

## Apollo-Ridge

**Coach:** Laura Daub (6th year)

### Returning starters:

Kirsten Ayers, 5-6, senior, opposite  
Olivia Saxion, 5-3, senior outside hitter  
Kylar Toland, 5-5, senior, setter/opposite  
Maeggie Wysocki, 5-1, senior, libero

### Season Outlook:

With an injury sidelining Josalin McCauley and graduating 4 starting seniors last season, it has been a rebuilding/reconfiguring year for us. I see a lot of potential in the returning starters and the underclassmen.

### Section Favorite:

I do not know. Our section looks very different. We dropped from AA to A and there are a few different teams we will be playing again.

**WPIAL Favorite:** Bishop Canevin

### Young Players to Watch:

From Apollo-Ridge: freshman Mikayla Ditty could be a huge asset to our offense along with our 3 sophomores; Miranda Gartley, Anna Curci, and Katie Butler.

## Beaver County Christian

**Coach:** Nellie McMahon (2nd year)

### Returning Starters:

Emmy Simons, 5-8, senior, opposite  
Hannah Kelley, 5-8, senior, outside hitter  
Bella Hagberg, 5-5, senior, setter  
Julia McChesney, 5-4, senior, libero  
Rachel Baird, 5-7, senior, outside hitter  
Savvy Stroupe, 5-5, senior, defensive specialist

### Season Outlook:

Looks good so far, missing our middle hitters from last year

**Section Favorite:** I hope it's us but I don't know much about all our section schools.

## Brentwood

**Coach:** Matt Episcopo (3rd year)

### Returning Starters:

Jessie Yee, 5-2, senior, setter  
Paige Boehm, 5-9, senior, middle hitter  
Ay Maree Henry, 6-1, senior, middle hitter

### Section Favorite:

We are competing in a very tough 1A section this year after playing in Class 2A last season.

## Carmichaels

**Coach:** Cameron Coffey (1st year at Carmichaels, 8th year overall)

### Returning Starters:

Pacey Pratt, 5-10, senior, outside hitter  
Ashton Batis, 5-7, senior, libero  
Camryn Anderson, 5-6, senior, setter  
Bailey Barnyak, 5-9, junior, outside hitter  
Payton Plavi, 5-5, junior, middle hitter

### Season Outlook:

We are a very young team, with only six upperclassmen. We have been working relentlessly in the gym daily to improve before we get into the full swing of the season. We plan to build off their successes and failures last season in hopes of returning to the WPIAL playoffs while ensuring our seniors have a successful last season. All of them have playoff experience, and having them all back together, with Ashton Batis back from an ACL tear, has proven to provide a sense of calm on the court for the sophomores stepping up to starting varsity roles.

### Section Favorite:

Our section has changed a lot this year, so it is up for grabs. Everyone will have to show up every night to play in hopes of grabbing that section championship. Ultimately, we hope for it to be us.

### WPIAL Favorite:

Serra Catholic and Greensburg C.C. return a lot of talent and should both go deep into the playoffs. Frazier and Bishop Canevin will bounce back this year with their talent.

### Young Players to Watch:

I'm not really aware of any young players in Class 1A, but Emily Rafferty, a freshman, should create an impact for Waynesburg this year and will help them in their section and, hopefully, in their playoff run if they make it!

## Cornell

**Coach:** Alexis Morgenstern (6th year)

### Returning Starters:

Madeline Hoffman, senior, setter  
Laila Lee, senior, middle hitter  
McKenna Griffith, junior, outside hitter  
Zoey Kaczemerick, junior, outside hitter  
Aaliyah turner, junior, defensive specialist  
Shaylee Barrett, junior, opposite  
Gianna Gracyzk, sophomore, libero

### Season Outlook:

All of our starters will be returning again this season. We are in a different section against teams we have ever played before so looking to make some headway!

## Bishop Canevin

**Coach:** Maddie Maziarz (1st year)

### Returning Starters:

Ayla Altman, 5-2, senior, libero  
Emmie Maziarz, 5-4, senior, outside hitter/defensive specialist  
Clare Ruffing, 6-1, senior, middle hitter  
Hayleigh Loeffert, 5-1, outside hitter/defensive specialist

### Season Outlook:

Our team of 11 dedicated seniors has been diligently preparing for a successful season. Coming off a close loss in last year's WPIAL finals to Serra Catholic, the girls are motivated to work hard to achieve their goals. We have four returning starters as well as a number of seniors that have confidently stepped into new roles left by departing players. Key focuses this season will include integrating these new roles, maintaining our momentum, and preparing strategically for competitive challenges. We will need to leverage our experience and teamwork to consistently perform at our best this season. Additionally, fostering growth within the team and preparing future players will be essential.

