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Norton High's Alexis Fleming goes up to spike the ball in a match this season against Millis High.

## ALL-STARS: Sun Chronicle Volleyball Team

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consistent outside player, a girl we could throw the ball up to in a tough situation in a big rally and keep it in play, error-free," Mansfield coach Mark Ledwich said. "Our big focus was controlling our errors and monitoring the team's energy, and Alina was the rock for us. She kept the ball in play, she was one of our top blockers on the side, and her consistency was a huge piece of the game that helped get us to where we needed in the season."

**Joanna Collins-Bilyeu, North Attleboro**

The senior captain has been a three-year varsity player for the Rocketeers, amassing 83 assists, 61 digs, and 25 kills as a right-side hitter, and her serving rate was around 90 percent. "She had a lot of talent early on, and we're so lucky to have her," North Attleboro coach Kim Marshall said. "She is a huge integral piece as a senior captain, and definitely one of our best overall players. She was a center at one point. At one point, she was an outside hitter and a middle hitter. I used her more than anybody. I can really depend on her, and she'll get the job done. She was so strong for us, she put the ball on the ground, and she definitely is key on defense, and that's where her strengths are."

**Lexi Fleming, Norton**

A tremendous all-around player as a junior outside hitter, Fleming led the Lancers in kills with 66, which was 21 more than any of her teammates, and also served at an 87-percent clip. Fleming was the beneficiary of the setting efforts of sophomore teammate Kate Andy, who had a team-high 119 assists. Fleming also was fourth on the team in digs with 26 in her two years on the Lancers' varsity, and was excellent on the defensive end in term of serve receives. "She's definitely our strongest offensive player," said Norton coach Kelly Allen. "Her defense kept her on the court all the way around, kept us in a lot of games. She's a leader, and her energy on the court is kind of contagious, and she has been voted a captain for next year." Fleming helped the Lancers improve to 7-4 in 2021 after a 6-12 season in 2019-20. "It's a young team, but a talented team," Allen said, "and we'll have nine returners for next year. We only graduated three, and only one of those was full-time, so things are looking good for next year."

**Amy Freitas, Tri-County**

Only a sophomore, Freitas had a sensational season for the Cougars, who went 12-1 in the Mayflower League during the regular



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North Attleboro High's Joanna Collins-Bilyeu sets up a shot.

season. She was relied on for her big serve, which she converted at a 95 percent clip, and her 273 total serves was 87 higher than any of her teammates. She had 73 aces, to go along with her totals of 171 assists, 90 digs, and 60 kills. "She was just an animal this year," said coach Stephanie Caffrey, "whether it was the setter, right-side hitter. She made plays that more so than anyone that you would never even think to teach. Her service was phenomenal, and we would set up and play around her. She's just a fearless athlete, and when she wasn't in, the team would say, gosh, what do we do now?" Caffrey added. "She's just a competitive varsity athlete who played last summer and in the fall, and committed to it and built on those skills, even though she was raw as a freshman. Things just clicked into place and she was able to get the job done. She is just as capable to play defense. Sometimes setters are focused on offense, but she is well-rounded."

**Camden Schweitzer, Tri-County**

A three-year starter for the 12-2 Cougars, Schweitzer as a middle blocker was a dominant force at the net, and her overall record during her high school career was 48-12. Schweitzer served at 86 percent, and collected 30 aces along with a team-high 105 kills and 65 blocks (part of a three-year total of 160 blocks). "The tougher the competition, the tougher she plays," Tri-County coach Stephanie Caffrey said, "but you see something ignite the athlete in her. She was so athletic, and does the things that you can't coach; she covers the net well, she's smart with the sets, hits, whatever it is." Adds Caffrey, "She just dominated the net. We probably wouldn't have won a game without her. She and Amy (Freitas) go hand-in-hand with what we need, and the whole game changes without her in there."