

FIRST TEAM

KAYLEE COX OH, Flower Mound, Jr.

One of the top juniors in the state, Cox impressed once again in 2019 as the leading hitter for a Flower Mound team that spent the back half of the regular season ranked No. 1 in Class 6A. Cox had plenty to do with that, totaling 573 kills, 55 blocks, 37 aces and 444 digs for the 6-6A champions. Named District MVP and all-state by the Texas Girls Coaches Association, Cox led the Lady Jaguars to the regional quarterfinals.



IMAN NDIAYE OH, Plano West, Sr.

When Ndiaye was in a groove, there wasn't much of an answer. The UCLA commit and 9-6A Offensive Player of the Year hammered down 465 kills on a staggering .346 hitting percentage for a West club that qualified for the state title match for the first time in program history. Although the Lady Wolves fell short, it wasn't for a lack of effort by Ndiaye, who had 28 kills in each of West's two state tournament matches.



CHLOE THOMAS MB, Allen, Jr.

From last place in 2018 to qualifying for the playoffs this year, the Lady Eagles' resurgent 2019 was spearheaded by a dominant year in the middle by Thomas. An all-state selection by the Texas Girls Coaches Association who doubled as the 9-6A Blocker of the Year, Thomas rejected 138 shots on top of 223 kills — both team-high marks — in helping Allen to the bi-district round of the playoffs.



AVERI CARLSON S, Lovejoy, Soph.

The engine to a dynamic Lovejoy offense, Carlson continues to play well beyond her years, despite having played only half of her high school career. The Lady Leopards' prized setter led her team in both assists (1,327) and aces (55) on top of 68 blocks and 340 digs — both of which were top three among her teammates — and 107 kills for the Class 5A state champions.



HALLIE COLLETT L, McKinney North, Jr.

Despite playing all over the court for McKinney North, Collett was at her best when playing defense, where she racked up an eye-popping 782 digs on the season. After leading her district in digs and playing a key role in North's turnaround season, Collett was named to the 10-5A all-district team and can now add being named to the 2019 Star Local Media all-area volleyball team to her growing list of accomplishments.



ALICIA HEARN MH/OH, Sachse, Sr.

Hearn was a staple in the Mustang offense since the day she stepped foot on campus and is a four-time first-team all-district honoree. This past season, she helped Sachse to a 43-8 record and a trip to the regional quarterfinals by recording a team-high 501 kills. Hearn, who signed to play at Florida Atlantic next year, did much more than just attack, though, as she showed her versatility by registering 188 digs, 50 blocks and 19 aces.



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SECOND TEAM

SYDNEY STROH OH, Frisco Wakeland, Sr.

Another year and another postseason appearance for the Wakeland volleyball team in 2019. This year's group, which compiled a 12-6 district record, was spearheaded by a senior-laden group which racked up valuable playoff experience the year before. One of those star seniors was Stroh, who paced the Lady Wolverines with 433 kills and also left her mark on the defensive end with 406 digs as well.



SAMI JACOBS OH, Prosper, Jr.

Prosper has been one of the top volleyball programs in the state over the last decade, regardless of classification, and the next wave of elite Lady Eagles is led by Jacobs. Four different Prosper players recorded at least 200 kills this past season on a team that finished 11-1 in district play, and the one that led the way was Jacobs with 360.



NNEDI OKAMMOR MB, Hebron, Sr.

The 6-6A Blocker of the Year dominated in her final season with the Lady Hawks, pacing the district's third-place team with 414 kills and 108 blocks — the latter figure more than twice as much as the next-closest Hebron player. Committed to Florida, Okammor earned both a Texas Girls Coaches Association all-state nod and Under Armour All-America honorable mention.



KINSEY BAILEY S, Coppell, Sr.

After missing her junior season due to shoulder surgery, Bailey made up for lost time as the motor of Coppell's offense. Bailey tallied 1,147 assists en route to 6-6A Setter of the Year honors — the second consecutive year Coppell has produced 1,000-plus assists from its setter — along with 86 kills, 368 digs and a team-high 52 aces. With Bailey at the helm, the Cowgirls qualified for the playoffs for the 21st straight year.



SARAH MARTINEZ L, Flower Mound, Sr.

