

## 20 SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS TO WATCH

### KADY ANSCHUTZ, PRATT SKYLINE

Anschutz earned all-state honorable mention at setter for the Thunderbirds, who won 28 matches en route to a fourth-place finish in Class 1A-Division I. She was credited with 467 assists and led Skyline with 48 aces. The junior was Skyline's second leading blocker, and enters the 2021 season with dual roles as setter and right-side hitter.



*Kady Anschutz*



### ANNABETH BAALMANN, ANDALE

Andale coach Kaylie Bergkamp credits Baalman for her evolution as a setter in helping the Indians earn back-to-back second-place finishes in Class 4A. A state pole vault champion last spring, Baalman earned second-team all-state honors in volleyball, averaging 9.1 assists per set. "She has that winning mentality and does a lot of stuff behind the scenes that she doesn't get credit for," Bergkamp said.

*Annabeth Baalman*

## **BRETTE DOILE, MCPHERSON**

Doile has run the Bullpups' 5-1 offense the past two seasons after playing defensive specialist as a freshman. The senior setter's 937 assists ranked in the top five for all classes last season, and she had just eight errors in 340 serve attempts. Doile, an all-state honorable mention selection in 4A, can switch out of her primary role to serve receive, and provides McPherson with an additional option as a hitter.



*Brett Doile*



*Kenzie Dugan*

## **KENZIE DUGAN, BISHOP CARROLL**

Dugan, a 6-foot middle blocker, will also play outside hitter this season as Carroll coach Tammy Long looks to get her increased swings after the graduation losses of all-state players Ella Larkin, an LSU signee, and Riley Daugherty. Dugan hit .360 with 88 kills last season for the Golden Eagles, who finished third in 5A. A solid all-around player, she will be a team captain for her senior season.

## **MCKENZIE FAIRCHILD, ANDALE**

Fairchild, a junior, joined her older sister Katelyn on the All-Class 4A team last season as a middle blocker. With Katelyn off to Texas A&M on a track scholarship, McKenzie will move to the outside hitter spot for more offensive opportunities. She averaged four kills with a .351 hitting percentage last season as Andale posted a 37-4 record.



*McKenzie Fairchild*

## **SOPHIE HALL, ANDOVER**

Hall, a 6-foot junior, inherits a big leadership role for Trojans coach Holly Avalos, who lost three All-Ark Valley-Chisholm Trail Division II first-team performers off her 2020 team. A middle hitter last season, Hall will move outside after registering 132 kills in 308 hitting attempts as a sophomore. Avalos calls her "a great leader who is focused and has a super volleyball brain."



*Sophie Hall*



### **BROOKE HAMMOND, GARDEN PLAIN**

Garden Plain coach Gina Clark says an injury will delay the start of Hammond’s senior season, but look for the Emporia State commit to make an impact when she returns. Hammond earned All-Class 2A honorable mention and Central Plains League first-team honors after leading the Owls in kills with 330 (3.7 per set). She helped Garden Plain finish 29-8 and reach the state quarterfinals.

*Brooke Hammond*

### **PRESLI HARTS, PRATT SKYLINE**

Harts, a senior middle hitter, led Skyline with 332 kills and 70 total blocks to earn second-team all-state and Heart of the Plains first-team honors. She also hit at a .270 clip for the season. The Thunderbirds lost six seniors off last year’s team, which advanced to Class 1A-Division I’s final four with a four-set win at Flinthills. Harts’ experience will be important for this year’s team.



*Presli Harts*



### **AVA JONES, NICKERSON**

Jones, a junior who committed to Arizona State to play basketball in February, will provide a versatile option for Nickerson’s first-year head coach Payton Scheer. “While she is known for her hitting in the middle and left side, she is playing a lot of defense for us as well,” Scheer said. “She is playing middle back.” Jones averaged 4.3 kills per set on .242 hitting as Nickerson went 19-12 a year ago.

*Ava Jones*

### **TAMARA LOZOYA, ATTICA**

Lozoya’s versatility as a setter, outside hitter and middle blocker helped Attica post a 31-8 record and advance to the Class 1A-Division II championship match, where it lost to Hanover. Lozoya, a senior, contributed to the Bulldogs’ statistical balance with 285 assists (3.2 per set), 305 digs, 156 kills, 14 blocks and 36 aces on 248 attempts. She will set in Attica’s 6-2 rotation and hit on the left side and middle.



