracey (S, Second on Coastal career charts in assists and assists per set), Megan Pollard (L, joined the 1,000 dig club her senior season)

**Duke University (27-6, 17-3 ACC)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** Not ranked

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA First Round

**2009 Conference Finish:** 2<sup>nd</sup> (ACC)

**2009 RKPI:** 31

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5 + Libero/11

**Top Returners:** Kellie Catanach (Jr., S, 6-2, 2009 AVCA All-America Honorable Mention, All-East Region, All-ACC), Becci Burling (Sr., MB, 6-1, 2009 All-ACC), Claire Smalzer (Sr., LIB, 5-11), Christiana Gray (So., MB, 6-5, 2009 ACC All-Freshman Team), Sophia Dunworth (Jr., OH, 6-1)

**Top Newcomers:** Ali McCurdy (DS/L, 5-6), Chelsea Cook (MB, 6-2)

**Top Players Lost:** Rachael Moss (OH, 2007-09 AVCA All-America Honorable Mention, 2006-09 All-East Region, 2006-09 All-ACC)

**Georgia Tech (21-10, 15-5 ACC)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA 1st Round (Loss to Baylor in Los Angeles, Calif., regional)

**2009 Conference Finish:** 3rd

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4 + libero/9

**Top Returners:** Monique Mead (Soph., RS, 5-10, ACC Freshman of the Year, 1st-team All-ACC, honorable mention AVCA All-American and All-Region Mary Ashley Tippins (Sr., S, 5-9, honorable mention AVCA All-American, 1st-team All-ACC)

**Top Newcomers:** Kaleigh Colson (Fr., S, 5-10) Quinn Evans (Fr., 6-3, MB) Ivona Kolak (Fr., OH, 5-11) Jennifer Percy (Fr., OH, 6-2) Alexis Woodson (So., MB, 6-1)

**Top Players Lost:** Chrissy DeMichelis (OH, All-ACC)

**Miami (18-13, 11-9, Atlantic Coast Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** None

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA First Round

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-5th

**2009 RKPI:** 46

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4 / 9

**Top Returners:** Lane Carico (Jr., OH, 5-11, 2009 AVCA Honorable Mention All-American); Lici McGee (R-Sr., MB, 6-3); Ali Becker (Jr., MB, 6-1)

**Top Newcomers:** Taylor Hollins (OH, 5-9); Alexandria Johnson (OH/RS, 6-0); Ryan Shaffer (LIB, 5-7); Emani Sims (MB, 5-11)

**Top Players Lost:** Cassie Loessberg (LIB, 5-7, 2009 All-ACC, 2009 AVCA Honorable Mention All-American); Genny Mayhew (OH, 5-11)

### **Other Teams in the Region – Alphabetized**

#### **Bryant (11-23, 6-10 Northeast Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a

**2009 Postseason Finish:** n/a

**2009 Conference Finish:** 5th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4 + Libero/6

**Top Returners:** Maria Scocca (Jr., MB, 6-2, 2009 All-Independent Player of the Year, 2009 All-NEC Second Team), Robyn Gardner (Sr., L, 5-7, 2009 All-Independent Second Team), Jazmin Stoner (Jr., OH, 5-9), Macy Mitrovich (So., OH, 5-8)

**Top Newcomers:** Kaitlyn Klein (Fr., OH/RS, 6-0), Alexandria Clyburn (Fr., OH/MB, 5-10), Kendall Gaffney (Fr., OH, 5-10), Nicole Percz (Fr., MB, 6-1)

**Top Players Lost:** Julie Geonnotti (OH/RS/S, 5-9), Adrienne Boss (MH, 5-11)

#### **Coppin State (1-29, 0-10 MEAC)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** None

**2009 Postseason Finish:** None

**2009 Conference Finish:** 6<sup>th</sup> Northern Division

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 2/4

**Top Returners:** Ashley Saunders (Jr., OH, 5-10); Tyler Phillips (So., L, 5-7)

**Top Newcomers:** Haley Beechler (Fr., S/L, 5-6); Alexandria Malesick (Jr., MB, 5-11)

**Top Players Lost:** Kanishia Sheppard (OH); Jade Dudley (OH)

#### **Georgia State (16-14, 3-11 CAA)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** NR

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 18th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5 + Libero/10

**Top Returners:** Audrey Cantrell (R-Sr., DS/L, 5-6), Ashley Jones (Sr., OH/S/RS, 5-8, All-CAA Third Team), Vineece Verdun (R-Jr., MH, 6-2), Jamiee Freeman (So., OH, 5-8, CAA All-Rookie Team)

**Top Newcomers:** Name: Emily Averbeck (Fr., DS/L, 5-3), Loren Byerly (Fr., OH, 5-9), Veronica Chandre (Fr., S, 6-0), Taylor Smith (Fr., DS/L, 5-7)

**Top Players Lost:** Joceyln Waldern (MH, 6-0, Graduated)

#### **Hampton (9-19, 4-7 MEAC)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-3<sup>rd</sup>

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 11/11

**Top Returners:** Aaryn Harrison (RH, 6-0, Sr.) Ivan Suput (L, 5-8, Sr.) Lihi Elkayam (S, 5-7, Jr.) Mianna Armstrong (OH, 5-9, Jr.)

**Top Newcomers:** Petra Parros (OH/MB, 6-0, Fr.) Juliana Chavez (S/RS, 6-0, Jr.) Sheileen Pagan (OH, 5-7, Fr.)

**Top Player Lost:** Tamara da Silva (OH)

#### **High Point (17-17, 6-10 Big South)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish: Big South Conference Tournament quarterfinals**

**2009 Conference Finish: 6th**

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners: 5+Libero/11**

**Top Returners:** Name (Yr., Pos, Ht, Postseason Honors)

Audie Gonzalez (R-Sr., OH, 5'9, 2007 and 08 All-Big South second team, Redshirt 09 season.

Julie Hershkowitz (Sr., L, 5'5, 2009 All-Big South second team)

Courtney Johnk (So., OH/RS, 6'2, 2009 Big South All-Freshman team)

**Top Newcomers:** Name (Yr., Pos, Ht)

Maddie Simpson (Fr., S, 6'2)

Michelle Chakirelis (Fr., MB, 5'10)

**Top Players Lost:** Name (Pos., Honors)

Megan Kaminskas (MB)

**Hofstra (13-19, 7-7 Colonial Athletic Association)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a

**2009 Postseason Finish:** n/a

**2009 Conference Finish:** Sixth

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4+libero/9

**Top Returners:** Anissa Whitney (Sr., MB, 6-3, All-Colonial Athletic Association Third Team),

Kylee Maneja (So, L, 5-8)

**Top Newcomers:** Caity DeCoster (Fr., S, 5-10), Ayesha Hein (Fr., MB, 6-0), Shelby Young (Fr., OH, 5-11)

**Top Players Lost:** Monica Knight (OH, 6-0, 2009 All-Colonial Athletic Association Second Team)

**James Madison (11-19 Overall, 4-10 Colonial Athletic Association)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 7th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 6+Libero/12

**Top Returners:** Danielle Erb (So., OH, 6-0, Third Team All-CAA, All-CAA Rookie Team)

Lindsay Callahan (Sr., RS/OH, 6-0, All-CAA Rookie Team in 2007)

**Top Newcomers:** Kelly Maguire (Fr., MB, 6-3)

Katie Daorai (Fr., DS, 5-6)

**Top Players Lost:** None

**Liberty (20-14, 13-3 Big South)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** Lost in championship match of Big South Tournament

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-1st

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 2+libero/4

**Top Returners:** Karyl Bacon (Sr., OH/DS, 5-6, 2009 All-Big South second team), Kelly Haseman (Jr., DS/L, 5-8, 2009 Big South All-Tournament Team), Loren Thomas (So., MB, 6-3, 2009 Big South All-Freshman Team).

**Top Newcomers:** Jade Craycraft (S, 5-11), Lillie Happel (OH, 6-0), Becca Haraf (DS/L, 5-5).

**Top Players Lost:** Kallie Corbin (S, 5-9, 2009 VaSID All-State second team, All-Big South second team), Chelaine McCarty (MB, 6-2, 2009 AVCA All-American honorable mention, VaSID All-State first team, All-Big South first team), Nicki Scripko (OH, 6-1, 2009 VaSID All-State second team, All-Big South second team, Big South All-Tournament Team)

**Maryland Eastern Shore (24-7, 10-0 MEAC)**

**2009 AVCA Final Ranking:** N/A

**2009 NCAA Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 1<sup>st</sup>, Northern Division

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3/5

**Top Returners:** Christine Edwards (OH, 5-10, Jr., Second Team All-MEAC), Bella Jade Romero (S, 5-6, So., MEAC Rookie of the Year), Samantha Chukwura (MB, 5-9, r-Sr., led MEAC with .397 hitting percentage – eighth in NCAA)

**Top Newcomers:** Stephanie Sierra (S, 5-8, So.), Jingqiao Li (L, 5-9, Fr.), Chang Liu (UTL, 5-11, So.)

**Top Players Lost:** Whitney Johnson (OH 6-3 Sr., First Team All-MEAC, *Cobra Magazine* All-National Team), Caylin Woodward (OH/RS 6-0 Sr., Second Team All-MEAC)

**Morgan State University (9-22, 4-6 MEAC North)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** 1-1 MEAC Tournament

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-3<sup>rd</sup> MEAC North

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 2 + Libero/10

**Top Returners:** Erin Cox (Jr., OH, 5-9), Dominique Bozier (Sr., MH, 5-9), Cheryl Savoy (Sr., DS, 5-3), Dina Beamon (Jr., L, 5-2), Kierra Riley (Jr., MH/RS, 5-9), Rhyan Shy (Jr., OH, 5-11)

**Top Newcomers:** Natalie Chafeh (S/RS, 5-10), Tara Wallace (OH, 6-0), Janelle Wilson (OH/MH, 5-11)

**Top Players Lost:** Ivanti Bush (OH 5-5), Christa Rogers (S, 5-10), Macie Wyly (MH/RS, 5-11)

**North Carolina (15-16, 11-9 ACC)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** NR

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NA

**2009 Conference Finish:** 6th

**2008 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3 + Libero/13

**Top Returners:** Christine Vaughn (MB, Sr., Simi Valley, Calif.), Suzanne Haydel (OH, Sr., New Orleans, La.), Cora Harms (S, So., Placerville, Calif.) Kaylie Gibson (L, Jr., Apex, N.C. -- ranked 2nd in ACC in digs in 2008)

**Top Players Lost:** Heather Brooks (MB, former AVCA all-america honorable mention)

**North Carolina A&T (2-31, 0-8 MEAC)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:**

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 0-8

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 1/1

**Top Returners:** Name (Yr., Pos, Ht, Postseason Honors) Amber Inman (SR, S)

**Top Newcomers:** Name (Yr., Pos, Ht) Tatiana Cooper (Fr., OH), Chelsea Fox (Fr., S), Maya Louis (Fr., MH)

**Top Players Lost:** Name (Pos., Honors) Janae Mitchell (OH), Tiffany Mellette (OH)

**Towson (8-21, 1-13, Colonial Athletic Association)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a

**2009 Postseason Finish:** n/a

**2009 Conference Finish:** 10th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4/10

**Top Returners:** Shellynne Hoyt (Sr., MB, 6-1); Britney Loomis (Sr., OH, 5-11); Evan Schulz (So, S, 5-11); Amanda Halls (So, OH, 6-1);

**Top Newcomers:** Katy Buck (Fr., OH, 5-10); Luana Rocha (So, DS, 5-5); Alysha McCreary (So, 6-1, MB), Lauren Tonokawa (Sr, DS, 5-2); Jingyi Wang (Fr.-R, MB, 6-3)

**Top Players Lost:** Alysha Fanning (MB, 2006 CAA Rookie of the Year); Missy Rohrbaugh (DS)

**UNC Wilmington (13-18, 3-11, Colonial Athletic Association)**

**2009 Final National Ranking: N/A**

**2009 Postseason Finish: N/A**

**2009 Conference Finish: 10th**

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners: 3/10**

**Top Returners:** Rachel Caricato, Sr., MH, 6-1

Kelli Clear, Jr., OH, 5-9

Kimberly Friedl, Jr., MB, 6-1

**Top Newcomers:** Samantha Seifert, Fr., OH, 6-2

Siera Young, Fr., MH 5-11

Christi Laite, Fr., RS, 6-2

**Top Players Lost:** Paula McConnell, MB

Ashlyn Morris, DS

Anna Price, OH

Lindsay Strucko, OH

**Virginia (12-19, 7-13 ACC)**

**2009 Final National Ranking: N/A**

**2009 Postseason Finish: N/A**

**2009 Conference Finish: 9th**

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners: 5/9**

**Top Returners:** Simone Asque (Jr., OH, 5-11, All-ACC)

**Top Newcomers:** McKenzie Adams (OH, 6-3), Rachel Clark (OH, 6-0), Emily Rottman (L, 5-8),

Nika Šimenc (OH, 6-4), Beth Wildermuth (S, 5-9), Mallory Woolridge (M, 6-3)

**Top Players Lost:** Lauren Dickson (OH, ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District first-team),  
Brittani Rendina (L)

**Virginia Commonwealth (27-9, 12-2 CAA)**

**2009 Final National Ranking: NR**

**2009 Postseason Finish: None**

**2009 Conference Finish: 1st**

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners: 3+libero/3**

**Top Returners:** Kelsie Clegg, Sr., MB, 6-5, All-CAA Third Team

Mariel Frey, Sr., OH, 5-11, None

Marisa Low, So., L, 5-5, CAA All-Rookie Team

Jessica Ojukwu, R-Jr., OH, 5-11, 2008 All-CAA Third Team (missed '09 season due to injury).

**Top Newcomers:** Ciara Brown, Fr., S, 5-10

Bridget Camacho, Fr., S, 5-10

Jhessica Martins, So., OH, 6-1

Jasmine Waters, So., MB

**Top Players Lost:** Michala Kvapilova, OH, All-CAA First Team, CAA Rookie of the Year, AVCA  
East Region H.M.

Ivana Rich, MB, All-CAA Second Team

Lenka Melicharkova, All-CAA Third Team.

**Virginia Tech (19-12, 9-11 ACC)**

**2009 Final National Ranking: None**

**2009 Postseason Finish: N/A**

**2009 Conference Finish: T-7th**

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners: 5/11**

**Top Returners:** Justine Record (Jr., OH, 5-8, 2009 VaSID Second Team All-State), Erin Leaser (Jr., S, 5-10, 2009 VaSID Second Team All-State), Felicia Willoughby (Sr., MB, 6-0, 2009 AVCA Honorable Mention All-American, 2009 All AVCA-East Region, 2009 First Team All-ACC, 2009 VaSID First Team All-State), Cara Baarendse (So., MB, 6-1, ACC All-Freshman Team).

