

# The Volleyball All-Stars



King Philip Regional High's Sun Chronicle Volleyball All-Stars, from left: Catherine Waldeck, Nicole Coughlan, Emma Brooks and Lily Carlow.

### Grace Brown, Bishop Feehan

The Shamrocks’ middle hitter was a weapon at the net and truly made the offense tick. A senior and first-time Sun Chronicle selection, Brown eclipsed the century mark for kills in her final campaign (100). “Her intuition as a middle is unmatched,” Feehan coach Meghan Johnson said of Brown’s prowess at the net. “It led to many successful plays for the Shamrocks.” On the opposite side of the net, Brown contributed eight digs for the 16-win Shamrocks defense. She was a key factor in the Shamrocks earning the EAC title.

### Nicole Brown, Bishop Feehan

A first-time Sun Chronicle selection, the senior captain and outside hitter rarely left the court for the Shamrocks due to her immense impact on both the offensive and defensive ends. Brown was second on the team in digs (169), tied for second in kills (75) and finished third in aces (36). “She made smart plays at the net, hustled on defense and served as a source of steady leadership,” Feehan coach Meghan Johnson said of Brown, who helped the Shamrocks to the Eastern Athletic Conference title.

### Gianna Detorie, Bishop Feehan

The junior setter was responsible for quarterbacking the Shamrocks’ offense, and did so both efficiently and aggressively. A first-time Sun Chronicle All-Star, Detorie was a standout on both sides of the net, as she tallied 168 digs (third on the team) to go along with 27 kills. Detorie helped the Shamrocks to 16 wins and the Eastern Athletic Conference title. “Her serving was precise and contributed greatly to our success,” Feehan coach Meghan Johnson said of Detorie, who added 42 aces from the serving stripe.

### Daylin Melcher, Bishop Feehan

“Daylin was a necessary element in our defense,” Shamrock coach Meghan Johnson said of the senior captain, who finished with a team-high 182 digs. “Her ability to read hits and cover tips and blocks quickly and accurately was valuable to us.” A first-time Sun Chronicle All-Star, the Shamrock libero was equally crucial from the serving stripe, as she finished with a team-high 67 aces. Melcher also added nine kills for the 16-win Shamrocks, who captured the Eastern Athletic Conference title.

### Grace Boudreau, Foxboro

An outside hitter for the first three years of her career, the Hockomock League All-Star transitioned to middle hitter her senior season and had her most productive one yet. Boudreau finished with 227 kills and 40 solo blocks on the front row. “Her impact on the court was incomparable, as she dominated the front row,” Foxboro coach Vicki Santana said of the senior captain who helped the Warriors to 11 wins. Boudreau showed her range of skills as she was second on the team with 191 digs, served 36 aces, with 16 assists.

### Kelsey Treweek, Foxboro

“Kelsey was our team’s secret weapon on defense,” Foxboro coach Vicki Santana said of the senior Treweek, who showed her defensive prowess as the team’s libero. A first-time Sun Chronicle selection and All-Hockomock honoree, Treweek finished with a team-high 203 digs. She added nine



Bishop Feehan High's Sun Chronicle Volleyball All-Stars, from left: Gianna Detorie, Nicole Brown, Grace Brown and Daylin Melcher.

aces, nine kills and seven assists. “She was able to control the defense with her communication and ability to read the hitters and predict their decisions,” Santana added of Treweek’s presence on the 11-win Warriors.

### Emma Brooks, King Philip

A first-time Sun Chronicle All-Star, the junior Brooks was the engine that kept the train going for the 18-win Warriors. Playing the libero position, Brooks was monumental on both the serve receive and defensive end of the court, while showcasing the ability to chase down balls that others would deem out of play. Brooks concluded her junior campaign with a team-high 151 digs and 23 kills. “She was also a force on the service line,” King Philip coach Kristen Geuss noted of Brooks, who added 88 aces.

### Lily Carlow, King Philip

A first-time Sun Chronicle selection, the King Philip junior was another crucial piece to the puzzle for the Division 1 Central/East Sectional Warriors, as she served her main responsibility as the defensive specialist and served it well. Carlow finished the year with 72 digs to go along with 49 aces and 10 kills for the KP offense. “Lily anchored the back row with her quickness and unrelenting effort to get to every ball,” King Philip coach Kristen Geuss said of Carlow, who helped the Warriors to 18 wins on the year.

### Nicole Coughlan, King Philip

The junior captain and Warrior middle hitter provided a Twin Towers effect on

both the attacking and defending side of the net for the Division 1 Central/East finalists. An All-Hockomock League selection, Coughlan finished the season with 252 kills (second on the team behind teammate Catherine Waldeck), 22 blocks and 46 aces. “Nicole is a strong player with a high volleyball IQ,” KP coach Kristen Geuss said of the Hockomock League All-Star. “She was able to find the holes in the opponents’ defense to end the point.”