### Section Favorite:

Serra Catholic, as we lost to them in 4 in the WPIAL finals last season.

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## Eden Christian

**Coach:** Jillian Zentko (3rd year)

### Returning Starters:

Caitlyn Garret, 5-11 senior, opposite  
Jessie Bartram, 6-0 senior, middle hitter  
Ella D'Ippolito, 6-1 senior, middle hitter  
Addison Cranston, 5-11, senior, opposite  
Alexis Fowler, 5-6, senior, libero  
Ava Arnold, 5-8, junior, outside hitter/defensive specialist  
Ainsley Chevalier, 5-8, junior, setter

### Season Outlook:

With mostly all returning starters, our team is looking strong and well-rounded for this upcoming season. Freshman Erin Hull (setter) and Emily Muir (outside hitter) will also be joining our Varsity team starting lineup and will be great additions to our team. We have been blessed with very solid and consistent players for each position on the court. Excited to see how we compete this year and to see the plans that God has for our 2024 Lady Warriors!

### Section Favorite:

I feel as though there will be tight competition this year with the possibility of us (Eden Christian Academy), Bishop Canevin, and Serra Catholic as top teams in our section.

### Young Players to Watch:

Erin Hull, freshman, setter; Emily Muir, freshman, outside hitter.

## Fort Cherry

**Coach:** Jenna Granatire (2nd year at Fort Cherry, 3rd year overall)

### Returning Starters:

Olivia Kemp, 5-10, senior, middle hitter  
Jazlyn Martino, 5-9, senior, outside hitter  
Myah Salvini, 5-9, senior, opposite  
Riley Campbell, 5-6, junior, setter  
Brooke Corneli, 5-11, junior, middle hitter

### Season Outlook:

We have our core starters coming back. We lost 4 seniors who had a huge impact on the team, but so far our coaches have been impressed and pleased with these core girls and the younger girls who have stepped up. We moved down from 2A to 1A but our section did not get easier by any means. We have WPIAL champs Serra Catholic, WPIAL runner ups Bishop Canevin, and top team in 1A Eden Christian Academy, and Brentwood, who moved down with us from our section in 2A. It's going to be a battle and the girls know that, we've been working hard all summer, making sure we are all healthy, conditioning, and getting comfortable on the court. We are expecting a huge season from seniors Jazlyn Martino and Olivia Kemp as well as juniors Brooke Corneli and Riley Campbell.

### Section Favorite:

Serra Catholic, Bishop Canevin, Eden Christian Academy and us, Fort Cherry, it's a toss up in my opinion.

### WPIAL Favorite:

Most of our section, Serra, Bishop, Eden Christian - outside of that Fraizer is another school to look out for.

## Frazier

**Coach:** Mandy Hartman (27th year)

### Returning Starters:

Gracen Hartman, 5-9, senior, setter/outside hitter  
Grace Vaughn, 5-10, senior, outside hitter  
Addison Schultz, 5-11, junior, middle hitter  
Maddie Salisbury, 6-0, junior, right side  
Jayanna Ciferno, 5-7, junior, right side  
Addison Hiles, 5-4, sophomore, libero  
Allie Monack, 5-9, sophomore, setter/outside hitter

### Season Outlook:

We are excited for this season as we are returning starters at all positions with the exception of libero. They are a very athletic group that brings not only knowledge of the game but a tremendous amount of court experience.

### Section Favorite:

It is difficult to predict as the alignment has changed. Our section should be very competitive with traditionally strong programs like Greensburg C.C., California, and Trinity Christian. I feel those matches will be the most challenging for us.

### WPIAL Favorite:

There are too many good teams this year to single anyone out.

## Greensburg C.C.

**Coach:** Erin Salas (3rd year)

### Returning Starters:

Evelyn Viehl, senior, middle hitter  
Maura Oslosky, senior, setter  
Brianna Evans, senior, libero  
Lola Giaramita, senior, outside hitter  
Erin Grace, senior, middle hitter  
Lira Bateson, junior, defensive Specialist  
Ashlyn Black, senior, opposite  
Bella Confer, senior, setter  
Abby Dei, senior, defensive Specialist  
Denis Eva, senior, outside hitter

### Season Outlook:

All returning starters who have played varsity for 3 years. Looking for a great year.