**Top Newcomers:** Samantha Gostling (Fr., OH, 6-1), Victoria Hamsher (Fr., MB, 6-2).

**Top Players Lost:** Jill Gergen (L, 5-6), Taylor Parrish (OH, 6-0), Betsy Horowitz (MB, 6-2)

### **Wake Forest (11-20, 9-11 ACC)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a

**2009 Postseason Finish:** n/a

**2009 Conference Finish:** t7th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5 + libero/12

**Top Returners:** Kristen White (Sr., OH, 6-0), Kelsey Jones (Sr., S, 5-10, ACC All-Academic Team), Kadija Fornah (Jr., OH, 6-0), Megan Thornberry (Sr., Libero, 5-11), Carlin Salmon (Jr., MB, 6-1), Andrea Beck (So., MB, 6-1).

**Top Newcomers:** Kristin Grissom (MB, 6-1), Kylie Hargreaves (OH/RS, 6-0), Lindsey Remington (OH/DS, 5-10).

**Top Players Lost:** Abby Miller (DS)

### **William and Mary (18-11, 10-4 Colonial Athletic Association)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** Conference Semifinals

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-3rd

**2009 RKPI:** 109

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4/8

**Top Returners:** Erin Skipper (Sr., OH, 6-0, 2009 Third-Team All-CAA, 2008 First-Team All-CAA, 2008 HM All-East), Lindsay Kresch (Jr., OH, 6-1, 2009 Second-Team All-CAA), Ginny Bray (Sr., MB, 6-1, 2008 Third-Team All-CAA)

**Top Newcomers:** Molly Krull (So., S, 5-10), Celine Alasomuka (OH/DS, 5-8), Alexandra Ciaccio (OH, 6-2), Paulette Grand Pre (OH, 5-10), Monika Stanciauskas (MB, 6-0), Julia Swalchick (OH, 6-1)

**Top Players Lost:** Lindsey Pflugner (DS, 2009 HM All-America, HM All-East, CAA Defensive Player of the Year, First-Team All-CAA, First-Team All-State), Jordyn Moloney (S, 2009 CAA All-Rookie Team)

## **MIDEAST REGION**

### **Top 25 (and Receiving Votes)**

#### **Penn State (38-0, 20-0 Big Ten)**

**2009 Final AVCA Ranking:** 1st

**2009 NCAA Postseason Finish:** NCAA National Champions

**2009 Conference Finish:** 1st

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4+libero/11

**Top Returners:** Arielle Wilson (Sr., MH, 6-3, AVCA First Team All-America), Blair Brown (Sr., Opp., 6-5, AVCA First Team All-America), Alyssa D'Errico (Sr., L, 5-9), Fatima Balza (Sr., MH, 6-3), Jessica Ullrich (Sr., DS, 5-8), Cathy Quilico (Sr., DS, 5-1), Katie Kabbes (Jr., OH, 6-4)

**Top Newcomers:** Ariel Scott (Fr., MH, 6-4), Maddie Martin (Fr., OH, 6-2), Erica Denney (Fr., MH, 6-5), Maggie Harding (Fr., DS, 5-6), Katie Slay (Fr., MH, 6-6), Deja McClendon (Fr., OH, 6-1), Crosby Pabst (Fr., DS, 5-7), Mikinzie Moydell (Fr., S, 6-0), Ali Longo (Fr., Ds, 5-6)

**Top Players Lost:** Megan Hodge (OH, 6-3, AVCA National Player of the Year, AVCA First Team All-America, Honda-Broderick Cup Co-Winner, Big Ten Female Athlete of the Year), Alisha Glass (S, 6-0, AVCA First Team All-America)

**Minnesota (28-9, 15-5)****2009 AVCA Final Ranking:** No. 4**2009 Postseason Finish:** National Semifinals**2009 Conference Finish:** 3<sup>rd</sup>**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4/9**Top Returnees:** Hailey Cowles (Sr., OH/DS) - 1.46 kps, 2.71 dps (Final Four All-Tourney); Ariana Filho (Jr., MB) - 1.85 kps, .317, 0.90 blps ); Jessica Granquist (Jr., LIB/DS) - 2.36 dps; Lauren Gibbemeyer (Sr., MB) - 3.31 kps, .385, 1.43 blps (First-Team All-American & All-Big Ten); Tabitha Love (So., OH) - 2.63 kps, 0.46 blps (NCAA Regional MOP)**Top Newcomers:** Tori Dixon Fr. MB 6-3 Burnsville, Minn. (Burnsville) No. 13 All-State; Stephanie Nucci Jr. S 6-2 Gilbert, Ariz. (Gilbert) Transfer from UCLA; Steffi Sooter Fr. DS/LIB 5-9 Santa Cruz, Calif. (Aptos) All-State; Ashley Wittman Fr. OH 6-0 Shakopee, Minn. (Shakopee) No. 8 Gatorade National POY**Key Players Lost:** • Taylor Carico (S) - 1.04 kps, 10.68 aps, 2.50 dps, 0.69 blps (graduated); Brook Dieter (OH) - 3.94 kps, 2.47 dps (left team in midseason); Christine Tan (LIB) - 3.86 dps, Hon. Mention All-Big Ten (graduated); Megan Wilson (OPP) - 1.14 kps, 2.05 dps (graduated)**Michigan (27-10, 12-8 Big Ten)****2009 Final National Ranking:** 9<sup>th</sup>**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA Regional Final**2009 Conference Finish:** t-4<sup>th</sup>**2009 RKPI:** 10**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3+libero/11**Top Returners:** Lexi Zimmerman (Sr., S, 5-10, 2009 AVCA first team All-American), Alex Hunt (Jr., OH, 6-0), Sloane Donhoff (Jr., Libero, 5-9)**Top Newcomers:** Molly Toon (OH, 6-0), Jennifer Cross (MB, 6-4), Lexi Erwin (OH, 6-1)**Top Players Lost:** Juliana Paz (OH, 6-0, AVCA third team All-American), Megan Bower (RS, 6-1), Veronica Rood (MB, 6-1)**Illinois (26-6, 16-4 Big Ten)****2009 Final AVCA Ranking:** 10<sup>th</sup>**2009 NCAA Postseason Finish:** NCAA Regional Semifinals**2009 Conference Finish:** 2<sup>nd</sup>**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5+libero/9**Top Returners:** Laura DeBruler (OH, 5-10, Sr., AVCA First-Team All-America); Michelle Bartsch (MB, 6-3, Jr., AVCA Honorable Mention All-America), Hillary Haen (S, 5-10, Sr., AVCA Honorable Mention All-America), Johannah Bangert, MB, 6-1, Sr., AVCA Honorable Mention All-America, nation's blocks leader); Erin Johnson (MB, 6-3, So., Big Ten All-Freshman Team)**Top Newcomers:** Jennifer Bonilla (DS/Lib., 5-9, Fr.), Anna Dorn (MB, 6-3, Fr.), Jazmine Orozco (OH, 6-1, Fr.)**Top Players Lost:** Kylie McCulley (OH, 5-11), Ashley Edinger (DS/Lib., 5-9)**Ohio State (25-10, 12-8, Big Ten)****2009 Final National Ranking:** receiving votes**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA second round**2009 Conference Finish:** T-4<sup>th</sup>**2009 RKPI:****Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4/10**Top Returners:** Emily Danks (So., RS/OH, 6-1) Kelli Barhorst (Jr., MB, 6-2) Anna Szerszen (5th-Sr., OH, 6-3) Katie Dull (Sr., OH, 5-10, All-Big Ten, AVCA Honorable Mention All-American)**Top Newcomers:** Kaitlyn Leary (Fr., OH, 6-1), Amy Schwarzwaldler (Fr., OH, 6-3)**Top Players Lost:** Kristen Dozier (MB), Chelsea Noble (L), Ashley Hughes (S)

### **Other Teams that made the NCAA Tournament**

#### **Long Island (21-14, 16-0 Northeast Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA Opening Round

**2009 Conference Finish:** 1st

**2009 RKPI:** ?

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3+libero/9

**Top Returners:** Breanna Cullity (So., MB, 6-3, All-NEC Second Team)

Ashley Rice (Jr., MB, 6-1, NEC Tournament MVP)

**Top Newcomers:** Hanna Gibeau (Fr., OH, 6-0)

Artisha Jackson (Fr., OH, 5-9)

**Top Players Lost:** Svetlana Simic (OH., NEC Player of the Year)

Martina Racic (MB, All-NEC First Team)

#### **Michigan State (17-16, 5-10 Big Ten)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA First Round

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-10th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4 + Libero/10

**Top Returners:** Kyndra Abron (Jr., OH, 6-2, 2009 AVCA Honorable Mention All-American, First Team All-Big Ten).

**Top Newcomers:** Kristen Kelsay (S, 5-10), Kelsey Kuipers (MB, 6-1).

**Top Players Lost:** Vanessa King (MB, 6-0, 2009 Preseason All-Big Ten)

### **Other Teams in the Region – Alphabetized**

#### **Akron (14-18, 5-11, Mid-American)**

**2009 Conference Finish:** No. 9

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3/6

**Top Returners:** Chelsea Harvey, Tina Dimitrijevs, Jackie Goleman

**Top Newcomers:** Jill Paluch, Alex Cocklin

**Top Players Lost:** Kara Smith, Liz Martin, Brionna Patterson (second team All-MAC)

#### **Bowling Green State (13-20, 5-11 Mid-American Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** None

**2009 Postseason Finish:** MAC Tournament Second Round

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-Fourth East Division

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 2/9

**Top Returners:** Emily Kauth (Jr., M, 5-11), Cassie Berning (So., LS, 6-1)

**Top Newcomers:** Paige Penrod (Fr., LS, 5-9), Danielle Tonyan (Fr., RS, 6-0), Lindsey Butterfield (Fr., LS, 6-0), Laura Avila (Fr., S, 5-6)

**Top Players Lost:** Shari Luther (M, 6-2, 2009 All-MAC First Team), Allison Kearney (S, 5-8, 2009 All-MAC Freshman Team), Corey Domek (LS, 6-0), Kaitlin Jackson (LS/RS, 5-11, Academic All-MAC)

#### **Buffalo (16-16, 5-11 Mid-American Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 5th East

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3/6

**Top Returners:** Lindsey Schlegel (Sr., Setter, 5-9) Kristin Bignell (Sr., RS/MB, 6-3)

**Top Newcomers:** Dani Reinert (Fr., Setter, 5-11)  
Alexa Manuel (So., MB, 6-7)  
Kelly Svoboda (Fr., L/DS, 5-7)  
**Top Players Lost:** Tori Beckman (L/DS, MAC All-Freshman Team)

**Canisius (11-18, 8-10, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC))**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A  
**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A  
**2009 Conference Finish:** Seventh  
**2009 RKPI:**  
**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4 + Libero/9  
**Top Returners:** Samantha Good (So., MB, 5-10, 2009 all-MAAC Second Team), Allyson Severyn (So., L, 5-5), Renee Lettow (Sr., OH, 5-10)  
**Top Newcomers:** Roxanne Letteriello (Fr., MB, 6-3), Sydney Palka (S, 5-9)  
**Top Players Lost:** Michelle Godfrey (MB/RS, 6-3, 2008 all-MAAC Second Team)

**Fairfield (19-12, 16-2 MAAC)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A  
**2009 Postseason Finish:** MAAC Semifinals  
**2009 Conference Finish:** 1st  
**2009 RKPI:**  
**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5+libero/11  
**Top Returners:** Brianna Dixion (So., OH/RS, 5-8MAAC Rookie of the Year, All-MAAC Second Team); Lauren Balmert (Jr., S, 5-9, All-MAAC Second Team)  
**Top Newcomers:** Hayley Moyer (Fr., MB, 6-0); Rachel Romansky (Fr., S, 5-8)  
**Top Players Lost:** Katie Mann (MB, three-time All-MAAC First Team, three-time MAAC All-Tournament Team)

**Indiana (17-17, 6-14, Big Ten)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A  
**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A  
**2009 Conference Finish:** 7th  
**2009 RKPI:**  
**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5+libero/10  
**Top Returners:** Ashley Benson (Sr., MB, 6-3, Third Team All-America, All-Midwest Region, Unanimous All-Big Ten selection, selected to the US Women's Volleyball A2 team for the second straight year [declined 2010 offer, however, due to the team's European Tour happening at the same time])  
Jordan Haverly (So., OH, 6-0, unanimous selection to Big Ten's All-Freshman Team)  
Caitlin Cox (Jr., L, 5-3, Big Ten All-Freshman team in '08)  
**Top Newcomers:** Caitlin Hansen (Fr., DS, 5-4)  
Melanie Hicks (Fr., DS, 5-7)  
**Top Players Lost:** Kelsey Hall (OH, none)

**Iowa (13-19, 5-15, Big Ten)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a  
**2009 Postseason Finish:** n/a  
**2009 Conference Finish:** 10th  
**2009 RKPI:**  
**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:**  
**Top Returners:** Becky Walters (Sr. MB, 6-3), Aimee Huffman (Sr. OH, 6-0)  
**Top Newcomers:** Chante' Thompson (MB, 6-3), Bethany Yeager (L, 5-7)  
**Top Players Lost:** Christina Meister (L, 5-9)