### Kristen Masse, King Philip

The King Philip senior was a six-position player for the 18-win Warriors, with her specialty being as an outside hitter for the dominating Warrior attacking offense. Masse finished with 54 kills, 47 aces and 39 digs in her final season with the program. “Kristen was an all-around player who excelled at both offense and defense,” Warrior coach Kristen Geuss said of Masse. Her ability to be on the court for every point was crucial for the Division 1 Central/East Sectional finalist Warriors.

### Catherine Waldeck, King Philip

The Division 1 Central/East Sectional finalist Warriors were a completely different team with their senior captain and middle hitter on the floor. Possessing prowess at the net, Waldeck finished her senior campaign with 265 kills, all while rising up for 63 blocks to lead the 18-win Warriors. “She was one of our go-to players,” KP coach Kristen Geuss said of the Hockomock League All-Star and two-time Sun Chronicle all-star. Waldeck will be continuing her volleyball career at High Point University in the fall.



North Attleboro High's Sun Chronicle Volleyball All-Stars Kylie Melanson, left, and Hayley Gaskin.

## Volleyball All-Star Roster

Name	School	Year
Grace Brown	Bishop Feehan	Senior
Nicole Brown	Bishop Feehan	Senior
Gianna Detorie	Bishop Feehan	Junior
Daylin Melcher	Bishop Feehan	Senior
Grace Boudreau	Foxboro	Senior
Kelsey Treweek	Foxboro	Senior
Emma Brooks	King Philip	Senior
Lily Carlow	King Philip	Junior
Nicole Coughlan	King Philip	Senior
Kristen Masse	King Philip	Senior
Catherine Waldeck	King Philip	Senior
Sam Sternberg	Mansfield	Senior
Hayley Gaskin	North Attleboro	Senior
Kylie Melanson	North Attleboro	Senior
Caroline Daly	Norton	Senior
Kiera Dempsey	Tri-County	Senior

## Honorable Mention

**Attleboro:** Ana Leonardo  
**Bishop Feehan:** Lucy Armour, Ashleigh Bowen  
**Dighton-Rehoboth:** Amy Nickerson, Jordan Soofy  
**Foxboro:** Pam Nelson, Shakirah Ketant, Grace Fortune  
**King Philip:** Kiley Sullivan, Lauren Peterson  
**Mansfield:** Julia Kelly  
**North Attleboro:** Grace Munley, Brooke Street  
**Norton:** Vicki Hwang  
**Seekonk:** Liz Dyson, Kaylee Fonseca  
**Tri-County:** Camden Schweitzer, Jitara Ellis

## Our Selections

**The Volleyball All-Star Team** was selected by staff writers with local coaches consulted for their recommendations. Portrait photos of the all-stars were taken by The Sun Chronicle’s Mark Stockwell.

### Sam Sternberg, Mansfield

A first-time Sun Chronicle All-Star, Sternberg took her game to a new level in her senior season. “She is such a smart player who reads the court so well and was the key to our defense this season,” Mansfield coach Melissa Heeden said of Sternberg, who earned All-Hockomock honors. Sternberg was third in the league in digs (259) and third on the team with 25 aces behind a 92-percent serve percentage. “I could not be more proud of Sam and her transition over the past year,” said Heeden.

### Hayley Gaskin, North Attleboro

A first-time Sun Chronicle All-Star, the senior setter Gaskin quarterbacked the North Attleboro offense to 13 wins and an MIAA Tournament berth. Named a senior captain, Gaskin finished her season with 425 assists for the offense and contributed 49 digs on the defensive side of the net. “She plays the sport with passion and she strives off of competition,” Rocketeer coach Kim Hallahan said of Gaskin, who consistently continued to improve in her individual game. “She truly, truly loves this sport and it shows.”

### Kylie Melanson, North Attleboro

North Attleboro coach Kim Hallahan knew what she had in the pipeline with the senior outside hitter, and Melanson proved her correct during her final varsity season. Melanson finished with 155 kills to go along with 36 aces and 48 digs on the defensive side of the net. “We depended on her the most to get things done, and she did it every time without fail,” Hallahan said of Melanson, a first-time Sun Chronicle All-Star who was crucial with her movement of the ball and striking power.

### Caroline Daly, Norton

A first-time Sun Chronicle selection, the Norton senior was the do-it-all player for coach Kelly Allen and the Lancers. Daly rarely came off the floor, as she was fourth in sets played (62) through the course of the season. Daly was first on the team in service points (162), including 17 aces. She showed off her offensive ability with 115 assists (1.9 per set) and 70 kills. On the opposite side of the net, Daly compiled 39 digs (.6 per set), with three blocks to go along with it.

### Kiera Dempsey, Tri-County

A multi-time Mayflower League Player of the Year, the senior captain Dempsey led the 12-win Cougars in most every statistical category. Dempsey, a two-year captain, reached 317 career aces following a senior campaign in which she served at a 97-percent clip, with 85 aces on 354 serves. She added a 90-percent dig rate and propelled her career total in kills to 417 after this year, in which she had 215. Dempsey, a three-year starter, is a three-time Sun Chronicle All-Star.

