# **Baldwin**

Coach: Milan Yekich (6th year)

# Returning Starters:

6-2 sophomore outside hitter Alex Kelly

5-3 senior libero Bibeak Bhujel

6-4 senior right side hitter Logan Pack

6-2 sophomore outside hitter Brayden Gremba

5-11 senior setter Rohan Bhattarai

6-1 senior middle hitter Ryan Shaneman

6-0 junior middle hitter Anjal Gurung

#### Season Outlook:

Our team is balance between having experience through the seniors and gaining experience through the sophomores and juniors, but having a lot of talent and skills. This year feels a little different than the past few years. There is a sense of confidence and better skill levels to better compete. As long as we can stay focused and not scoreboard watch, we will do quite well.

#### **Section Favorite:**

There won't be much change in the lineup but Cannon McMillan looks to be dominant and pretty good again this season. They have good talent that can put the ball away with power and scrappiness to keep the ball in play.

#### WPIAL Favorite:

This season it looks like Shaler will be the dominate team in WPIAL. Shaler has the talent and a lot of returning starters from last year and look to build upon the success they had. They look to dominate once again.

#### **Bethel Park**

Coach: Adam Thomas (1st year)

#### Returning starters:

5-8 senior setter John Gasiorowski

6-2 senior outside hitter Eddie Cebula

5-7 senior libero Josh Lubawy

6-2 junior outside hitter Jacob Meyer

# Season Outlook:

Bethel Park is determined to get back to their winning ways from the 2010's. The boys have been working hard, especially the seniors. They understand this is their last crack at turning around the program. I really think we will surprise some teams with our grit and never-get-down attitude. Following a 3-win season, we have nothing to lose or to prove to anyone except ourselves. We intend on competing in every match/tournament and intend to be a contender in our section. This team has the talent and mentality to go as far as they can push themselves.

Section Favorite: Canon-McMillan.

#### WPIAL Favorite:

Shaler. North Allegheny, Canon-McMillan, and Penn Trafford are also up at the top as well.

# Canon-McMillan

Coach: Sheila Mitchell (10th year)

# **Returning Starters:**

6-1 senior outside hitter Luke Bockius

6-1 senior outside hitter Ben Kopec

5-11 senior setter William O'Bryan

6-6 senior middle hitter Liam Reamer

6-1 junior setter Justin Peters

#### Season Outlook:

Coming off a strong season last year, our guys are ready for a repeat! We lost some power, but returned a lot of veteran starters.

#### **Section Favorite:**

We have some new coaches in the section, so I'm looking forward to what they'll bring. Upper St. Clair and Moon have been contenders most recently.

WPIAL Favorite: Shaler

#### Moon

Coach: Henry Chuang (2nd year)

#### **Returning Starters:**

6-1 senior outside hitter Charlie Basil

6-1 senior outside hitter Casey Sunday

6-1 senior middle/right hitter Aidan Boyd

### **Season Outlook:**

We return three experienced starters from last year and will have a new setter and new libero. We'll continue to improve as the season progresses, and it'll be exciting to see how much we can develop in a few short months.

#### **Section Favorite:**

I think Canon-McMillan is the front runner, but every section match will be a battle.

WPIAL Favorite: Shaler

# **Upper St. Clair**

Coach: Jack Zebo (1st year in his second stint at USC)

# **Returning Starters:**

6-3 Hitter Justin Oswald

6-4 Hitter Kendall Lang

5-11 Libero Everett Janz

# Season Outlook.

We have a core group of hitters, many interchangeable parts. We are working on setters and defensive specialists.

# **Section Favorite:**

Canon McMillan is what I have been told.

# **Peters Township**

Coach: Cullen Vereb (2nd year)

# Returning starters:

5-10 senior libero Bryce O'Donnell

6-2 senior outside hitter Anthony Lingis

6-6 senior middle hitter Eli Hemmingson

6-4 senior middle hitter Dane Sayles

6-2 junior outside hitter Ben Dummer

6-0 sophomore setter Alex Klein

6-0 sophomore ouside hitter Andrew Klein

## Season Outlook:

We return seven players who played a significant role during all points or most points of last season. All seven of them, including 2 or 3 others with some varsity experience, have improved significantly from last season. I really think we are ready to take some next steps as a program.

## **Section Favorite:**

Upper St. Clair returns most of their starting lineup from last year so I am going to say them but I think Canon Mac won't be far behind.

WPIAL Favorite: Shaler

## **WPIAL Players to Watch:**

Logan Patterson, Shaler; Dante Palombo, Shaler; Luke Bockius, Canon-McMillan; Coleton Welter, Butler; Justin Oswald, Upper St. Clair; Jordan Hoover, Seneca Valley. Some younger guys to keep an eye on are Doolin Stober, Pine Richland and Alex Klein, Peters Township.