**Kent State (14-17, 7-9 Mid-American Conference)****2009 Final National Ranking:** --**2009 Postseason Finish:** MAC Tournament First Round**2009 Conference Finish:** 3<sup>rd</sup>, MAC East Division**2009 RKPI:****Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4 + Libero/10**Top Returners:** Liva Brivule (Jr., MB, 6-3, 2009 Second Team All-MAC), Meredith Paskert (So., MB, 6-1, 2009 All-MAC Freshman Team), Kristen Barr (Sr., DS/L, 5-7, 2008), Lauren Jones (Sr., OH, 5-10).**Top Newcomers:** Hannah Herc (DS/L, 5-7), Zane Malasevska (OH, 6-1), Aleksandra Nowak (S, 6-0).**Top Players Lost:** Jenny Keck (S, 6-0, 2009 Academic All-MAC), Arjola Prenga (OH, 5-9, 2009 First Team All-MAC), Katie Veatch (S, 5-8)**Manhattan (8-23, 3-15 MAAC)****2009 Final National Ranking:** NA**2009 Postseason Finish:** None**2009 Conference Finish:** 9<sup>th</sup>**2009 RKPI:****Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3 + Libero/9**Top Returners:** Diane Strutner (Sr., OH, 5-11), Jaci Rahey (Sr., OH, 6-0), Aurore Kullak (Sr., RS, 5-10), Julie Bies (So., L, 5-2)**Top Newcomers:** LaKell Havens (MB, 6-1), Brittany DeGagne (OH, 6-1), Nikki Chamberlin (L, 5-6)**Top Players Lost:** Rita Welsh (MB, 6-2, 2<sup>nd</sup> all-time in blocks), Laura Bellotti (S, 5-10), Casey Tidwell (MB, 6-2)**Northern Illinois University (14-16, 8-8 MAC)****2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A**2009 Postseason Finish:** L, 3-0 vs. Central Michigan in second round of MAC Tournament**2009 Conference Finish:** 4th - West Division**2009 RKPI:****Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4 + Libero/7**Top Returners:** Maddie Hughes (Sr., L, 5-8, 2009 MAC Defensive Player of the Year, second team All-MAC), Allison McGlaughlin (Jr., OH, 5-10, second team All-MAC, Academic All-MAC).**Top Newcomers:** Lauren Wicinski (OH, 6-1), Justine Schepler (DS, 5-4), Sarah Angelos (MB, 6-1), Kayla Zeno (S, 5-10), Tori Halbur (OH, 6-2).**Top Players Lost:** Meagan Schoenrock (OH, 6-2, 2009 first team All-MAC, Academic All-MAC)**Purdue (14-17, 6-14 Big Ten)****2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a**2009 Postseason Finish:** n/a**2009 Conference Finish:** 8th**2009 RKPI:** 61**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4+libero/10**Top Returners:** Kristen Arthurs (Sr., MB, 6-3, 2008 AVCA All-Mideast Region Honorable Mention), Tiffany Fisher (Jr., 6-2, MB/OH, 2009 All-Big Ten Honorable Mention), Ariel Turner (So., 6-1, OH, 2009 All-Big Ten Freshman Team), Jaclyn Hart (Sr., 6-1, S), Blair Bashen (RS Jr., 5-10, DS)**Top Newcomers:** Hilliary Fox (6-1, MB/OH), Elena Perri (6-0, OH)**Top Players Lost:** Carrie Gurnell (6-1, MB/OH)**Rider (3-26, 1-17 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC))****2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a**2009 Postseason Finish:** n/a

**2009 Conference Finish:** 10th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5/12

**Top Returners:** Alex Chapla (Gr., MH, 5-11)

**Top Newcomers:** Heather Quick (Fr., MH, 6-1), Megan Knott (Fr., MH/OH, 6-0), Meghan Bartsch (Fr., S, 5-7)

**Top Players Lost:** Amy Jeary (DS, L)

**Robert Morris (14-20, 11-5, NEC)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** NA

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NEC Semifinals

**2009 Conference Finish:** 4th

**2009 RKPI:** Unsure

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5 + Libero/10

**Top Returners:** Amanda Graham (Sr., MB, 6-2, 2009 All-NEC First Team), Amanda Craig (So., 5-11, 2009 NEC All-Tournament Team), Hannah Veith (Jr., MB, 6-1) **Top Newcomers:** Una Japundza (So., MB/OH, 6-0), Alex Deines (Fr., S, 5-7)

**Top Players Lost:** Alyssa Bennett (S, 2009 All-NEC Second Team), Nicole Wiececki (DS)

**Toledo (17-12, 8-8 MAC)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** Lost in MAC First Round

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-2<sup>nd</sup> (West Division)

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4+libero/9

**Top Returners:** Amber DeWeerd (Jr., OH, 5-11, Second-Team All-MAC), Kassie Kadera (Jr., S, 5-8, Second-Team All-MAC), Sondra Parys (So., OH, 6-0, MAC All-Freshman Team)

**Top Newcomers:** Becca Reidy (OH/MB, 6-2), Lauren Rafdal (OH, 6-2), Dakota Harkins (OH/MB, 6-1), Adria Pryor (S, 5-10)

**Top Players Lost:** Liz Sundburg (MB, 6-2), Sarah Wilson (MB, 6-3)

**Western Michigan (24-11, 13-3, Mid-American)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** None

**2009 Conference Finish:** 1st in West Division

**2009 RKPI:** 60

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3/4

**Top Returners:** Allyson Doyle (Sr, OH, 5-10, First Team All-MAC), Jessica Brown (So, MB, 5-11, MAC Freshman of the Year, Second Team All-MAC)

**Top Newcomers:** Ali Gossen (Fr., OH, 6-0), Emily Harris (Fr, MB, 6-1), Lena Oliver (Fr, L, 5-5), Taylor Richard (Fr, OH, 5-10)

**Top Players Lost:** Jillian Mitchell (S., First Team All-MAC, MAC Setter of the Year), Michelle Moore (OH, Second Team All-MAC, WMU career leader in kills), Caitlin Strimel (L, MAC career leader in digs), Katie Eberling (OH, WMU career leader in kills-digs double-doubles)

**Wisconsin (11-18, 7-13 Big Ten)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** Not Ranked

**2009 Postseason Finish:** Did not compete

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-7th

**2009 RKPI:** 77

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5+libero/11

**Top Returners:**

Janelle Gabrielsen (Jr., S, 6-0); Alexis Mitchell (So., MB, 6-0, Big Ten All-Freshman Team); Kim Kuzma, Sr., L, 5-8); Allison Wack (Sr., OH, 6-0)

**Top Newcomers:** Annemarie Hickey (5-8, DS/L); Elise Walch (6-5, OH); Julie Mikaelson (6-3, RS); Dominique Thompson (6-0, MB); Lindsey Seil (5-5, DS/L); Bailey Reshel (6-0, OH/RS)

**Top Players Lost:** Brittney Dolgner (OH, 6-0, 2009 All-Big Ten Honorable Mention); Caity DuPont (OH, 6-0)

## **MIDWEST REGION**

### **Top 25 (and Receiving Votes)**

None reported

### **Other Teams that made the NCAA Tournament**

#### **Milwaukee (16-15, 10-6 Horizon)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA First Round

**2009 Conference Finish:** 3<sup>rd</sup> in regular season – won league tournament

**2009 RKPI:** unknown

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5/11

**Top Returners:** Jena Berg (Sr., OH, 5-10, All-Horizon League; League All-Newcomer Team)

Maddie Sueppel (Sr., MB, 6-1, All-Horizon League Tournament)

Kerri Schuh (Jr., OH/RS, 6-0)

**Top Newcomers:** Elizabeth Egerer (So., OH, 5-11)

Rachel Neuberger (Fr., MB, 6-1)

**Top Players Lost:** Lauren Felsing (L, All-Horizon League, League Tourney MVP)

Kellye Zaporski (S)

#### **Rice (23-9, 11-5 – Conference USA)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:**

**2009 Postseason Finish:** Conference USA champions; NCAA First Round

**2009 Conference Finish:** 5th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3+libéro/7

**Top Returners:** Meredith Schamun (Sr., S, 5-11, CVU.com National Setter of the Year, AVCA All-America Honorable Mention, AVCA All-Midwest Region, Conference USA Championship MVP, Conference USA Co-Setter of the Year, All-Conference USA First Team, Ranked third in NCAA in assists per set (11.95), 1,374 assists in 2009 ranks fifth for a season, 3,988 career assists to rank third at Rice); Tracey Lam (Sr., Libéro, 5-6, AVCA All-America Honorable Mention, 2010 Arthur Ashe Sports Scholar Award - First Team, 2009-10 Joyce Pounds Hardy Award Winner - Rice's Top Female Athlete, Ranked ninth in NCAA in digs per set (5.50), Conference USA Libéro of the Year, All-Conference USA First Team, Conference USA Championship All-Tournament Team, CoSIDA Academic All-District VI Second Team, Rice season record 633 digs ranks fifth in C-USA history, Rice career record 1,701 digs ranks seventh in C-USA history); Ashleigh McCord (Jr., OH, 6-1, AVCA All-America Honorable Mention, All-Conference USA First Team)

**Top Newcomers:** Mariah Riddlesprigger, (Fr., OH, 6-3)

Megan Shepard (Fr., OH, 6-1)

Jordan Meredith (Jr., OH, 6-0)

**Top Players Lost:** Natalie Bogan, (MB, AVCA All-America Honorable Mention, All-Conference USA First Team, Cobra Magazine All-National First Team, Mizuno Invitational All-Tournament, USF/Asics Challenge All-Tournament, Mizuno Invitational II All-Tournament, Team Co-Captain)

for 2009, Ranked seventh at Rice with 1,326 career kills); Jennifer McClean (OH, Conference USA Championship All-Tournament Team, CoSIDA Academic All-District VI Second Team, MVP of USF/Asics Challenge, Team Co-Captain for 2009)

### **Other Teams in the Region – Alphabetized**

#### **Alabama State (9-22, 1-5, SWAC)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** NA

**2009 Postseason Finish:**

**2009 Conference Finish:** 6th

**2009 RKPI:** 328

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3/11

**Top Returners:** Althea Russell, Sr. 5-8 Name

**Top Newcomers:** Asia Manning (Jr. OH, 5-10); Ana Pego (Jr., S/L, 5-6); Tiffany Dillard (Jr., OH, 5-6); Brittany Smith (Sr., MB, 5-10); Andrea McCall (Jr., RS/DS, 5-7); Deja Barlow (Fr., M/R Hitter, 5-8); Mercedes Dereese (Jr., OH, 5-9)

**Top Players Lost:** Jessica Holt (OH); Anna Meinert (Setter)

#### **Butler (21-14, 10-6 Horizon League)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** NA

**2009 Postseason Finish:** Horizon League Semifinal

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-3rd

**2009 RKPI:** 152

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4 + Libero/5 Top Returners: Jessica Wolfe (Sr., OH, 6-2, 2009 AVCA Honorable Mention All-American), Gina Vera (So., S, 5-8, 2009 Horizon League All-Newcomer Team), Katie Daprile (Sr., L, 5-11).

**Top Newcomers:** Maggie Harbison (OH/MB, 6-1), Claire Randich (MB, 6-0).

**Top Players Lost:** Porshia Allen (OH, 6-1, Four-time All-Horizon League)

#### **Central Florida (12-18, 3-13 Conference USA)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-10th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4 + Libero/6

**Top Returners:** Kristin Fisher (Jr., OH, 5-10), Meredith Murphy (So., L, 5-8), Evija Vilde (So., RS, 6-1), Sara Rex (Jr., MB, 6-0), Tory McCutcheon (So., 6-2, MB)

**Top Newcomers:** Rachel Vukson (Jr., S, 6-1), Marie Reiterova (Fr., S, 5-9), Katie Tatum (Fr., OH, 6-2), Angelica Crump (RS-Fr., OH, 6-3)

**Top Players Lost:** Erin Campbell (OH, All-C-USA Second Team)

#### **East Carolina (9-19, 2-14 Conference USA)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 12th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3+libero/5

**Top Returners:** Britney Roper (OH, 6-3, Jr.), Amanda Lutzow (OH, 5-10, Jr.), Nicole Jones (DS/L, 5-3, RS-Jr.), Briana Fleener (MH, 5-10, RS-So.)

**Top Newcomers:** Kasey Kavanaugh (S, 6-2, Fr.), Shelby Beasley (DS/L, 5-4, Fr.), Jackie Varnum (MH, 6-1, Jr.)

**Top Players Lost:** Stephanie Turner (OH, 5-9), Lizzy Bruin (MH, 5-11), Hannah Fenker (S, 5-8)

**EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY (11-20, 4-13 Ohio Valley)****2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A**2009 Conference Finish:** 8th (of 10)**2009 RKPI:** 279 (of 330)**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4+Liber0/9**Top Returners:** Stephanie Arnold (So., MH, 6-1), Kylie Cavanah (Sr., S, 5-9), Brittany Wallace (Jr., L, 5-5, IPFW Invitational All-Tournament team), Alex Zwettler (Sr., OH, 5-10, Denver Invitational & ISU Classic All-Tournament teams)**Top Newcomers:** Emily Franklin (OH, 5-11), Kaitlyn Frantz (OH, 6-3), Reynae Hutchinson (OH, 6-1).**Top Players Lost:** Melanie Boykins (MB/OH, 6-0), Jessica Wheeler (OH, 5-10)**Loyola- Chicago (12-17, 5-11 Horizon)****2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a**2009 Postseason Finish:** n/a**2009 Conference Finish:** T-6th**2009 RKPI:****Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4/9**Top Returners:** Colleen Francis (Sr., OH, 6-1), Mallory Curran (Sr., MB, 6-0), Natalie Pounovich (Jr., MB, 6-3), Diana Schulte (So., OH, 6-1)**Top Newcomers:** Natalie Fiore (S, 5-10), Bridget Nickel (OH, 6-0)**Top Players Lost:** Dana VanDiggelen (OH, 6-0)**Memphis (7-24, 3-13 Conference USA)****2009 Final National Ranking:** None**2009 Postseason Finish:** None**2009 Conference Finish:** 10<sup>th</sup>**2009 RKPI:** 235**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4 + Libero/6**Top Returners:** Christine Bach (Sr., S/L, 5-9, 2009 C-USA All-Academic Team, 2009 ESPN the Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District IV), Altrese Hawkins (So., OH/RS, 5-10, 2009 C-USA All-Freshman, COBRA Magazine All-National Second Team ), Katlin English (Sr., OH, 6-0), Becky Shaffer (Sr., L/DS, 5-4, 2009 C-USA All-Academic)**Top Newcomers:** Jovana Barisic (Fr., MB, 6-4), Vesna Jelic (So., OH, 5-11), Hajnalka Molnar (So., S, 5-11)**Top Players Lost:** Carolyn Baker (6-1, MB, 2008 C-USA All-Freshman), Rachel Theard (5-10, DS), Lauren Thompson (5-10, OH)**Murray State (13-18, 11-7 Ohio Valley Conference)****2009 Final National Ranking:** NA**2009 Postseason Finish:** Semifinals OVC Tournament**2009 Conference Finish:** 4th**2009 RKPI:** NCAA RPI is 187**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 6 + Libero/9**Top Returners:** Mary Cunningham (Jr., MB, 6-0); Jade Guo (Jr., S, 5-11, All-OVC Second Team); Sara Hayden (Sr., MB, 5-10); Becca Lamb, Sr., OH, All-OVC Second Team); Ashley Nenninger (Sr., OH, 6-0); Kayleah Sauer (Jr., L, 5-6, OVC Defensive Player of the Year, All-OVC Second Team)**Top Newcomers:** Katlyn Hudson (Fr., L, 5-2)**Top Players Lost:** Cassie Chesney (S/DS)**Southeast Missouri State University (13-17, 8-10 Ohio Valley Conference)****2009 Final National Ranking:** NR**2009 Postseason Finish:**

**2009 Conference Finish:** 7th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 2/8

**Top Returners:** Emily Hughes (Sr., MB, 5-11), Claire Keaton (Sr., OH, 5-10), Kelly Benacka (Sr., LIB, 5-8)

**Top Newcomers:** Andrea Baylin (OH, 6-1), Berkley Idel (OH/LIB, 5-11), Colleen Yarber (OH, 6-1)

**Top Players Lost:** Karleigh DeLong (OH, 5-11, 2009 Ohio Valley Conference First-Team), Amanda Rickhoff (OH, 5-9), Sarah Barth (S, 5-11), Molly Davis (LIB, 5-2)

**Southern Illinois - Edwardsville (2-27, Independent)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a

**2009 Postseason Finish:** n/a

**2009 Conference Finish:** n/a

**2009 RKPI:** 310

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5 + Libero/11

**Top Returners:** Karie Downing (Sr., OH, 5-11), Brienne Graunke (So., MH, 6-0), Sammi Minton (So., S, 5-7), Diane Schmidlin (Sr., DS, 5-10), Brooke Smith (So., L, 5-10), Sydney Winslow (Sr., RS, 6-1).