The centerpiece of the Lady Jaguars' defense, Martinez further cemented her status among the top libero's in the state in 2019. As a senior, Martinez dug 717 balls for Flower Mound — good for nearly six per set and almost 17 per match — along with 33 aces and 80 assists. Named 6-6A Defensive Player of the Year, Martinez added an Under Armour All-America honorable mention accolade to her resume.



HARMONY SAMPLE OH/S, Hebron, Soph.

One of the area's most versatile players, Sample thrived in nearly every capacity for the Lady Hawks in 2019. A first-team all-district pick, Sample finished among Hebron's top three in all five core statistical categories: She was first in both assists (554) and aces (59), second in kills (266) and blocks (51) and third in digs (311). The list of players around the state who can stake that claim likely isn't a big one.



MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

JENNA WENAAS Frisco Liberty, Sr.

Plenty of elite talent has come out of Frisco over the years and Wenaas is certainly on that list. The Minnesota signee's career may be over with the Lady Redhawks, but the two-time District MVP left her mark on the program with four dominant seasons dating back to her freshman year. Wenaas led Liberty to an unprecedented 18-0 district record en route to another successful playoff run before running into eventual state champion Lovejoy in the third round. The senior superstar nearly propelled the Lady Redhawks over the Lady Leopards while



slamming over a game-high 26 kills in the five-set thriller.

On the season, Wenaas proved to be unstoppable from any position, but mainly near the net where she slammed a team-high 642 kills in just 125 sets played.

On top of her dominance from the outside hitter position, she was one of the better all-around defensive players in the area, whether it was on the front line or digging balls in the back row.

In fact, Wenaas not only had 49 blocks on the year, but she also was second on the team in digs with 440 while playing various positions. Throughout her four-year career at Liberty, the Lady Redhawks reached the postseason each season with a combined overall record of 117-40 in that span.

HITTER OF THE YEAR

Believe it or not, but Lovejoy head coach Ryan Mitchell has called Bramschreiber, one of the season's top offensive performers, a libero at heart. That she still managed to compile the hitting numbers that she did in 2019 only speaks volumes to the skill set of one of the state's premier volleyball talents.

A TCU commit, Bramschreiber's potency at the net was on display all season for the Lady Leopards, accruing 661 kills — far and away the team-high mark — on nearly five kills per set. She was



also a weapon behind the service line with 52 aces to complement some strong defensive work with 447 digs (second on the team) and 50 blocks.

The District 10-5A MVP was dominant in the playoffs as well with 132 kills, including 38 in Love-

joy's state tournament victories over Friendswood and Canyon Randall. As a result, Bramschreiber was named the MVP of the 5A state tournament after helping guide the Lady Leopards to the seventh state title in program history.

An all-state selection by the Texas Girls Coaches Association, Bramschreiber is one of numerous returners for a Lovejoy team that'll once again be the team to beat in 5A in 2020.

CECILY BRAMSCHREIBER Lovejoy, Jr.

BLOCKER OF THE YEAR

TYRAH ARIAIL Frisco Lebanon Trail, Jr.

The Lebanon Trail volleyball team has had just two seasons under its belt in Class 5A but has already left a lasting mark with back-to-back playoff appearances.

The Lady Trail Blazers are also fresh off of an impressive playoff run in year No. 2 with a pair of wins over Wylie East and Woodrow Wilson before falling to Highland Park in the third round.

The 2019 team was comprised of a plethora of talent all across the board, headlined by its star middle blocker



in Ariail. The USC commit has been one of the main reasons for Lebanon Trail's

immense success in just a short period of existence and is fresh off of her best career yet in her junior campaign.

Ariail finished second on the team in kills with 332, but she did the bulk of her damage defensively at the net with a team-high 122 blocks.

Although many of the Lady Trail Blazers top playmakers this past season were seniors, the program is fortunate enough to have Ariail back next season with the district title potentially up for grabs.

Led by Ariail, Lebanon Trail should be in the running next season for that elusive title with other FISD squads graduating key players at Liberty, Wakeland and Centennial.

SETTER OF THE YEAR

CLAIRE ROMO Sachse, Jr.