**Section Favorite:** Greensburg C.C.

**WPIAL Favorite:** Frazier

**Young Players to Watch:** Greensburg C.C.'s Ashlyn Black

## Jefferson-Morgan

**Coach:** Laasha Justice (2nd year)

### Returning Starters:

Isabelle Bazzoli, 6-1, sophomore, middle hitter  
Alisa Long, 5-8, senior outside hitter  
Leighana Gooden, 5-6, senior, setter  
Emilee Bazzoli, 5-6, sophomore, libero

## Leechburg

**Coach:** Eve Hebrank (9th year)

### Returning Starters:

Emily Talarico, 5-7, senior, outside hitter  
Addy Gardina, 5-3, senior, libero  
Savannah Andrasz, 5-3, senior, defensive specialist  
Ava Ferretti, 5-4, senior, opposite  
Addie Zantotto, 5-5, junior, setter/opposite  
Hayven Lookabaugh, 5-6, junior, middle hitter  
Elsa Zalenski, 5-6, sophomore, middle hitter

### Season Outlook:

After a season of rebuilding in 2023, the Blue Devils are looking to get back into playoff contention. Big goals in mind with the experience now to manifest it.

### Section Favorite:

The section was shaken up a bit with the realignment so the heavy hitters — Serra and Greensburg C.C. — are gone. Could be anyone's game.

### WPIAL Favorite:

Bishop Canevin is always at the top.

## Mapletown

**Coach:** Christy Meneer (10th year)

### Returning Starters:

Marley Seward, 5-5, senior, outside hitter/defensive specialist  
Treslee Weston, 5-6, junior, outside hitter  
Miranda Fox, 5-10, junior, middle hitter

### Season Outlook:

This is a rebuilding year for us. We had three talented players transfer to other schools. This season we only have 3 players with varsity experience on the team.

## Rochester

**Coach:** Emily Heasley (6th year)

### Returning Starters:

Victoria McCracken, 5-4, senior, middle hitter  
Nivia Burney, 5-5, senior, setter  
Vonyea Jackson, 5-1, senior, defensive specialist  
Shannon Zawislak, 5-7, sophomore, outside hitter/defensive spec.  
Jetlynn Zigler, 5-8, sophomore, outside hitter

### Season Outlook:

This season looks to be a promising year for them. The girls are working harder than ever and holding each other accountable. I hope they keep this fire lit under them and continue this energy the entire season.

**Section Favorite:** Western Beaver

## St. Joseph

**Coach:** Ann McCarty (2nd year)

### Returning Starters:

Elaina Moore, 5-11, senior, middle hitter  
Veronica McCarthy, 5-8, senior, outside hitter  
Sofia Quattrochi, 5-6, senior, libero  
Kate Gianneta, 5-7, junior, setter  
Jillian Bloch, 5-3, sophomore, defensive specialist

### Section Favorite:

With Greensburg Catholic Central and Serra Catholic leaving our section, I believe we have a good chance to win our section.

### WPIAL Favorite:

Bishop Canevin, Serra Catholic, and Greensburg Catholic Central will return strong teams.

### Young Players to Watch:

Kate Gianneta, St. Joseph, junior, will make an impact as a setter  
Cassidy Trahan, Serra, senior and ECU recruit.

## Serra Catholic

**Coach:** Keith Trahan (12th year)

### Returning Starters:

Cassidy Trahan, 5-6, senior, libero/setter/outside hitter  
Bethany Pasternak, 5-6, senior, setter/outside hitter/defensive specialist

### Season Outlook:

We are coming off a great two-year run, WPIAL runner-up in 2022 and championship last year. That crew started their path as freshman and sophomores. Now, we are starting on the next path. We return two starting varsity players, Cassidy Trahan (Sr.) and Bethany Pasternak (Jr.). Both have started since they were freshman and were key members of those WPIAL finals teams. Cassidy is one of the best all around volleyball players in the state. She has played libero, setter, and hit outside the past two years. Beth has done the same. Those two will play the positions that put the team in the best position to win, and that might change from match to match or set to set. We have a solid group of players moving up from JV and then four talented freshman who project to contribute from day one. The team is putting in the work to get better each match. We embrace and enjoy the process.

### Section Favorite:

Probably. Our focus is internal. We are excited to develop our next group of players. We are adopting coach Tomlin's approach, across the net are nameless, gray faces. We will control what we can control and work to compete and get better every time we take the floor.

### WPIAL Favorite:

I think it could be a very competitive year. I think there are many long-standing, competitive programs who will compete for a title.

### Young Players to Watch:

Alex Knox is a freshman at Peters. She has measurables, skill, and upside. I think playing for coach Chris Kelly will only make her better.