**Top Newcomers:** Lexi Cibulka (OH, 5-10), Kelsey Augustine (MH, 6-0), Kelsey Johnson (OH, 6-1), Julia Whitfield (OH, 5-10).

**Top Players Lost:** Tiffany Turner (L, 5-4)

**Southern Miss (27-5, 14-2 Conference USA)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** None

**2009 Postseason Finish:** L, Second Round C-USA Tournament (1-3 vs.) Rice

**2009 Conference Finish:** 1<sup>st</sup>, Conference USA

**2009 RKPI:** 56

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5/12

**Top Returners:** Ashley Mell (OH, 6-3, r-Jr.) First Team All-Conference USA, HM AVCA All-Midwest Region Team, HM AVCA All-American; Kelsey Seymour (S, 5-9, Jr.), Conference USA Co-Setter of the Year, First Team All-Conference USA, HM AVCA All-Midwest Region Team, HM AVCA All-American; Sarah Jane Bowden (MB, 6-1, Jr.), Lauren Sears (MB, 6-2, Jr.)

**Top Newcomers:** Shelby Schacher (OH, 5-10, Fr.)

**Top Players Lost:** Angela Hlavaty (RS, 6-4) First Team All-Conference USA, Maia Ivanova (L, 5-10) Second Team All-Conference USA

**UAB (17-16, 9-7 Conference USA)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-6th

**2009 RKPI:** 130

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4+Libero/6

**Top Returners:** Michelle Uzoh (Sr., MB, 5-10, 2009 C-USA Newcomer of the Year), Sam Serley (So., MB, 6-2, 2009 C-USA All-Freshman Team), Heather Thomas (So., L, 5-7), Alison Woods (So., S, 5-9), Jordan McDonald (Sr., OPP/OH, 5-10).

**Top Newcomers:** Bobbi Bayer (Jr., OH, 5-11), Thais Soares (Jr., OH, 6-0), Michele Simmons (So., OPP/MB, 6-3), Kate Morrell (So., MB, 6-0), Becca Howard (Fr., S, 5-9).

**Top Players Lost:** Andrea Lalic (OH, 6-2), Patty Paniagua (MB, 6-0), Savannah Pegg (OH, 5-10)

**Valparaiso (22-11, 12-4 Horizon)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a

**2009 Postseason Finish:** n/a

**2009 Conference Finish:** 2nd

**2009 RKPI:** 123

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4+libero/9

**Top Returners:** Taylor Root (So., L, 5'7", Horizon League Newcomer of the Year; All-HL Team; HL All-Newcomer Team; CVU.com Rising Star; three All-Tournament teams); Val Bollenbacher (5th/Sr., OH, 5'10", returns after missing last season due to injury); Tara Diebler (Sr., MH, 6'1"); Katie Britton (Jr., OH, 6'4"); Katie Layman (Sr., MH, 6'1"); Jenny Pokorny (Jr., S, 5'11")

**Top Newcomers:** Sarah Doods (Fr., OH, 5'9"); Lindsey Hauch (Fr., MH/OH, 6'0"); Janelle Hobbs (Fr., MH/OH, 6'1")

**Top Players Lost:** Angie Porche (OH, Two-time AVCA HM All-American; Two-time All-Midwest Region; four-time All-League honoree); Kim Bukowski (S, two-time All-League honoree; HM All-Midwest Region as a junior)

### **Wright State University (12-20, 4-12 Horizon)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** NA

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NA

**2009 Conference Finish:** 9th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3 + Libero/7

**Top Returners:** Shaunda Sandifer (MB, 6-3, Sr., All-Horizon League), Jessica Woods (OH, 5-8, Sr.), Ashley Heyman (MB, 6-1, Sr.)

**Top Newcomers:** Heidi Splinter (OH, 5-11, Fr.), Molly Dolson (S, 5-8, Fr.), Britney Terrell (OH, 6-0, Fr.)

**Top Players Lost:** Becca Awaa (OPP, 6-1), Lexi Leonhard (OH, 5-11), Michelle Hammond (S, 5-6)

### **Youngstown State (7-21, 5-11 Horizon League)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** Did not qualify for Horizon League Tournament

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-6th

**2009 RKPI:** -

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 2/6

**Top Returners:** Haley Kapferer (Sr., MB, 6-3), Brittany Grove (Jr., OH, 5-10), Brittany McNeal (Jr., DS, 5-6)

**Top Newcomers:** Brianna Kern (Jr., L, 5-8), Marissa Hundelt (Fr., OH, 6-1), Jenna Cavanaugh (Fr., MB, 6-0), Jackie Carlisle (Fr., OH, 6-0) **Top Players Lost:** Ruth Boscaljon (MB, All-Horizon League), Angela Roidt (S, Horizon League Newcomer Team)

## **NORTHEAST REGION**

### **Top 25 (and Receiving Votes)**

#### **Dayton (30-4, 14-1, Atlantic 10)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** 25th

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA Second Round

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-1<sup>st</sup>, A-10 Tournament Champion

**2009 RKPI:** 18

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5 + Libero / 9

**Top Returners:** Lindsay Fletemier (Sr., MB, 6-6, AVCA All-American Third Team, USA A2 Team, Atlantic 10 Co-Player of the Year, Atlantic 10 First Team), Becky Novacek (Sr., MB, 6-2, First Team All-Atlantic 10), Amanda Cowdrey (Sr., OH, 5-10, Most Outstanding Player – Atlantic 10 Tournament), Rachel Krabacher (RS So., OH, 6-4, Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team),

**Top Newcomers:** Jessica Yanz (Sr., S, 6-0), Megan Campbell (Fr., MB, 6-1, 18-U AAU All-American), Sam Selsky (So., S, 5-10)

**Top Players Lost:** Kacie Hausfeld (S), Hannah Clancy (S)

**Louisville (21-11, 11-3 BIG EAST)****2009 Final National Ranking:** RV**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA First Round**2009 Conference Finish:** 3rd (Tournament winner)**2009 RKPI:** 39**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4 + Libero/8**Top Returners:** Lola Arslanbekova (Jr., OH, 5-11, AVCA HM All-American, AVCA Northeast Region Freshman of the Year, Big East Freshman of the Year, First Team All-Big East, All-Big East Tournament, Big East Tournament MVP); Lindsey Mango (Sr. L, 5-4, All-Big East Tournament) Gwen Rucker (Jr, MB, 6-2), Anastasia Artemeva (Jr., OH, 6-2), Gosia Lech (Jr., OPP/S, 6-2).**Top Newcomers:** Taylor Brauneis,(Fr. S, 5-10), Emily Juhl (Fr., OH, 5-10), Caitlin Welch (Fr., L/DS, 5-6), Tanya Lukyanenko (So., OH, 6-3)**Top Players Lost:** Lecia Brown, MB, All Big East, All Big East Tournament, NCAA Statistical Champion (blocking) Member of Jamaica National Team; HM All American; Justine Landi (Opp, All-Big East Tournament)**Notre Dame (21-7, 14-0 BIG EAST)****2009 Final National Ranking:** RV**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA First Round**2009 Conference Finish:** 1st**2009 RKPI:** 34**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 2 + Libero/7**Top Returners:** Kellie Sciacca (MB, 6-1, all-AVCA Northeast Region, all-BIG EAST), Kristen Dealy (OH, 6-0, BIG EAST All-Tournament Team), Frenchy Silva (L/DS, 5-4).**Top Newcomers:** Maggie Brindock (S, 5-11), Sam Brown (MB, 6-3), Sammie Brown (S, 5-10), Andrea McHugh (OH, 5-10), Andie Olsen (MB, 6-2), Nicole Smith (OH, 6-1).**Top Players Lost:** Serinity Phillips (OPP, 5-10, 2009 AVCA Third-Team All-American), Christina Kaelin (OH, 5-10, 2008 AVCA Honorable Mention All-American), Jamel Nicholas (S, 5-9, all-AVCA Northeast Region, all-BIG EAST)**Saint Louis University (24-8, 14-1 A-10)****2009 Final National Ranking:** RV**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA First Round**2009 Conference Finish:** T-1st**2009 RKPI:** 29**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 2 / 6**Top Returners:** Megan Boken (Sr., OH, 5-11, 2009 A-10 Second Team), Alyssa Deno (Jr., OH/RS, 6-1)**Top Newcomers:** Lauren Baumet (Fr., OH/RS, 6-1), Andrea Beaty (Fr., MB/OH, 5-11), Emma Goldschmidt (Fr., RS, 6-0), Hannah Kvitle (Fr., S, 5-11)**Top Players Lost:** Whitney Behrens (L, 2008 AVCA All-America Honorable Mention), Bridget Fonke (OH, 2009 AVCA All-America Honorable Mention), Sammi McCloud (RS/MB, 2009 AVCA All-America Honorable Mention), Whitney Roth (S, 2009 AVCA All-America Honorable Mention)**Other Teams that made the NCAA Tournament****Army (26-6, 12-2 Patriot League)****2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA First Round**2009 Conference Finish:** 1st

**2009 RKPI:** 104

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5/6

**Top Returners:** Ariana Mankus (So., OH, 5-8, 2009 Patriot League Player of the Year, 2009 Patriot League Rookie of the Year, 2009 All-Patriot League First Team, CVU.com National Freshman of the Year), Francine Vasquez (So., RS/OH, 5-11, 2009 All-Patriot League Second Team, 2009 Patriot League All-Tournament Team), Amanda Rowell (Sr., MB, 6-3, 2009 All-Patriot League Second Team)

**Top Newcomers:** Megan Wilton (Fr., MB, 6-2), Megan Forbes (Fr., MB, 5-11), Lauren Wood (Fr., S, 5-7)

**Top Players Lost:** Maureen Bannon (S, Three-time Patriot League Setter of the Year, All-Patriot League First Team, 2009 Patriot League Tournament MVP)

**Binghamton (15-16, 5-5 America East)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** NR

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA First Round

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-2

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5/9

**Top Returners:** Michelle McDonough (Sr., OH, 6-0, 2009 America East First-Team All-Conference), Anna Lejina (Sr., OH, 5-11, America East Second-Team All-Conference), Alexandria Roland (So., MB, 6-0, America East All-Rookie Team)

**Top Newcomers:** Iva Partaleva (So., OH, 5-10), Grace Vickers (Fr., MB, 6-1), Xiomara Ortiz (Fr., DS, 5-6)

**Top Players Lost:** Dawn Lammert (MB, 6-1), Brianna Strong (Libero, 5-10)

**Cincinnati (25-11, 12-2, BIG EAST)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA First Round

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-2nd

**2009 RKPI:** 42

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 6/10

**Top Returners:** *Stephanie Niemer* (Sr., OH, 6-2, AVCA honorable mention all-America, AVCA all-northeast region, BIG EAST All-Tournament Team, First-Team All-BIG EAST; *Annie Fesi* (Sr., S, 5-10, First-Team All-BIG EAST); *Missy Harpenau* (Jr., OH, 6-0, AVCA honorable-mention all-Northeast Region, Second-Team All-BIG EAST)

**Top Newcomers:** Juliana Behrens (Fr., OH, 6-1); Brittany Haber (Fr., MB, 6-2); Lauren Grant (Fr., 6-4, RS)

**Top Players Lost:** Jaime Frey (L, None)

**Pennsylvania (23-6, 13-1 Ivy)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** -

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA Second Round

**2009 Conference Finish:** First

**2009 RKPI:** 74

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4 + Libero/9

**Top Returners:** Megan Tryon (Sr., S, 5-11, 2009 AVCA All-Region Honorable Mention), Lauren Martin (So., RS, 6-0, 2009 Ivy League Rookie of the Year), Madison Wojciechowski (Sr., 5-5, 2009 First Team All-Ivy), Julia Swanson (Sr., 6-1, 2009 Second Team All-Ivy)

**Top Newcomers:** Kristen Etterbeek (OH, 6-0), Dani Sheperd (L, 5-6), Susan Stuecheli (MB, 6-2)

**Top Players Lost:** Elizabeth Semmens (OH, 6-0, 2009 Ivy League Player of the Year), Ashley Hawkins (MB, 5-11, 2009 Honorable Mention All-Ivy)

### **Other Teams in the Region – Alphabetized**

**Bucknell (8-19, 4-10 Patriot League)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 6<sup>th</sup>

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5 + Libero/14

**Top Returners:** Heidi Kamp (Sr., MB, 6-0, 2009 Second Team All-Patriot League), Kaitlin Segal (Sr., OH, 5-10)

**Top Newcomers:** Morgan Clark (Fr., OH, 6-0), Morgan Mientus (Fr., OH, 5-11), Jessica Serrato (Fr., OH, 5-10)

**Top Players Lost:** Allison Gittings (S), Lindsay Smith (RS/MH, 2009 Patriot League Volleyball Scholar-Athlete of the Year)

### **Connecticut (14-17, 7-7 BIG EAST)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** Unranked

**2009 Postseason Finish:** BIG EAST Tournament First Round Loss to Cincinnati (L, 1-3)

**2009 Conference Finish:** 4th/15

**2009 RPKI:** 129

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4/1 + Libero

**Top Returners:** Rebecca Murray (MH/OH, 6-2, Sr.), Jordan Kirk (OH/RS, 6-1, Jr.), Kelsey Maving (L/DS, 5-6, So.)

**Top Newcomers:** Colby Billhardt (M/RS, 6-1, Fr.), Morgan Freeman (M/RS, 6-2, Fr.), Julia Hamer (OH/RS, 6-1, Fr.), Angela Roidt (S, 5-8, So.), Jackie Wattles (M, 6-2, Fr.)