The Mustangs have ruled 10-6A in recent years, winning at least a share of the district championship in seven consecutive seasons. Sachse cruised to an undisputed title this season, going 14-0 in district, but while it might have seemed to be business as usual, there were questions early on, including the loss of three-time 10-6A setter of the year Elyssa Kennedy.

The Mustangs did not skip a beat at that position thanks to Romo.

The junior played enough last season to average five assists per set, but was given the keys to the



offense as the lone setter on most nights. Romo flourished in the role, ranking among the area and state leaders with 1,514 assists—an average of 10 per set.

"She (had) big shoes to fill and she has done a tremendous job," said Rikki Jones, Sachse head coach. "I was confident in her, knowing her ability, and she was ready for the challenge."

Romo was a big reason that Sachse had seven players who averaged at least one kill per set and she also added 42 kills of her own.

As a six-rotation player, Romo was on the court for 87.4% of the plays this season, meaning she was asked to contribute in multiple ways and she did just that, also ranking among the team leaders with 73 aces and 382 digs.

LIBERO OF THE YEAR

DARIAN MARKHAM McKinney Boyd, Sr.

After being named to the 2018 Star Local Media all-area volleyball team as a junior, Markham had a banner senior season where she led the area in digs with 788 digs while leading the Lady Broncos to the postseason to end a two-year drought.

As a result, Markham has been unanimously tabbed as the 2019 Star Local Media Libero of the Year and leaves Boyd's talented-rich program as one of the most accomplished players to ever wear a Lady Broncos jersey. Markham's quickness, anticipatory skills

and ability to make plays while putting her body on the line to extend plays is second to none.

This season, the New Mexico State signee garnered Defensive Player of the Year award honors in a talented 9-6A district and brought home the Allen Texas Open Champions all-tournament MVP award while averaging almost 10 digs per set and leading Boyd to an improbable tournament victory.

Markham was recently named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association all-state 6A team and was selected as a TGCA Legacy All-Star, becoming the first Boyd player to bring home all-state honors in recent memory.

After storming on the scene and having a great junior campaign, Markham had an even better senior season and exits a decorated career as one of the best libero's in the state.



COACH OF THE YEAR

RYAN MITCHELL Lovejoy

From its infancy as a Class 3A program and the first-ever varsity sport at its high school, Lovejoy volleyball has been practically synonymous with state championships. The same goes for the Lady Leopards' now-six-time state champion head coach.

Mitchell helped mold Lovejoy into a statewide volleyball juggernaut back in the late 2000s during his initial stint with the program, which included five state titles won from 2008-12 before departing to coach Southlake Carroll prior to the 2014-15 school year.

Five years later, Mitchell resumed his post as Lovejoy's head coach, as well as the program's championship tradition.

Despite graduating a wealth of seniors and enduring an off-season coaching change, the Lady Leopards instantly bought in with Mitchell back at the helm and the results showed. Lovejoy posted a 48-5 record in 2019, which included an unbeaten run through District 10-5A and a 20-match winning streak to close out the season. The Lady Leopards swept five of their seven playoff opponents en route to a Class 5A state championship, including in a resounding 3-0 victory over No. 2-ranked Canyon Randall in the 5A final.



UTILITY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

JILL PRESSLY Plano West, Sr.

From her days as a freshman to the moment she walked off the volleyball court at the Curtis Culwell Center at the conclusion of the Class 6A state championship match, Pressly has been nothing short of irreplaceable for the Lady Wolves.

A six-rotation player, Pressly has backed that up with a versatility matched by few players in the entire state — something

that was on display all season during her senior campaign. Pressly led West in kills (602) on a .328 hitting percentage and finished second on the team in both digs (409) and aces (60). Her 37 blocks were good for third among all Lady Wolves.

West benefited greatly from the DePaul commit's impact, enjoying some of the most successful

years in program history. During Pressly's varsity tenure, the Lady Wolves won 129 matches and twice advanced to the Class 6A state tournament.

While competing in Garland, Pressly totaled 31 kills and 33 digs in West's matchups against Fort Bend Ridge Point and national No. 1 Trophy Club Byron Nelson — concluding her career with an all-state tournament selection, District 9-6A's MVP award, an all-state selection by the Texas Girls Coaches Association and an Under Armour All-America honorable mention nod.