*Tamara Lozoya*

## GRACIE MORROW, MAIZE SOUTH

Morrow, a sophomore outside hitter, benefited from having one of the state's top setters in Laurel Jones last season, registering a team-high 263 kills as the Mavericks finished fourth in Class 5A. Jones has graduated, but Morrow, a second-team All-Ark Valley-Chisholm Trail Division I selection, helped Maize South post a 3-2 mark in the AVCTL's preseason tournament with 38 kills and a .361 hitting percentage.



*Gracie Morrow*



*Gracie Rains*

## GRACIE RAINS, NEWTON

Rains, a senior outside hitter, is one of four returning starters for Newton, which finished 23-12 last season and reached the Class 5A quarterfinals. She earned second-team All-Ark Valley-Chisholm Trail Division I honors in 2020, tallying 271 kills. In four matches to start the 2021 season, Rains hit .301 with 35 kills as the Railers posted victories over Goddard, Garden City and Derby.

## SAMANTHA RAMSEY, HUTCHINSON CENTRAL CHRISTIAN

Ramsey landed a spot on the All-Class 1A-Division II second team as an outside hitter last season after posting a team-high 139 kills for the Cougars. The 5-foot-11 senior also had 41 aces and 22 blocks for Central Christian, which won a state quarterfinal match at Marmaton Valley on the way to a 20-11 record and third-place finish in 1A-II.



*Samantha Ramsey*  
(Photo courtesy Sandra  
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*Abby Rose*

## ABBY ROSE, SMOKY VALLEY

Rose, a senior middle hitter, earned Kansas Volleyball Association Class 3A player of the year honors last season. She led Smoky Valley to a 34-4 record and a three-set, second-place finish to Sabetha at state. Playing all six rotations, she totaled 306 kills with a .388 hitting percentage, 108 blocks, 175 digs and 36 aces. Rose's 43 kills in six matches helped the Vikings win the Central Kansas League preseason tournament on Aug. 28.



*Sammie Saunders*

### **SAMMIE SAUNDERS, HILLSBORO**

Saunders, a senior, played exclusively on the front row for Hillsboro last season, but will play all around the court in 2021. She was second on the team in kills (220) and aces (40) as a junior, and Hillsboro coach Sandy Arnold said the Trojans will need her passing and defending in addition to her front-line presence. Saunders helped the Trojans finish fourth in 2A a year ago.

### **MADDIE SCHRANDT, ANDALE**

Schrandt, a 5-foot-10 junior, was an All-Class 4A second-team choice and All Ark Valley-Chisholm Trail Division IV first team at outside hitter last season for the Indians. She averaged 2.1 kills and 2.9 digs per set, and hit .206. Her 196 kills were third on the team. “She’s going to hit different shots,” Andale coach Kaylie Bergkamp said. “She has a lot of court awareness and is the best passer in our gym.”

*Maddie Schrandt*



*Caiya Stucky*

### **CAIYA STUCKY, WICHITA NORTHWEST**

Stucky, a 6-foot-2 senior, helped Northwest post a 12-2 record in an abbreviated 2020 season in which the Grizzlies’ non-league matches and those against Greater Wichita Athletic League foes Bishop Carroll and Kapaun Mount Carmel were canceled due to COVID-19. The all-league setter and middle hitter registered double-digit kills in four matches, averaging 2.3 kills and 3.6 assists per set with a .227 hitting percentage.

### **RHIAN SWANSON, MCPHERSON**

The 6-foot-1 Swanson earned Class 4A all-state honors and her second straight Ark Valley-Chisholm Trail Division III MVP honor last season after helping the Bullpups earn a fourth-place finish at state. She averaged 6.62 kills per set, and her 596 kills were tops among all numbers gathered by the Kansas Volleyball Association. A University of Kansas commit, Swanson is a four-year starter at outside hitter.



*Rhian Swanson*



*Brooke Wewe*

### **BROOKE WEWE, CHENEY**

Wewe has been a steady performer at setter the last two seasons, earning All-Class 3A second-team honors each year. After averaging 6.1 assists per set as a sophomore, she upped that total to 6.6 while maintaining 96 percent service accuracy. Wewe registered 46 aces as Cheney finished 28-4 a year ago. Coach Sara Walkup refers to Wewe as “our offensive quarterback at the setting position.”

### **AUBREY YOUNG, PRETTY PRAIRIE**

Young, a senior setter and outside hitter, helped Pretty Prairie post a 23-6 record with 451 assists and 49 aces. She was named to the All-Class 1A-Division I second team. Her court awareness and leadership helped the Bulldogs win 22 of their first 25 matches before they were upset in the sub-state semifinals by host Little River.



*Aubrey Young*