**Top Players Lost:** Samantha Arriaran (S, 5-10), Jessica Isaac (L/DS, 5-8)

### **Cornell (6-19, 3-11 Ivy League)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 6th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4/11

**Top Returners:** Deveney Pula (So., OH, 6-0); Jordan Reeder (Jr., S, 5-8)

**Top Newcomers:** Janel Forte (Fr., OH/RS, 5-11)

**Top Players Lost:** Megan Mushovic (Libero, 5-7, four-time All-Ivy, Ivy League's all-time career leader in digs)

### **Duquesne (16-14, 6-9 Atlantic 10)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a

**2009 Postseason Finish:** n/a

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-6th

**2009 RKPI:** 180

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3 + Libero/9

**Top Returners:** Sara Scheriman (SO, OH, 5-10, 2009 Atlantic 10 Conference All-Rookie Team), Liz Homan (JR, MH, 6-0, 2009 Atlantic 10 Second-Team All-Conference)

**Top Newcomers:** Alex Smartt (FR, OH, 6-0), Kate Begor (FR, S, 5-10), Allison Foschia (FR, OH, 6-0)

**Top Players Lost:** Chelsea Tillotson (S, 5-11), Jessica Artman (OH, 5-10)

### **Fordham (13-20, 3-12 Atlantic 10)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 9th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5+libero/12

**Top Returners:** Christi Griffiths (Sr., MH, 6-1), Katie Wells (Sr., MH, 6-0, 2009 Second Team All-Atlantic 10), Kailee May (Sr., OH, 5-11), Sara Friede (Sr., OH, 5-11)

**Top Newcomers:** Sara Konkel (Fr., S, 5-11), Carina Thompson (Fr., MH, 6-2)

**Top Players Lost:** Katherine Burrell (S)

**Hartford (7-21, 0-10 America East)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 6th

**2009 RKPI:** 298

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4 + Libero/6

**Top Returners:** Lindsay Ford (Sr., S, 5-8, 2009 America East All-Academic Team), Kami Nethersole (So., OH, 5-9, 2009 America East All-Rookie Team).

**Top Newcomers:** Dionna Kirton (OH, 5-10), Lindsay Anderson (MB, 6-1), Taylor McCreery (OH/DS, 5-11).

**Top Players Lost:** Erin Macro (MH, 6-1)

**Holy Cross (5-24, 3-11 Patriot League)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** Not ranked

**2009 Postseason Finish:** Did not make postseason

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-7th

**2009 RKPI:** Not sure

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5 + Libero/10

**Top Returners:** Megan Lynch (So., OH, 5-9, 2009 All-Patriot League Second Team)

**Top Newcomers:** Alex Aycock (Fr., OH, 6-0), Christiana Blakeslee (Fr., S/RS, 6-0)

**New Hampshire (13-15, 5-5 America East)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** NR

**2009 Postseason Finish:** America East semifinals

**2009 Conference Finish:** 2<sup>nd</sup>

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3 + Libero/9

**Top Returners:** Sara Heldman (Sr., L, 5-9, America East Co-Defensive Specialist of the Year)

**Top Newcomers:** Morgan Thatcher (Fr., RS, 6-2), Leah Thomas (Fr., MB, 6-0), Kaja Scirmer (Fr., OH, 6-1), Destiny Tolliver (Fr., RS, 6-1)

**Top Players Lost:** Lindsay Fogarty (OH, America East All-Conference first team), Kirsten Bates (OH, America East All-Conference second team)

**Marquette (18-12, 6-8 BIG EAST)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-8th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5/9

**Top Returners:** Nikki Klingsporn (Sr., S, 5-10, All-BIG EAST Second Team), Ashley Beyer (Jr., OH, 5-11, All-BIG EAST Second Team), Rabbecka Gonyo (Sr., MH, 6-4), Kelsey Mattai (So., MH, 6-1), Kelsey Warner (So., DS/L, 5-5), Ciara Jones (Jr., OH, 5-10)

**Top Newcomers:** Julie Jeziorowski (Fr., DS/L, 5-4), Rachel Stier (Fr., DS/L, 5-5), Casey Read (Fr., OH, 6-0), Courtney Mrotek (Fr., MH, 5-11)

**Top Players Lost:** Hailey Viola (DS/L), Leslie Bielski (OH)

**South Florida (18-10, 9-5 BIG EAST)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** -

**2009 Postseason Finish:** None

**2009 Conference Finish:** Sixth

**2009 RKPI:** 69

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 2 + Libero/10

**Top Returners:** Mariana Thon (Sr., S, 5-6), Allie Boaz (Sr., RS, 6-0, 2009 All-BIG EAST Second Team), Caitlyn Breen (So., MB, 6-2), Janice Rivera (Jr., L, 5-6).

**Top Newcomers:** J'beria Davis (OH/MB, 5-11), Liz Barton (MB, 6-3), Kimika Rozier (OH, 5-11), Kayla Walton (RS, 6-3), Andrea Rodriguez Gomez (MB/OH, 6-0), Bruna Bon (OH, 5-11)

**Top Players Lost:** Marcela Gurgel (OH, 5-10, 2007-09 AVCA All-American, 2007-09 AVCA All-Northeast Region selection 2007-09 All-BIG EAST First Team), Alli Arbogast (MB, 6-3, 2009 AVCA All-Northeast Region selection, 2009 All-BIG EAST First Team), Pamela Luiz (5-11, OH/RS, 2009 BIG EAST All-Tournament Team)

**Temple (14-12, 9-6 Atlantic 10)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 4th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4 + Libero/7

**Top Returners:** Jessica Antosz (Sr., MB, 6-0, A-10 Honorable Mention)

**Top Newcomers:** Emily Franzer (Fr., OH, 6-1), Rikia Trischuk (Jr., S, 6-1)

**Top Players Lost:** Yun Yi Zhang (OH, AVCA Honorable Mention All-American)

**Villanova (16-13, 5-9, BIG EAST)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 11th

**2009 RKPI:** 118

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4+ Libero/9

**Top Returners:** Kim Maroon (Jr., L, 5-8, Second team BIG EAST, AVCA All-Northeast Region), Maggie Mergen (Jr., MB, 6-2, Second team All-BIG EAST), Krista Anderson (So., OH, 6-0), Courtney Oertli (Jr., S, 5-10)

**Top Newcomers:** Alyssa Anderson (Fr., S, 5-10), Carly Edwards (Fr., OH, 6-4), Mariah Henley (Fr., DS, 5-8), Allison Williams (Fr., MB, 6-0)

**Top Players Lost:** Amy Gulyas (OH), Elyse Studzinski (OH)

**Xavier (20-12, 11-4 A-10)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** NA

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NA (semifinalist in A-10 championship)

**2009 Conference Finish:** 3rd

**2009 RKPI:** 56

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3 + Libero/12

**Top Returners:** Claire Paszkieiwcz (Sr., S, 5-9, Atlantic 10 First Team), Stephanie Vorherr (So., L, 5-9, Atlantic 10 Rookie and Libero of the Year), Alex Smith (So., MB, 6-1, Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team), Michelle Matia (Jr., MB, 6-1)

**Top Newcomers:** Alex Blair (Fr., OH/RS, 6-2), Sarah Brown (Fr., OH, 5-9), Kelsey Dunaway (Fr., OH, 5-11)

**Top Players Lost:** Kelly Ruth (OH, ESPN CoSida Academic All-District Second Team, Atlantic 10 All-Conference Second Team, A-10 All-Conference Academic Team, A-10 Student-Athlete of the Year), Hillary Otte (RS, Atlantic 10 All-Conference Second Team), Lauren Kaminsky (OH, ESPN/CoSida Academic All-District Second Team, Atlantic 10 All-Conference Academic Team)

## **PACIFIC REGION**

### **Top 25 (and Receiving Votes)**

#### **Stanford (23-8, 14-4 Pac-10)**

**2009 Final AVCA Ranking:** 7th

**2009 NCAA Postseason Finish:** NCAA Regional Semifinals

**2009 Conference Finish:** 1st

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5+ libero/8

**Top Returners:** Alix Klineman (OH, 6-4, Sr., three-time AVCA All-America); Gabi Ailes (DS/Lib., 5-7, Sr., Stanford's career digs leader, AVCA Honorable Mention All-America); Cassidy Lichtman (OH/S, 6-1, Sr., AVCA First-Team All-America)

**Top Newcomers:** Rachel Williams (OH, 6-0, Fr.); Carly Wopat (MB, 6-2, Fr.)

**Top Players Lost:** Janet Okogbaa (MB, 6-3, Sr., AVCA Second-Team All-America)

#### **California (21-11, 11-7 Pac-10)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** 8th

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA Regional Final

**2009 Conference Finish:** 4th

**2009 RKPI:** 9th

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4/9

**Top Returners:** Carli Lloyd (S, 5-11, Sr., AVCA Second-Team All-America, NCAA Gainesville Regional All-Tournament Team, AVCA All-Pacific Region); Tarah Murrey (OH, 6-3, Jr., Pac-10 All-Conference Honorable Mention); Correy Johnson (MH/OPP, 6-4, So., Pac-10 All-Freshman Team); Meagan Schmitt (DS, 5-9, Sr.)

**Top Newcomers:** Adrienne Gehan (OH/OPP, 6-3, Fr.), Lauren Loerch (OH/OPP, 6-1, Fr.)

**Top Players Lost:** Hana Cutura (OH, 6-3, AVCA First-Team All-America, Pac-10 Player of the Year); Mindi Wiley (MH, 6-3, Pac-10 All-Conference Honorable Mention); Kristen Kathan (DS/L, 5-6)

#### **Washington (24-6; 13-5; Pac-10)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** 13th

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA Second Round

**2009 Conference Finish:** tie-2nd

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5/9

**Top Returners:** Kindra Carlson (Sr., OH, 6-1, 2009 AVCA 2<sup>nd</sup>-Team All-America, 2009 All-Pac-10); Jenna Hagglund (Sr., S, 5-10, 2008-09 AVCA 3<sup>rd</sup>-Team All-America; 2009 All-Pac-10); Bianca Rowland (Jr., MB, 6-0; 2009 AVCA honorable mention All-America; 2009 Volleyball Magazine 2<sup>nd</sup>-Team All-America); Becky Perry (Sr., OH, 6-2; 2008 All-Pac-10)

**Top Newcomers:** Kylin Muñoz (So., OH, 6-1; forced to redshirt in 2009); Amanda Gil (Jr., MB, 6-6; will redshirt in 2010); Gabbi Parker (Fr., OH, 6-0)

**Top Players Lost:** Tamari Miyashiro (L; three-time AVCA All-American, three-time All-Pac-10); Ariel Salvo (OH; two-time honorable mention All-Pac-10); Jill Collymore (OH; Pac-10 aces leader in 2008-09)

#### **UCLA (24-9, 13-5 Pacific-10)**

**2009 Final AVCA Ranking:** 14th

**2009 NCAA Postseason Finish:** NCAA Second Round

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-2nd

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3 + libero/11

**Top Returners:** Dicey McGraw (OH, 5-11, Sr., All-Pacific-10 Honorable Mention), Lainey Gera (DS/L, 5-7, Jr., All-Pacific-10 Honorable Mention), Bojana Todorovic (S/DS/OH, 5-11, So., All-Pacific-10 Freshman Team)

**Top Newcomers:** Kelly Reeves (OH, 6-0), Mariana Aquino (MB, 6-3)

**Top Players Lost:** Kaitlin Sather (OH, 6-1, AVCA Honorable Mention All-American, All-Pacific Region Honorable Mention, All-Pacific-10 First Team), Amanda Gil (MB, 6-6, AVCA Second Team All-American, All-Pacific Region First Team, All-Pacific-10 First Team), Lauren Cook (S, 5-7, AVCA National Freshman of the Year, AVCA Pacific Region FOY, Pacific-10 FOY)

**Southern California (22-10, 10-8 Pacific-10)**

**2009 Final AVCA Ranking:** No. 16

**2009 NCAA Postseason Finish:** NCAA Second Round

**2009 Conference Finish:** 5<sup>th</sup>

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4 / 2 (+ libero)

**Top Returners:** Alex Jupiter (OH, 6-3, Jr., 2009 AVCA Third Team All-America, 2009 All-Pac-10 Conference); Kendall Bateman (S, 5-11, Jr., led the nation in assists per set in 2009); Lauren Williams (MB, 6-4, Jr.)

**Top Newcomers:** Falyn Fonoimoana (OH, 6-4, Fr.); Alexis Olgard (MB, 6-5, Fr.); Sara Shaw (OH/OPP, 6-3, Jr.); Natalie Hagglund (L, 5-9, Fr.)

**Top Players Lost:** Jessica Gysin (OH, 6-1, 2008 Volleyball Magazine Second Team All-American, 2009 All-Pac-10 Conference); Alli Hillgren (L, 5-8)

**Oregon (20-10 / 9-9 Pac-10 Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** 18th

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA Second Round

**2009 Conference Finish:** 6<sup>th</sup>

**2009 RKPI:** 23

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 2 / 4 + libero (letterwinners r/l: 7/6)

**Top Returners:** Heather Meyers (Sr., OH, 5-11, 2009/07 All-Pac-10 Honorable Mention, 2008 NCAA Regional All-Tourney Team), Katherine Fischer (So., OH, 5-10, 2009 All-Pac-10 Freshman Team), Kellie Kawasaki (So., L, 5-5), Haley Jacob (So., L, 5-2)

**Top Newcomers:** Alaina Bergsma (R-So., Opp-OH, 6-4 (Transfer-Loyola Marymount)), Lauren Plum (Fr., S, 5-9), Camryn Irwin (Fr., S, 5-11), Jaklyn Wheeler (Fr., OH, 6-0), Arianna Williams (Fr., MB, 6-2)

**Top Players Lost:** Sonja Newcombe (OH, 2009 AVCA Second-Team All-American, 2009 First-Team All-Pac-10/Region); Netica Enesi (MB, 2009 AVCA Third-Team All-American, 2009 First-Team All-Pac-10/Region); Nevena Djordjevic (S, 2009 AVCA All-Pac-10/Region Honorable Mention); Dana Stephenson (OH, 6-3), Amanda Westrick (L, 5-6)

**Arizona (19-11, 8-10 Pac-10)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** 26th

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA First Round

**2009 Conference Finish:** 7th

**2009 RKPI:** 29

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4 / 7

**Top Returners:** Paige Weber (Sr, Setter, 5-11, Pac-10 Honorable Mention, USA A2 Team), Tiffany Owens (Sr., OH, 5-11, Pac-10 Honorable Mention, COBRA Preseason Player of the Year Candidate), Whitney Dosty (Sr. OH, 6'3, Pac-10 Honorable Mention, USA A2 Team)

**Top Newcomers:** Cursty Jackson (Transfer from UNLV, 6-2, MB, Mountain West Conference's Freshman of the Year in '08), Marketa Hanzlova (Transfer from North Idaho College, 2-time NJCAA All-American, OH, 6-1 Jr.)

