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## **MaxPreps/AVCA HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

### **Ohio**

***Sara Carroll – Cincinnati Christian  
Sophomore, Middle Blocker, 5-10 – Fairfield, Ohio***

Sara Carroll, a sophomore middle blocker for Cincinnati Christian High School in Fairfield, Ohio, has been named the MaxPreps/AVCA Ohio High School volleyball Player of the Week. She earned the award after playing an integral part in the Cougars' 19-1 record to date, with their only loss of the campaign coming on October 13 against Hamilton. Through four games last week, Jinks swatted 14 kills, for an average of 3.5 kills per game. She also added four blocks, two aces and one assist, as well as eight digs (1.6 dpg) as a part of Cincinnati Christian's front line offensive arsenal. The Cougars are coached by Sharon Long.

### **Michigan**

***Ashley Vernier – Cabrini  
Junior, Setter, 5-6 – Allen Park, Mich.***

Ashley Vernier, a junior setter from Cabrini High School in Allen Park, Mich., has been named the MaxPreps/AVCA Michigan High School volleyball Player of the Week. Vernier picked up the honor after helping her Monarchs squad to a 22-10 record to date, including earning victories in five of their last seven outings. Through five games last week, the 5'6" quarterback of the court totaled 45 assists for an average of 9.0 assists per game, while the Monarch attack corps. hit a .350 clip under her direction. In addition, Vernier served up nine aces to go along with two kills and six digs (1.2 dpg). Cabrini is coached by Cheryl Szczodrowski.

### **California**

***Allie Hammer – San Clemente  
Senior, Setter, 5-10 – San Clemente, Calif.***

Allie Hammer, a senior setter for San Clemente High School in San Clemente, Calif., has been named the MaxPreps/AVCA California High School volleyball Player of the Week. She earned the honor after leading the Tritons to a 16-4 record to date, including six consecutive victories and wins in eight of their last nine contests. Through her last seven games, Hammer has dished out 90 assists, to average 12.9 helpers per game, while the San Clemente offensive arsenal hit a .267 clip under her command. Additionally, Hammer racked up four service aces, two block and four kills, while digging up 27 balls for an average of 3.9 digs per game. San Clemente is coached by Rob O'Rear.

### **Arizona**

***Jeni Romney – Thatcher  
Junior, Outside hitter – Thatcher, Ariz.***

Jeni Romney, a junior outside hitter for Thatcher High School in Thatcher, Ariz., has been named the MaxPreps/AVCA Arizona High School volleyball Player of the Week. She earned the award for her strong play in leading the Eagles to a 14-3 record thus far in the season, including capturing victories in five of their last seven outings. Through her last eight games, Romney has smacked 34 kills, to average 4.3 kills per game during that span. In addition, the offensive fireplug notched two blocks, five service aces and two assists, while stepping up defensively as well, totaling 18 digs (2.3 dpg). Thatcher is coached by Krista Brown.

### **Colorado**

***Hannah Eberle – Ralston Valley  
Senior, Setter – Arvada, Colo.***

Hannah Eberle, a senior setter for Ralston Valley High School in Arvada, Colo., has been named the MaxPreps/AVCA Colorado High School volleyball Player of the Week. She earned the distinction for her

efforts in guiding the Mustangs to an 11-6 record to date. Despite a shaky start to the season, Ralston Valley has rattled off eight straight victories with Eberle as the team's quarterback. Through her last five games, Eberle has averaged 7.8 assists per game (39 total), while the Warrior attackers have hit a .302 clip during the span. In addition, Eberle notched five kills, while collecting 18 digs, to average 3.6 digs per game. Ralston Valley is coached by Lisa Nelson.

## **Florida**

### ***Ashlea Ballangee – Bayshore Christian Senior, Setter, 5-9 – Tampa, Fla.***

Ashlea Ballangee, a senior setter for Bayshore Christian High School in Tampa, Fla., has been named the MaxPreps/AVCA Florida High School volleyball Player of the Week. She earned the award for her strong play in leading the Warriors to a 20-4 record thus far in the season, including capturing seven straight victories and wins in 14 of their last 15 contests. Through her last nine games, Ballangee has racked up 95 assists to average 10.6 helpers per game, as well as guiding the Bayshore Christian hitters to a .302 attack percentage. The 5'9" floor general also shone defensively, racking up 10 blocks, six aces and 13 digs (1.5 dpg), while adding eight kills to fire the Warriors' attack. Bayshore Christian is coached by Melanie Humenansky.

## **Minnesota**

### ***Tia Gaffen – Wayzata Junior, Middle Blocker, 6-2 – Plymouth, Minn.***

Tia Gaffen, a junior middle blocker for Wayzata High School in Plymouth, Minn., has been named the MaxPreps/AVCA Minnesota High School volleyball Player of the Week. The 6'2" wall in the middle picked up the honor after leading the Trojans to a 19-7 record to date, including wins in nine of its last ten outings. Through her last four games, Gaffen has smashed 21 kills, to average 5.3 kills per game. She also recorded three blocks from her middle position and chipped in one assist and four digs during the span. Wayzata is coached by Scott Jackson.

## **New York**

### ***Katie McConville – Haldane Senior, Opposite, 5-9 – Cold Spring, N.Y.***

Katie McConville, a senior opposite side hitter for Haldane High School in Cold Spring, N.Y., has been named the MaxPreps/AVCA New York High School volleyball Player of the Week. She earned the award for her key play in leading the Blue Devils to an impressive 26-1 record to date, including wins its last 14 outings. Through her last five games, McConville drilled 16 kills, to average 3.2 kills per game. Additionally, she served up seven aces and added four blocks, three assists and eight digs (1.6 dpg) for the Blue Devils. Haldane is coached by Joel Stanford.

## **Wisconsin**

### ***Christina Degroot – Kewaskum Freshman, Setter/Outside Hitter – Kewaskum, Wis.***

Christina Degroot, a freshman setter/outside hitter for Kewaskum High School in Kewaskum, Wis., has been named the MaxPreps/AVCA Wisconsin High School volleyball Player of the Week. The rookie picked up the honor after commanding her Indians squad to a 28-11 record to date, including victories in eight of its last ten contests. Through her last nine games, Degroot tallied 67 assists, to average 7.5 assists per outing, while leading the Kewaskum attacking unit to a .318 hitting percentage. She also slammed 17 kills (1.9 kpg), while recording 20 service aces, six blocks and 24 digs (2.7 dpg). Kewaskum is coached by Scott Schumann.

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