## South Side Beaver

**Coach:** Alyssa Hickman (4th year)

### Returning Starters:

Kenidi Cook, 5-7, senior, outside hitter  
Karis Dunham, 5-4, senior, defense specialist  
Sarah Windsheimer, 5-6, senior, defense specialist  
Anna Graff, 5-8, junior, middle hitter  
Alisa Maurer, 5-8, junior, middle hitter  
Isabel Woodling, 5-8, junior, setter

### Season Outlook:

We are hard-working and are looking to our seniors for strong leadership this year. We have a lot of potential to be competitive in the section and I look forward to seeing how the team and players develop through the season.

### Section Favorite:

Western Beaver and Beaver County Christian are always strong competition in the section.

## Springdale

**Coach:** Diana Killian (4th year)

### Returning Starters:

Cambra Fersch, 5-3, junior, outside hitter  
Solana Martinez, 5-8, junior, middle hitter  
Lilly Pazul, 5-5, junior, opposite

### Season Outlook:

Last year, we were one spot out of the playoff picture, this year we're looking to capitalize on the restructuring of the section and earn a playoff spot. We have been consistently trending upward as a team, and are looking forward to having a young core group that continues to grow together and put Springdale volleyball back on the map.

### Section Favorite:

St. Joseph

### WPIAL Favorite:

Serra Catholic

## Trinity Christian

**Coach:** Gene Larson (12th year)

### Returning Starters:

Chloe Miller, 5-5 senior libero  
Josie Thomas, 5-4 senior setter/opposite  
Keila Ugobodu, 5-8 junior middle hitter  
Madie Reed, 5-5 sophomore setter  
Milan Hodge, 5-6 sophomore outside hitter  
Ella Summer, 5-7 sophomore outside hitter

### Season Outlook:

We return all but one starter from last year's playoff team. With the new section alignment there is a bit of an unknown, but we should be in the playoff hunt again this year.

### Section Favorite:

The winner of Greensburg Central Catholic and Frazier.

### WPIAL Favorite:

The winner of Greensburg Central Catholic and Frazier, with Eden as the spoiler.

## Union

**Coach:** Marcie Young (1st year at Union, 3rd overall)

### Returning Starters:

Hayden Stickler, 5-6, senior, outside hitter  
Olivia Benedict, 6-0, junior, opposite  
Charlotte DeRaleau, 5-8, junior, outside hitter  
Maggie Settle, 5-6, junior, libero  
Miera Gunn, 5-9, junior, middle hitter

### Season Outlook:

Union is in a rebuilding year after losing 8 seniors including Kelly Cleaver and Dalaina Jones. But a talented group of juniors and sophomores, added with the senior leadership of Hayden Stickler, will lead to exciting performances.

### Section Favorite:

Western Beaver and Beaver County Christian School are the two favorites in Section 2A

**WPIAL Favorite:** Bishop Canevin and Serra Catholic

### Young Players to Watch:

Union sophomore middle hitter Irelyn Fisher  
St. Joseph junior setter Kate Gianetti

## Western Beaver

**Coach:** Cyndi Metzler (2nd year)

### Returning Starters:

Lily Derenburger, 5-3, setter  
Payton Rizzo, 5-8, middle/outside hitter

### Season Outlook:

I am excited to see what this year brings. We are in the unique position of having no seniors and 2 returning varsity starters. The upcoming underclassmen have met and exceeded my expectations thus far.

### Section Favorite:

BCCS - They have a good deal of returning, exceptional athletes.

**WPIAL Favorite:** Eden Christian.

### Young Players to Watch:

Emily Biers, S.S. Beaver, soph, setter  
Hailee Elkins, Western Beaver, junior, libero  
Tarij Backur, Western Beaver, freshman, outside hitter  
Madi Marshall, Western Beaver, sophomore, middle hitter  
Addison Bernard, Western Beaver, sophomore, middle hitter

## West Greene

**Coach:** Mabel Culp (1st year)

### Returning Starters:

Pieper Whipkey, 5-10 senior outside hitter,  
Mackenzie Whipkey 5-9 senior Middle blocker,  
Marissa Tharp 5-0 Defensive Specialist,  
Kendra Tharp 5-7 junior outside hitter,

### Season Outlook:

This is my first year as a varsity head coach. I have been the head coach for travel ball for about 4 years now, however this is my first year as head coach for a school district. I'm feeling very optimistic about this season! We have a lot of returning players and some very talented underclassmen pushing them to get better every single day.

### Section Favorite:

I am not going to say there is a favorite however, with Frazier not in our section this year, being the only team in the section to beat us here at West Greene; I'm feeling like we might be the team everyone is gunning for this season. We know that, but that puts a fire under us to improve every single day and hopefully be able to bring a section title to West Greene for the first time in school history.