**Top Players Lost:** Alanna Resch (Libero, Team Digs Leader), Jacy Norton (Pac-10 Honorable Mention, Blocks Leader)

**Other Teams that made the NCAA Tournament**

**Northern Colorado (21-12, 12-4, Big Sky Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA First Round

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-2nd regular season; postseason tournament champs)

**2009 RKPI:** --

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3/6

**Top Returners:** Ashley Lichtenberg (Sr., OH, 6-2, Hit .349 in 2009 -- second best in Big Sky; 46th in NCAA), Marissa Hughes (So., S, 5-9, 2009 All-Big Sky Second Team, NCAA's top freshman setter in 2009), Kelley Arnold (So., OH, 6-1, double-digit kills in 13 matches last season)

**Top Newcomers:** Alyssa Wilson (OH, 6-1), Bri Strong (MB/OH, 6-2), Donne' Elcock (MB, 5-10)

**Top Players Lost:** Allison Raguse (MB, 2009 All-Big Sky Conference First Team, 2009 All-Big Sky Conference Championship Team), Kenzie Shreeve (OH, 2009 All-Big Sky Conference Second Team, 2009 All-Big Sky Conference Championship MVP), Taylor Smith (MB, 2009 All-Big Sky Conference Honorable Mention)

**Washington State (18-13, 6-12, Pacific-10)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a

**2009 Postseason Finish:** 0-1 (lost to Northern Iowa 3-0)

**2009 Conference Finish:** 8th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:**

**Top Returners:** Brittany Tillman (Sr., MB, 6-1); Oceana Bush (So., L, 5-5, Pac-10 All-Freshman first team); Rachel Todorovich (So., RS, 6-2, Pac-10 All-Freshman honorable mention)

**Top Newcomers:** Marcelina Glab (Fr., MH, 6-2), Stephanie Hagins (Fr. MB, 6-4)

**Top Players Lost:** Jackie Albright (OH), Kelly Hyder (DS/L), Renee Bordelon (S), Cassie Robbins (MB)

#### **Other Teams in the Region – Alphabetized**

**Idaho State (13-15, 7-9 Big Sky)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** 212

**2009 Postseason Finish:** Regular Season

**2009 Conference Finish:** 5th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5/1+libero

**Top Returners:** Sarah Carson (Sr., MB, 6-0), Jaclyn Hone (Jr., OH/DS, 5-10), Haylee Thompson-Brock (Sr., OH, 6-0), Karissa Legaux (Jr., S, 5-10), Britta Bartschi-Rhodehouse (Sr., MB, 6-0), Jenna Proost (Sr., DS/L, 5-8), Breanne Van Every (So., OH, 6-1)

**Top Newcomers:** Lori Mendenhall (Fr., S, 5-8), Vanessa Muir (Jr., MB, 6-0), Kylee Searle (Fr., DS/L, 5-9), Danielle Downs (Fr., OH, 6-0)

**Top Players Lost:** Emily Waldron (OH, 5-11, 2009 All-Big Sky Second Team), Paige Palmer (DS/L, 5-9, 2009 All-Big Sky Honorable Mention)

**Montana (14-14, 10-6 Big Sky)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** Big Sky Conference tournament semifinals

**2009 Conference Finish:** Fourth

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5 + libero/7

**Top Returners:** Brittney Brown (Sr., L, 5-6, Big Sky Conference Libero of the Year), Jaimie Thibeault (Sr., MB, 6-2, first team All-Big Sky Conference), Amy Roberts (Jr., OH, 5-11)

**Top Newcomers:** Brooke Bray (Fr., TBD, 6-1), Erika Buchanan (Fr., MB, 6-2), Kortney James (Fr., S, 5-10), Kayla Reno (Fr., OH, 5-11)

**Top Players Lost:** Whitney Hobbs (OH, honorable mention All-Big Sky Conference), Taryn Wright (S, second team All-Big Sky Conference)

**Montana State (3-23, 1-15, Big Sky Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** NA

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NA

**2009 Conference Finish:** 9th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 2 + Libero/6

**Top Returners:** Name (Yr., Pos, Ht, Postseason Honors) Meghan Albiston (Sr., Libero, 5-5), Taylor Barney (So., OH, 6-0), Jennifer Lundquist (So., S, 5-10)

**Top Newcomers:** Name (Yr., Pos, Ht) Nicole Baker (Fr, L/DS, 5-7), Sarah Horton (Fr, OH, 6-0)

**Top Players Lost:** Name (Pos., Honors) Kyla Hendry (MB, 6-1)

**Oregon State (12-18, 3-5 Pac-10)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-Ninth

**2009 RKPI:** 75

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4 + Libero/5

**Top Returners:** Name (Yr., Pos, Ht, Postseason Honors) Ashley Eneliko (So., MB/OPP, 5-11, Pac-10 All-Freshman Honorable Mention); Jill Sawatzky (Sr., OH, 6-2); Kiersten Sambrailo (Sr., MB, 6-0); Alyssa O'Neil (So., DS/L, 5-9)

**Top Newcomers:** Name (Yr., Pos, Ht) Kelsey Zimmerman (Fr., OH, 6-1); Dre Shaw (Jr., OH, 6-0)

**Top Players Lost:** Name (Pos., Honors) Rachel Rourke (OH, AVCA Second Team All-American, All-Pacific Region, All-Pac-10); Camilla Ah-Hoy (S); Lexie Rathgeber (MB), Bree Knitter (OH)

**Pepperdine (16-11, 9-5 West Coast Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 3rd

**2009 RKPI:** n/a

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4+libero/11

**Top Returners:** Kim Hill (Jr., MB, 6-4, AVCA All-American honorable mention, AVCA All-Pacific Region honorable mention, All-WCC first team)

Victoria Adelhelm (So., MB, 6-3, All-WCC honorable mention, WCC All-Freshman team)

Lilla Frederick (Jr., OH, 5-10)

Stevi Robinson (Jr. L/DS, 5-6, All-WCC honorable mention)

**Top Newcomers:** Kellie Woolever (Fr., S, 6-0)

Emily Cook (Fr., OH, 5-11)

Kelley Larsen (Fr. OH, 6-2)

**Top Players Lost:** Kiah Fiers (S, 5-11, All-WCC First Team)

Rachel Grochmal (OH, 6-3, All-WCC First Team)

**Portland State (21-8, 14-2 Big Sky Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** Big Sky Tournament championship match

**2009 Conference Finish:** 1st

**2009 RKPI:** 84

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3+ Libero/8

**Top Returners:** Whitney Phillips (Sr., OH, 5-10, 2009 Big Sky Conference Newcomer of the Year; 2009 first team All-Big Sky Conference); Christie Hamilton (Sr., MB/OH, 6-3); Lana Zielke (Sr., MB, 6-3)

**Top Newcomers:** Garyn Schlatter (Fr.-RS, S, 5-9); Kaeli Patton (Fr., OH, 5-8); Cara Olden (Fr., MB, 6-1); Aubrey Mitchell (Fr., OH, 5-10)

**Top Players Lost:** Nique Fradella (S, 2009 Big Sky Conference MVP); Erica Jepsen (MB, 2009 second team All-Big Sky); Marija Vojnovic (OH, 2009 honorable mention All-Big Sky)

**Weber State (8-21, 5-11 Big Sky)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A  
**2009 Conference Finish:** 7th  
**2009 RKPI:** N/A  
**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 2/6  
**Top Returners:** Carissa Noble (So., MB, 6-1), Emily Jones (So., OH, 5-11)  
**Top Newcomers:** Piper Wahlin (OH, 5-9), Michele Arave (Liberio, 5-9)  
**Top Players Lost:** Chelsea Bair (OH, 5-10, 2010 All-Big Sky First Team)

## **SOUTH REGION**

### **Top 25 (and Receiving Votes)**

#### **Kentucky (29-5, 17-3 Southeastern Conference)**

2008 Final AVCA Ranking: 12th  
2008 NCAA Postseason Finish: NCAA Sweet Sixteen (lost to Florida State, 3-2)  
2008 Conference Finish: 2<sup>nd</sup> overall/1<sup>st</sup> in SEC East  
Returning Starters/Letterwinners: 4/7  
**Top Returners:** Lauren Rapp (RS, 6-3, Sr., NCAA Regional All-Tournament Team)  
**Top Newcomers:** Whitney Billings (OH, 6-1, R-Fr.); Alexandra Morgan (MB, 6-1, R-Fr.); Elizabeth Koberstein (S, 5-11, Fr.)  
**Top Players Lost:** Sarah Rumely (S, 5-11, AVCA All-America Second Team); BriAnne Sauer (L, 5-6, AVCA All-America Honorable Mention); Sarah Mendoza (OH, 5-11, Sr., AVCA All-America Honorable Mention)

#### **Florida (25-6, 16-4, Southeastern Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** 15th  
**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA Regional Semifinal  
**2009 Conference Finish:** T-3rd  
**2009 RKPI:**  
**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5/1+libero  
**Top Returners:** Kelly Murphy (Jr., S/RS, 6-2, 2010 AVCA Second-Team All-America), Kristy Jaeckel (Jr., OH, 6-2, 2010 All-SEC First Team), Cassandra Anderson (Jr., MB, 6-2).  
**Top Newcomers:** Chanel Brown (Fr., S, 5-9), Stephanie Ferrell (Jr., OH, 6-1), Cinthya Roberto (Jr., OH, 6-2), Taylor Unroe (Fr., L, 5-7)  
**Top Players Lost:** Elyse Cusack (L, 2010 AVCA Honorable Mention All-America), Colleen Ward (OH, 2010 All-SEC Second Team).

#### **Louisiana State (25-7, 18-2 SEC)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** 19th  
**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA Second Round  
**2009 Conference Finish:** 1st  
**2009 RKPI:**  
**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 2 + Libero/8  
**Top Returners:** Michele Williams (MB, 6-2, 2008 All-SEC Freshman Team), Lauren Wacławczyk (DS, 5-10)  
**Top Newcomers:** Desiree Elliott (MB, 6-0, 2009 AVCA High School All-America Second Team), Shelby Pursley (S, 6-0), Avery Striebel (OH, 6-0, 2009 AVCA High School All-America Second Team), Nicole Willis (RS, 6-2, 2009 AVCA High School All-America Second Team).  
**Top Players Lost:** Brittnee Cooper (MB, 6-3, 2009 AVCA All-America First Team, 2009 SEC Player of the Year & All-SEC First Team), Sam Dabbs (S, 6-0, 2009 AVCA All-America Honorable Mention, 2009 All-SEC First Team), Marina Skender (OH, 5-11, 2009 AVCA All-America Honorable Mention, 2009 All-SEC First Team), Lauren DeGirolamo (MB, 6-1)

**Tennessee (24-8, 16-4 SEC)****2009 Final National Ranking:** 24th**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA Second Round**2009 Conference Finish:** T-2nd Eastern Division**2009 RKPI:** 16**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5/10**Top Returners:** Nikki Fowler (Sr., OH, 6-2, 2009 All-SEC First Team, AVCA Honorable Mention All-American); Kayla Jeter (Jr., OH, 5-11, 2009 All-SEC Second Team); Leslie Cikra (So., OH, 6-3, 2009 SEC All-Freshman Team); Kelsey Mahoney (Jr., S, 5-10); Leah Hinkey (Sr., MB, 6-1)**Top Newcomers:** Kylann Scheidt (S, 6-2); Kelsey Robinson (OH, 6-2); Ellen Mullins (L/DS, 5-6); Carly Sahagian (OH, 6-2)**Top Players Lost:** Chloe Goldman (L, 5-6, 2009 SEC Libero of the Year, AVCA Honorable Mention All-American); Farren Powe (MB, 6-1, 2009 All-SEC Second Team); Kylie Marshall (OH, 5-11)**FIU (32-4, 17-0 Sun Belt Conference)****2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A - Receiving Votes**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA Tournament Second Round**2009 Conference Finish:** Regular Season Champions**2009 RKPI:** 18**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3 + Libero/7**Top Returners:** Natalia Valentin (Sr., S, 5-8, 2009 AVCA Honorable Mention All-American), Jovana Bjelica (So., OH, 5-10, 2009 AVCA Honorable Mention All-American, Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Year)**Top Newcomers:** Jessica Gehrke (OH, 5-10), Una Trkulja (OH, 6-1)**Top Players Lost:** Yarimar Rosa (OH, 5-10, 2009 AVCA Honorable Mention All-American, Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year)**Other Teams that made the NCAA Tournament**

None reported

**Other Teams in the Region – Alphabetized****Alabama (8-22, 6-14, Southeastern Conference)****2009 Final National Ranking:** NR**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A**2009 Conference Finish:** 8th**2009 RKPI:** NR**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4+Libero/8**Top Returners:** Alyssa Meuth (Sr., RS, 6-0, 2009 All-SEC Second Team), Kelsey Anderson (Soph., L, 5-8, SEC Freshman of the Week – Sept. 28)**Top Newcomers:** Morgan Hendrix (MB/RS, 6-3), Brianne Vande Griend (OH, 6-0), Kelsey Melito (DS, 5-8), Molly Ahrens (MB, 6-3), Shelbi Goode (MB/OH, 6-2)**Top Players Lost:** Brooks Webster (OH, 6-0, 2008 AVCA Honorable Mention All-American, 2008 All-SEC First Team)**Arkansas State (22-11, 12-6, Sun Belt)****2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A**2009 Postseason Finish:** 1st Round Sun Belt Conference Championship**2009 Conference Finish:** T-1st West**2009 RKPI:** 148**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3/3

**Top Returners:** Cayla Fielder (Jr., MB, 6-1, 2009 All-SBC First Team), Taylor Coughlin (So., OH, 6-0), Kelsie Hodges (So., MB, 5-11)  
**Top Newcomers:** Megan Baska (Fr., DS/L, 5-9), Allison Kearney (So., S, 5-9), Jasmine Terry (So., OH, 6-1)  
**Top Players Lost:** Heather Bowman (DS-L, 2009 SBC Defensive Player of the Year)

**Auburn (16-15, 8-12 Southeastern Conference)**

**2009 Final Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 2nd SEC West

**2009 RKPI:** 81

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 6+Libero/13

**Top Returners:** Liz Crouch (Sr., L, 5-6), Sarah Bullock (So. OH, 5-10, 2009 SEC All-Freshman Team), Katherine Culwell (So., OH, 6-0)

**Top Newcomers:** Chelsea Wintzinger (S, 5-7), Margaret Clark (OH, 5-11)

**Top Players Lost:** Sara Shanks (S)

**Campbell (17-15, 10-10 Atlantic Sun)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** NR

**2009 Postseason Finish:** A-Sun Tournament Quarterfinals

**2009 Conference Finish:** 6th

**2009 RKPI:** NR

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5 / 1 + Libero

**Top Returners:** Caitlin Bendy (Sr., MB, 6-0), Allyson Goldbach (Sr., OH, 5-10), Hope Leatigaga (Jr., S, 5-7), Jordan Reaves (So., OH, 5-11, A-Sun All-Freshman), Emily Werner (Sr., OH, 5-9, NCCSIA All-State 1<sup>st</sup> Team)

