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

**South Region**

(Includes: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas)

***Nick Castillo***

**Archbishop McCarthy High School (Southwest Ranches, FL) 5 - 3  
Junior, MH,OH,RS**

**Week of March 2 – March 8, 2026: 8 Games Played**

**Stats**

**Kills: 47  
Kills/Game: 5.88  
Digs: 23  
Digs/Game: 2.88  
Receptions: 26  
Rcpt/Game: 3.25  
Aces: 1  
Blocks: 5**

***Samuel Zapata***

**Colonia High School (Orlando, FL) 3 - 3  
Senior, OH,MB**

**Week of March 2 – March 8, 2026: 13 Games Played**

**Stats**

**Kills: 81  
Kills/Game: 6.23  
Digs: 17  
Digs/Game: 1.31  
Receptions: 18  
Rcpt/Game: 1.39  
Aces: 5  
Blocks: 9**

## **West Region**

(Includes: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming)

### ***Michael Chavez***

Highland High School (Palmdale, CA) 3 - 1

6'2, Sophomore, OH

Week of March 2 – March 8, 2026: 12 Games Played

#### **Stats**

**Kills: 82**

**Kills/Game: 6.83**

**Digs: 42**

**Digs/Game: 3.50**

**Receptions: 32**

**Rcpt/Game: 2.67**

**Aces: 9**

**Blocks: 7**

### ***Ben Marquez***

Washington High School (Phoenix, AZ) 5 - 2

6'1, Junior, OH

Week of March 2 – March 8, 2026: 15 Games Played

#### **Stats**

**Kills: 93**

**Kills/Game: 6.20**

**Digs: 36**

**Digs/Game: 2.40**

**Receptions: 77**

**Rcpt/Game: 5.13**

**Aces: 11**

**Blocks: 3**

### ***Ashton Shewell***

Lehi High School (Lehi, UT) 5 - 1

6'4, Junior, OH

Week of March 2 – March 8, 2026: 19 Games Played

#### **Stats**

**Kills: 112**

**Kills/Game: 5.90**

**Digs: 57**

**Digs/Game: 3.00**

**Receptions: 123**

**Rcpt/Game: 6.47**

**Aces: 7**

**Blocks: 11**

***Ben Warner***

**Menlo-Atherton High School (Atherton, CA) 7 - 3**

**6'2, Senior, OH**

**Week of March 2 – March 8, 2026: 6 Games Played**

**Stats**

**Kills: 42**

**Kills/Game: 7.00**

**Digs: 12**

**Digs/Game: 2.00**

**Receptions: 18**

**Rcpt/Game: 3.00**

**Aces: 3**

**Blocks: 2**

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