**Top Newcomers:** Avery Anderson (Fr., S, 5-10), Kelsey Campbell (Jr., DS/L, 5-8), Lindsey Coats (Fr., MB, 6-0), Annie Kobeski (Jr., MB, 6-2), Kelsie Osato (Fr., DS, 5-8), Heather Wilson (Fr., S, 6-0)

**Top Players Lost:** Sarah Hill (Libero, 5-7), Ashley Weers (6-0, MB, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All A-Sun), Michelle White (5-10, MB)

**Denver (16-17, 11-7 Sun Belt Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 3<sup>rd</sup> West Division

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3/7

**Top Returners:** Kacie Wikierak (Sr., L, 5-7), Faimie Kingsley (So., MB, 5-9)

**Top Newcomers:** Colleen King (Fr., S/RS, 6-1), Julie Cawthra (Sr., S, 6-1)

**Top Players Lost:** Emmy Davidsmeyer (RS, All-SBC First Team), Clare Maxwell (S)

**East Tennessee State (11-18, 9-11 A-Sun)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 NCAA Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 7<sup>th</sup>

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5/10

**Top Returners:** Whitney Cogburn (Sr., S/RS, 5'8), Alysa Long (Sr., MB, 5'10), McKayla Barber (Jr., MB, 5'10)

**Top Newcomers:** Kiley Tamblyn (Jr., L, 5'3), Megan Devine (Fr., OH, 5'11), Nicole DeVries (Fr., S, 5'9)

**Top Players Lost:** Amanda Youell (S, 6-0), Jen Neice (L, 5-7)

**Florida Atlantic (6-20, 4-13 Sun Belt)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish: N/A**

**2009 Conference Finish: 9<sup>th</sup>**

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners: 4 +libero/9**

**Top Returners:** Joanne Marras Tate (Sr., S, 6-0), Christina Wallinger (So., MB, 6-1), Cintia Nightingale (So., L, 5-4)

**Top Newcomers:** Name (Yr., Pos, Ht)

**Top Players Lost:** Krystena Castro, MB, Kristyna Dzmuranova MB

**Florida Gulf Coast (18-13, 15-5 Atlantic Sun Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** 2009 A-Sun Runner-up

**2009 Conference Finish:** Third

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3 + libero/11

**Top Returners:** Jacqueline Cowden (Sr., MB, 6-2), Jelena Simic (Sr., OH, 5-10, 2009 first team All-Atlantic Sun and 2009 A-Sun All-Tournament Team), Emma Racila (Sr., OH/OPP, 6-1) Holly Youngquist (Jr., L, 5-6)

**Top Newcomers:** Camil Dominguez (S, Fr.), Alisha Hoffman (S, Jr.), Chelsea Lyles (MB, Sr.), Adrienne McNally (OH/M, Sr.), Ashley Noble (MH, Fr.)

**Top Players Lost:** Ashley Yance (MB, 6-2), Anna Wagner (OH/OPP, 6-0), Chandra Lefever (S, 5-9, 2009 second team All-Atlantic Sun and 2009 A-Sun All-Tournament Team)

**Furman (26-4, 16-0 Southern Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 1st - South Division

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5/9

**Top Returners:** Name (Yr., Pos, Ht, Postseason Honors)

Caroline Adams (So., MB, 6-0, 2009 SoCon Freshman of the Year, 2009 All-SoCon First Team, 2009 All-SoCon Freshman Team)), Chandler Ambrester (So, OH, 6-0, 2009 All-SoCon Freshman Team), Natalie Braun (So, OH, 5-8, 2009 All-SoCon Freshman Team, Kelly Kirby (Jr., RS/S, 6-0, 2009 All-SoCon Second Team), Alexis Shaffer (Jr. MB, 6-2, 2009 All-SoCon Second Team)

**Top Newcomers:** Name (Yr., Pos, Ht)

Christina Dorismond (Fr., MB, 5-10), Amanda Komisarow (Fr., MB, 5-11), Sarah McCarthy (Fr., S, 5-8), Elle Ross (Fr., L/DS, 5-6)

**Top Players Lost:** Name (Pos., Honors)

Kelsey Salava (S, 2009 SoCon Player of the Year, 2009 All-SoCon First Team), Stephanie Smith (L/DS, 2009 SoCon All-Tournament Team)

**Georgia (17-14, 8-12 SEC)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a

**2009 Postseason Finish:** n/a

**2009 Conference Finish:** Tied 5th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 6 + Libero/8

**Top Returners:** Erika Clark (Sr., OH, 5-9), Valentina Gonzalez (Sr., MH, 6-0, 2009 All-SEC Second Team), Kathleen Gates (Jr., S, 5-10), Ann Dylla (Jr., MH, 6-1), Briana Bahr (RSo., OPP, 6-2, 2009 Freshman SEC Team), Carla Tietz (Jr., DS/L, 5-9)

**Top Newcomers:** Brittany Northcutt (Fr., OH, 6-2), Alisha Laing (Fr., S/DS, 5-6), Stacey Smith (Fr., MH, 6-4), Allison Summers (Fr., OH/DS, 5-8)

**Top Players Lost:** n/a

**Jacksonville (19-9, 15-5, Atlantic Sun)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 2nd

**2009 RKPI:** N/A

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5/8

**Top Returners:** Kathryn Kane (Jr., OH, 5-11), Brittany Lehman (Sr., OH/MB, 5-11), Alison Loeppky (So., MB, 6-1, A-Sun All-Freshman Team), Hannah Munneke (Sr., S, 5-8), Aidan Yeager (Sr., OH, 6-3)

**Top Newcomers:** Nadia Booker (Fr., OH/MB, 6-0), Kendall Courtney (Fr., S, 5-8), Niatha Cullen (Fr., OH, 5-10), Kylie Jacob (Fr., MB, 6-0), Jenell Larsen (Fr., OH, 6-0), Taylor Nyquist (Fr., OH, 6-0), Alyssa Robertson (Fr., OH/MB, 6-0)

**Top Players Lost:** Nikki Kent (MB, 2009 A-Sun Second Team All-Conference), Brooke Singleton (OH, 2009 A-Sun First Team All-Conference), Shelley Walroth (LIB, 2009 A-Sun First Team All-Conference, 2009 A-Sun Defensive Player of the Year, 2009 AVCA Libero of the Year Honorable Mention)

#### **Louisiana at Lafayette (9-24, 3-15 Sun Belt)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a

**2009 Postseason Finish:** n/a

**2009 Conference Finish:** 6<sup>th</sup>, Sun Belt West

**2009 RKPI:** 272

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 2 + Libero/5

**Top Returners:** Lindsay Brown (Sr., L, 5-11), Mandi Gavin (So., S, 6-2), Caroline Dufrene (Sr., 6-2, MB)

**Top Newcomers:** Blair Claypoole (So., MB, 6-2), Brittany Searce (Fr., MB, 6-1), Lavinia Tataran (Fr., OH, 5-9)

**Top Players Lost:** Amie Goodwin (OH, 5-10), Kendra Hall (S, 5-8), Bethany Fogler (MB, 6-2), Ariel Krolikowski (OH, 5-9)

#### **Mississippi (10-20, 4-16 Southeastern Conference)**

**2009 Final Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 6<sup>th</sup> SEC West/12<sup>th</sup> Overall

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4 + Libero/10

**Top Returners:** Morgan Springer (Sr., L, 5-8)  
Regina Thomas (Jr., MB, 6-1)  
Emily Kvitle (Sr., S, 5-11)

**Top Newcomers:** Amanda Philpot (Soph., S, 5-8)  
Kiley Sherman (RS-Fr., OH, 6-0)

**Top Players Lost:** Caitlin Weiss (OH)  
Katie Norris (OH)  
Marielle Oestermeyer (S)

#### **Mississippi State (9-22, 5-15 Southeastern Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** NA

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NA

**2009 Conference Finish:** 5th in SEC West/t-9th overall

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4+libero / 9

**Top Returners:** Ashley Newsome (Sr., MB, 6-1), Caitlin Rance (Jr., OH/OPP, 6-0), Faith Steinwedell (Jr., OH/OPP, 6-2)

**Top Newcomers:** Iwa Belisario (Fr., DS/L, 5-3), Paris Perret (Fr., S., 5-10), Dani McCree (Fr., OH, 5-10)

**Top Players Lost:** Dorey Gray (S), Ioana Demian (OH)

#### **North Texas (12-21, 8-10 Sun Belt Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** NA

**2009 Postseason Finish:** First Round Sun Belt Conference Tournament

**2009 Conference Finish:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sun Belt West Division

**2009 RKPI:** 200

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3 / 8

**Top Returners:** Amy Huddleston (Sr., OH, 6-0), Rachele Wilson (So., MB, 6-0), Sarah Willey (Jr., DS/L, 5-8)

**Top Newcomers:** Kristin Petrasic (Sr., L/DS, 5-7), Shelley Morton (Jr., OH, 5-11), Ashlee Horvath (Fr., L/DS, 5-6)

**Top Players Lost:** Brittany Brown (6-3, MB)

#### **Samford (17-14, 11-4 Southern Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a (not in the top 25, can't find full rankings)

**2009 Postseason Finish:** Knocked out of the semifinals of the Southern Conference (four-team) tournament

**2009 Conference Finish:** 1<sup>st</sup> in the North Division

**2009 RKPI:** 147

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** Hillary Fountain, Rachel Gadberry, Samantha Bland, Casey Garvey, Allie Bettinger, Elizabeth Neisler, Shelby Brandon, Alexis Bauer, Alicia Roth

**Top Returners:** Allie Bettinger (So., OH, 6-0, SoCon All-Freshman Team), Elizabeth Neisler (So., OH, 6-1), Hillary Fountain (Sr., S, 5-9), Alexis Bauer (So., L, 5-4)

**Top Newcomers:** Katie Murphy (Fr., MB, 6-2), Lyndsey Holt (RS Fr., OH, 6-1)

**Top Players Lost:** Sheriden Stangohr (MB, First All-SoCon, SoCon November Player of the Month)

#### **South Alabama (11-19, 2-15 Sun Belt)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** Sixth in the East Division

**2009 RPKI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3 + Libero/9

**Top Returners:** Juliana Almeida (Sr., OH, 5-10), Samia Salomao (Jr., OH, 5-10), Olivia Mohler (So., RS, 6-2), Kari Frazier (Sr., L/DS, 5-9)

**Top Newcomers:** Katariina Kananen (R-Fr., S, 5-9), Val Podczasy (So., OH, 5-9), Torandria Jones (Fr., MB, 5-9), Jessica Lewis (Fr., MB, 5-9)

**Top Player Lost:** Hristina Markova (OH/RS)

#### **South Carolina (14-16, 5-15 Southeastern [SEC])**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 5<sup>th</sup> SEC East

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3/8

**Top Returners:** Hannah Lawing (Sr., DS/OH, 5-9), Megan Laughlin (Sr., MB/OH, 6-2), Taylor Bruns (So., S, 5-11)

**Top Newcomers:** Cara Howley (Fr., OH, 6-0), Frankie Vain (Fr., MB, 6-0), Paige Wheeler (Fr., DS, 5-7)

**Top Players Lost:** Ivana Kujundzic (OH, 2008 AVCA All-South Region Honorable Mention), Sarah Cline (L, 2009 2<sup>nd</sup> Team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America), Bridget Denson-Dorman (S, 2008 AVCA All-South Region)

#### **UALR (16-14, 10-8, Sun Belt)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** n/a

**2009 Postseason Finish:** n/a

**2009 Conference Finish:** 3<sup>rd</sup> West Division

**2009 RKPI:** 170

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 2+Libero/6

**Top Returners:** Kristi Block (Jr., OH, 5-11), Paige Gantar (So., MB, 6-1), Emily Pepperman (So., L, 5-6), Jennifer Elbert (Sr., DS, 5-6)

**Top Newcomers:** Brittany Habing (Fr., S, 5-8), Jordan Erz (Fr., MB/RS, 6-2), Rinata Aisena (Fr., MB/RS, 6-3)

**Top Players Lost:** Anita Bucur (RS/OPP, 6-3, 2009 First Team All-Sun Belt), Giuliana De Franceso (S, 5-11, 2009 Second Team All-Sun Belt)

**UNC Greensboro (17-14, 9-7 Southern Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** t-6th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4/7

**Top Returners:** Caley Redden (R-Sr., OH, 5-10, N/A); Billi Baker (Sr., OPP, 5-10, N/A)

**Top Newcomers:** Sarah Eldridge (Jr., S, 5-8); Kellie Orewiler (Fr., L, 5-6); Karrian Chambers (Fr., OH, 5-9)

**Top Players Lost:** Catherine Hanners (S, 2009 SoCon Libero of the Year)

## **WEST REGION**

### **Top 25 (and Receiving Votes)**

**Hawai'i (32-3, 16-0 WAC)**

**2009 Final AVCA Ranking:** 3rd

**2009 NCAA Postseason Finish:** NCAA Semifinalist

**2009 Conference Finish:** 1st

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 3+libero/7

**Top Returners:** Kanani Danielson (OH, 5-10, Jr., AVCA First-Team All-America); Dani Mafua (S, 5-10, Sr., AVCA Honorable Mention All-America); Brittany Hewitt (M, 6-4, So., WAC Freshman of the Year), Elizabeth Ka'aihue (L, 5-8, Sr., Second Team All-WAC)

**Top Newcomers:** Michelle Waber (OH, 6-3, Fr.), Mita Uiato (S, 5-8, Fr.), Emily Hartong (M, 6-1, Fr.), Kaela Goodman (OH, 6-1, Fr.)

**Top Players Lost:** Aneli Cubi-Otineru (OH, 5-11, AVCA Third Team All-America); Amber Kaufman (M, 6-0, AVCA Honorable Mention All-America); Stephanie Ferrell (OH, 6-1, Second Team All-WAC)

**Colorado State (25-6, 15-1 Mountain West Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** 17

**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA Regional Semifinals

**2009 Conference Finish:** 1<sup>st</sup>

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5/10

**Top Returners:** Danielle Minch (OH, 6-2, Sr., AVCA all-West region; MWC Player of the Year); Megan Plourde (MB, 6-3, RS-So., AVCA all-West region); Evan Sanders (S, 6-0, So., all-Mountain West Conference); Jacque Davisson (OH, 5-11, Sr.); Dana Cranston (OH, 6-3, So.)

**Top Newcomers:** Kelsey Snider (MB, 6-1, Fr.); Marlee Reynolds (OH, 6-2, Fr.); Katie Rutherford (S, 6-1, Fr.); Deedra Foss (S, 5-9, Fr.); Samantha Peters (MB, 6-1, So.)

**Top Players Lost:** Katelin Batten (L, 5-5, AVCA all-West region, MWC Libero of the Year); Tessa Nelson (6-3, MB, All-Mountain West Conference, 2009 MWC preseason Player of the Year, All-tournament team at NCAA Minneapolis Regional)

**New Mexico State (20-9, 13-3 WAC)****2009 Final National Ranking:** RV**2009 Postseason Finish:** NA (second in WAC Tournament)**2009 Conference Finish:** 2nd**2009 RKPI:****Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4/6

Top Returners: Jennah DeVries (Jr., setter, 5-8, 1st team All-WAC. All-American (HM)), Kelsey Brennan (Jr., MH, 6-2, 1st team All-WAC), Kayleigh Giddens (Sr., OH, 6-0, 1st team All-WAC)

**Top Newcomers:** Rocio Gutierrez (Fr., OH/DS, 5-9), Deirdre Pajarez (Fr., MH, 6-1)**Top Players Lost:** Krista Altermatt (OH, two-time All-WAC selection), Erin Birmingham (MB, 2009 second team All-WAC)**UC Santa Barbara (22-8, 11-5 Big West)****2009 Final National Ranking:** Receiving Votes**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA Tournament First Round**2009 Conference Finish:** 2nd**2009 RKPI:****Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4 + Libero/10

Top Returners: Dana Vargas (Sr., S, 5-7, 2009 AVCA All-America Honorable Mention; 2009 AVCA All-West Region First Team; 2009 All-Big West First Team); Stacey Schmidt (Jr., Opp/MB; 6-2; 2009 All-Big West First Team); Lily Lopez (Jr.; MB; 6-1; 2008 All-Big West Freshman Team); Chelsey Lowe (Jr.; Libero; 5-10)

**Top Newcomers:** Katey Thompson (Fr., Opp; 6-1); Jenna Wilson (Fr.; OH/Opp; 6-2)**Top Players Lost:** Rebecca Saraceno (OH; 2009 AVCA All-America Honorable Mention; 2009 AVCA All-West Region First Team; 2009 All-Big West First Team)**Other Teams that made the NCAA Tournament****New Mexico (20-10, 10-6 Mountain West)****2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA First Round**2009 Conference Finish:** 3rd**2009 RKPI:** 44 (42 adjusted)**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5 + Libero/9

Top Returners: Taylor Hadfield (Sr., MB, 6-1, 2009 AVCA honorable mention All-American), Jade Michaelsen (Sr., S, 6-0, 2009 All-MWC), Lisa Meeter (Sr., OH, 5-11)

**Top Newcomers:** Juliane Hanna (Fr., OH, 5-10), Lexi Ross (Fr., MB, 6-2)**Top Players Lost:** Rose Morris (OH, 2009 All-MWC), Anna Lehne (MB)**TCU (27-7, 13-3 Mountain West Conference)****2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A**2009 Postseason Finish:** NCAA Second Round**2009 Conference Finish:** 2nd place**2009 RKPI:****Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4/10

Top Returners: Christy Hudson (Sr., RS, 6-2, Honorable Mention All-American) Megan Munce (Jr., S, 5-8, Honorable Mention All-American) Irene Hester (Sr., OH, 6-0) Kristen Hester (Jr., MB, 6-1)

**Top Newcomers:** Jordan Raines (Jr., OH, 6-0)

Yvonne Igodan (Fr., MB, 6-2)

Maddy Riggio (Fr., DS, 5-8)

**Top Players Lost:** Katelyn Blackwood (L)

Kourtney Edwards (MB, Honorable Mention All-American) Lauren Otto (OH)

**Other Teams in the Region – Alphabetized**

**Boise State (8-22, 7-9, Western Athletic Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 3rd

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5 + libero/9

**Top Returners:** Breann Nesselhuf (Jr., S, 5-9, 2009 WAC All-Tournament Team, 2009 All-WAC Second Team), Alisha Young (Sr., MB, 6-3, 2009 All-WAC Second Team), Sadie Maughan (Sr., MB, 6-4, 2009 All-WAC Second Team), Liz Harden (So., OH, 6-1, 2009 WAC All-Freshman Team)

**Top Newcomers:** Darlene Nwagbuo (Jr.-Tr., MB, 6-0), Fiona Jones (So., OH, 5-9), Brittany Reardon (Fr., MB, 6-1)

**Top Players Lost:** Kati Lewis (DS, 5-8, All-WAC Academic Team), Jeanene Rose (L/DS, 5-8, All-WAC Academic Team)

**Brigham Young (15-14, 9-7, Mountain West)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 5th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5/7

**Top Returners:** Christie Carpenter (Jr., OH, 6-1), Christina Measom (Sr., MB, 6-0), Camilla Phillips (Sr., RS, 5-11), Kiana Rogers (Sr., S, 5-11), Nicole Warner (So., MB, 6-0)

**Top Newcomers:** Jennifer Hamson (Fr., RS, 6-6), Taeja Afalava (Fr., OH, 5-11)

**Top Players Lost:** Kayla Walker (RS, All-MWC), Morgan Lloyd Sorensen (L/DS)

**Cal Poly (9-20, 5-11 Big West Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** NR

**2009 Postseason Finish:** Not selected

**2009 Conference Finish:** 7th

**2009 RKPI:** NR

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 6 + Libero/10

**Top Returners:** Dominique Olowolafe (Sr., MB, 6-1, 2009 All-Big West Conference first team), Megan McConnell (So., OH, 6-1, 2009 All-Big West honorable mention, Big West All-Freshman team), Jennifer Keddy (So., MB, 6-3, 2009 Big West All-Freshman team)

**Top Newcomers:** Kristina Graven (OH, 6-0), Katie Ryan (S, 5-8), Rachel Nelson (L, 5-8), Kate Walters (S, 5-8).

**Top Players Lost:** None

**Nevada (11-20, 7-9 Western Athletic Conference)**

**2009 Final National Poll Ranking:** na

**2009 NCAA Postseason Finish:** na

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-4th, WAC

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5+libero/10

**2009 RKPI:**

**Top Returners:** Kylie Harrington (Sr., OH, 5-10, All-WAC), Lindsay Baldwin (Sr., MB, 6-1, Second-team All-WAC), Nicole Link (Sr., L, 5-8), Erin Garvey (Jr., OH/RS, 6-0), Brittani Yates (Jr., MB, 6-1), Elissa Ji (So., OH, 5-10, WAC Freshman Team), Tatiana Santiago (Jr., S, 5-6)

**Top Newcomers:** Grace Anxo (OH/RS, 5-10), Sofia Anxo (OH, 5-10), Dana Holt (S, 5-10)

**Top Players Lost:** Sonnie Sei (S, 5-10)

**Pacific (17-11, 7-9, Big West Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 6th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 2/5

**Top Returners:** Svenja Engelhardt (Sr., OH, 5-11, First Team All-Big West), Rebekah Torres (Jr., OH/Opp, 5-10)

**Top Newcomers:** Hannah Clancy (So., S, 6-0), Jennifer Sanders (Fr., MB, 6-3), Koala Matsuoka (So., L, 5-2)

**Top Players Lost:** Mallori Gibson (OH, First Team All-Big West), Natalia Tomaszewska (MB, Honorable Mention All-Big West)

### **San Diego State (14-15, 7-9 Mountain West)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 6th

**2009 RKPI:** (unknown)

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4 + Libero/7

**Top Returners:** Lauren Salisbury (Sr., MB, 6-1, All-MWC), Andrea Hannasch (So., MB, 6-2), Kiley Sexton (Jr., OH, 6-0), Paije Pearson (Jr., OH, 6-0), Kristi Jackels (So., L, 5-6)

**Top Newcomers:** Jessica Peacock (Jr., RS, 6-1), Oni Lattin (Fr., MB, 6-1), Johnna Fouch (Fr., S, 5-10), Summer Nash (Fr., OH, 6-1)

**Top Players Lost:** Lauren Van Orden (S), Hannah Evans (OH)

### **San Jose State University (1-27, 1-15, Western Athletic)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 9th

**2009 RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 5/9

**Top Returners:** Alex Akana (So., MB, 6-0, WAC All-Freshman Team)

Caitlin Andrade (So., S, 5-9, WAC All-Freshman Team)

Kylie Miraldi (JR, MB, 6-1)

**Top Newcomers:** Hannah Blume (FR, LS, 6-0)

Sarah Griest (FR, OH, 6-0)

**Top Players Lost:** Kristal Tsukano (L/OH)

Thao Pham (DS)

### **UC Riverside (6-21, 3-13 Big West)**

**National Ranking:** N/A

**Postseason Finish:** N/A

**Conference Finish:** 9th

**RKPI:**

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 2/7

**Top Returners:** Shelby LeDuff (So., OH, 5-11), Bianca Endersby (So., MB, 6-1), Kelly Simpson (Sr., OH, 6-1)

**Top Newcomers:** unknown at this time

**Top Players Lost:** Dominique Cowling (OH, 5-8, 2009 All-Big West Honorable Mention), Brittney Murrey (S, 5-11, 2009 All-Big West Honorable Mention)

### **Utah (17-12, 10-6 Mountain West)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** T-3rd

**2009 RKPI:** 63

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners:** 4+libero/2

**Top Returners: Name** Karolina Bartkowiak (Sr., OPP, 6-2, 2009 West Region Honorable Mention, All-MWC 2008 and 2009)

Keisha Fisher (Sr., L, 5-7, N/A)

Sarah Hibbert-Collette (Jr., OH, 6-1, N/A)

Danielle Killpack (Jr., MB, 6-3, Led MWC in blocking in 2009)

Abby Simmons (Jr., S, 6-0, N/A)

**Top Newcomers:** Nikki Sim (Fr., L, 5-7)

Brooke McAlister (R-Fr., OH, 6-0)

Morgan Odale (Fr., OH, 6-1)

Charlee Dyroff (Fr., L, 5-6)

Erin Redd (Fr., MB/OH, 6-2)

Yiting Cao (Jr., OPP/OH, 6-0)

**Top Players Lost:** Chelsey Sandberg (MB, All-MWC)

Cinthia Silva (OH, N/A)

### **Utah State (15-14, 6-10 WAC)**

**2009 Final National Ranking** - NA

**2009 Postseason Finish** - NA

**2009 Conference Finish** - 7th

**2009 RKPI** -

**Returning Starters/Letterwinners** - 6+ libero/10

**Top Returners** - Katie Astle (Sr., MB, 6-1, 2008 Second-Team All-WAC); Chelsea Fowles (Sr., S, 5-9, 2008 Second-Team All-WAC); Emily Kortsen (Jr., OPP, 6-1, 2008 WAC All-Freshman Team); Liz McArthur (Jr., OH, 6-1, 2009 Second-Team All-WAC); Christine Morrill (Sr., LIB, 5-7, 2008 Second-Team All-WAC).

**Top Newcomers** - Jamaica Alisa (OPP, 5-10); Tumua Etimani (OH, 5-10); Paige Neves (S, 5-9)

**Top Players Lost** - Danielle Taylor (MB, 6-1, 2007 Second-Team All-WAC)

### **Wyoming (13-18 overall, 3-13 Mountain West Conference)**

**2009 Final National Ranking:** N/A

**2009 Postseason Finish:** N/A

**2009 Conference Finish:** 8<sup>th</sup>

**Starters Returning/Letterwinners:** 6/8

**2009 RKPI:**

**Top Returners:** Jodi Purdy (So., OH, 5-11, MWC Freshman of the Year), JennaRae Jester (Sr., MB, 6-2), Lauren Whitney (Sr., OH, 5-11), Dani Bedore (Sr., OPP, 5-9)

**Top Newcomers:** Tamara Kitic (RS, 6-4), Rachel Keyes (S/LIB, 5-7), Becky Stewart (LIB, 5-7), Erin Kirby (MB/OPP, 6-0)

**Top Players Lost:** Jessica Kagarise (LIB, 5-6)

## **UNASSIGNED REGION**

### **Top 25 (and Receiving Votes)**

### **Other Teams that made the NCAA Tournament**

### **Other Teams in the Region – Alphabetized**

#### **South Dakota (13-17, 6-6, Great West)**

2009 Final National Ranking: NA

2009 Postseason Finish: NA

2009 Conference Finish: 4th

Returning Starters/Letterwinners: 3 +libero/3

Top Returners: Kristin Kritenbrink (Sr., OH, 6-1, All-Great West 2<sup>nd</sup> Team in 2009)

Tahnee Reed (Jr., MB, 6-1, led team in hitting percentage)

Kim Bulaga (So., OH, 6-1)

Jill Fields (So., L/DS, 5-3, 2<sup>nd</sup> on team in digs last year))

Top Newcomers:

Carol Logato (Jr., OH, 5-7)

Victoria Kroll (Fr., S, 6-0)

Natalie Walseth (Fr., MB, 6-2)

Emily Olsen (Fr., OH, 6-0)

Amber Aschoff (Fr., OH, 6-1)

Top Players Lost: Name (Pos., Honors)

Bailey Reshel (OH, All-Great West 2<sup>nd</sup> team, GWC Newcomer of the Year, All-GWC Newcomer team)

Mallory Mork (DS, All-GWC Newcomer team)

Jenna Hatfield (MB, All-Great West Tournament Team)

Gina Baldwin (S, 2<sup>nd</sup> all-time in set assists in USD history)

## **Conference Preseason Polls**

### **Atlantic 10**

1. Dayton
2. St. Louis
3. George Washington
4. Xavier
5. Temple
6. Charlotte
7. Duquesne
8. Rhode Island
9. Fordham
10. La Salle

### **Big South Conference**

1. Coastal Carolina (4) 74
2. Liberty (2) 71
3. Winthrop (2) 62
4. High Point (1) 51
5. UNC Asheville 44
6. Charleston Southern 36
7. Presbyterian College 32
8. Gardner-Webb 20
9. Radford 13

### **Big West Conference**

1. Long Beach State (7) 79
2. UC Irvine (1) 68
3. UC Santa Barbara (1) 65
4. Cal State Fullerton 47
5. Cal Poly 45
- UC Davis 45
7. Pacific 28

8. Cal State Northridge 14  
UC Riverside 14

### **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference**

#### Northern Division

1. Maryland Eastern Shore (20) 258
2. Delaware State (2) 198
3. Morgan State 166
4. Howard 151
5. Hampton 148
6. Coppin State 113

#### Southern Division

1. Florida A&M (18) 251
2. Bethune-Cookman (2) 189
3. South Carolina State (2) 186
4. Norfolk State 161
5. North Carolina A&T 143

### **Ohio Valley Conference**

1. Morehead State (11) 153
2. Jacksonville State (9) 139
3. Murray State 133
4. Eastern Kentucky 105
5. Tennessee Tech 99
6. Austin Peay 93
7. Southeast Missouri 65
8. Eastern Illinois 41
9. Tennessee State 39
10. UT Martin 33

### **Western Athletic Conference**

1. Hawai'i (8) 64
2. New Mexico State (1) 57
3. Fresno State 44
4. Utah State 38
5. Boise State 35
6. Idaho 32
7. Nevada 30
8. Louisiana Tech 15
9. San Jose State 9