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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Gray, Daulton headline City, County teams

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Hard working and focused. Passionate about volleyball. A leader and a winner.

The aforementioned descriptions apply to Cathedral junior Christiana Gray and Lawrence North senior Brittany Daulton.

Both players led their high schools to outstanding seasons, and they have been chosen Players of the Year for the respective All-City and All-Marion County volleyball teams for 2007 by The Star. Cardinal Ritter's Kim Wildman and Lawrence North's Pat Carlson are Coaches of the Year.

A 6-5 middle blocker, Gray totaled 261 kills with a .453 hitting efficiency, 134 blocks and 44 service aces in pacing Cathedral to a 33-3 year that included a Class 4A No. 1 ranking and championships in the City Tournament and sectional. More important than those numbers was Gray's "presence," according to Irish coach Jean Kesterson.

"Christiana is a great athlete who is very intimidating on the court," Kesterson said.

"Opponents are very aware of where she is all the time, and they do everything they can to try to stop her. And the emphasis is on 'try' because most teams couldn't."

Beyond volleyball, Kesterson noted that Gray has a 4.0 grade-point average and excels in multiple areas.

Similarly, Daulton was the go-to player for Lawrence North. The 5-8 outside hitter was an all-around standout with 420 kills and a .412 efficiency, 83 blocks, 54 service aces and 340 digs for a Wildcats team that finished 30-5, won the Marion County Tournament and was ranked as high as No. 2 in Class 4A before falling to Cathedral in the sectional.

"Brittany is ultra-competitive," Carlson said of the Fordham University-bound star. "She never takes a moment out of practice or a game, and the rest of the team fed off her. That made her a joy to coach."

Carlson said Daulton's improvement was clear in statistics from her junior and senior seasons. He explained that her kill total in 2007 matched the number from 2006; the difference was she reached that total in approximately 300 fewer attacks.

Wildman was recognized as the City's top coach after directing Ritter to a 23-11 record in a season in which the Raiders moved to Class 2A from Class A. Her teams improved each year, and the fourth-year coach has an overall record of 67-55.

Carlson was cited for County coaching honors after guiding Lawrence North to its first County title since 1993. Carlson, 37, is 132-77 in six seasons with the Wildcats. He has an overall record of 257-198 in 15 years with previous tenures at South Vermillion, Lakeland and Speedway.

2007 All-City volleyball

FIRST TEAM

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Stats</u>
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OH	Kelly Faris	Heritage Christian	5-10	Jr.	312 kills, .260 hitting, 55 blocks, 27 aces, 391 digs
OH	Caroline Lemke	Cathedral	6-1	Sr.	234 kills, .263 hitting, 71 blocks, 37 aces, 116 digs
OH	Kara McCarthy	Seccina	5-5	Sr.	373 kills, .179 hitting, 29 blocks, 77 aces, 298 digs
MB	Christiana Gray	Cathedral	6-5	Jr.	261 kills, .453 hitting, 134 blocks, 44 aces, 108 digs
MB	Mary Ording	Cathedral	6-3	Jr.	219 kills, .322 hitting, 128 blocks, 13 aces, 44 digs
S	Jenna Queally	Cathedral	5-7	Sr.	679 assists, 15 blocks, 43 aces, 141 digs
DS	Kristina Carson	Cardinal Ritter	5-6	Jr.	384 digs, 74 aces

SECOND TEAM

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Stats</u>
OH	Jillian Hicks	Heritage Christian	5-8	Jr.	296 kills, .217 hitting, 34 blocks, 60 aces, 340 digs
OH	Catie Triplet	Cardinal Ritter	5-4	Sr.	180 kills, .212 hitting, 75 aces, 320 digs
RS	Lauren Dedinsky	Cathedral	5-10	Jr.	99 kills, .254 hitting, 86 blocks, 170 digs
MB	Becca Reidy	Bishop Chatard	6-1	So.	486 kills, .288 hitting, 179 blocks, 33 aces, 62 digs
MB	Alex Smith	Heritage Christian	5-8	Sr.	182 kills, .300 hitting, 84 blocks, 47 aces
S	Ellen Alerding	Bishop Chatard	5-9	Sr.	603 assists, 34 aces, 75 digs
DS	Christina Barra	Cathedral	5-5	Jr.	532 digs, 15 aces

Player of the Year: Christiana Gray, Cathedral.

Coach of the Year: Kim Wildman, Cardinal Ritter.

HONORABLE MENTION

Arlington: Ashley Robinson. **Bishop Chatard:** Annie Collier, Kourtney Crawford, Kara Ford, Kate Weiskittel. **Broad Ripple:** Dena Dorsett, Natalie Johnson, Kim Van Wyk, Liz Kovacevic. **Cardinal Ritter:** Anita Hernandez, Brittany Monfreda, Ashley Tapscott. **Cathedral:** Kathryn Treadway. **Covenant Christian:** Mackenzie Pfeifer. **Heritage Christian:** Maddie Anderson, Stephanie Rogers, Whitney Sweet. **Indiana Deaf:** Amber Miniard, Amanda Phillips, Ann Whited. **International:** Danielle Jacobson, Katy Strader, Maggie Zelonis. **Manual:** Peyton Parsons, Gisele Rawlins. **Northwest:** Shondelyn Gary, Taylor Moody, Triana Moore. **Seccina:** Lauren Crump, Hannah Zimmerman. **Tech:** Danielle Briggs, Jasmine Hagler. **Washington:** Dawn Caffery, Jessica Caffery.

2007 All-Marion County volleyball**FIRST TEAM**

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Stats</u>
OH	Brittany Daulton	Lawrence North	5-8	Sr.	420 kills, .412 hitting, 83 blocks, 54 aces, 340 digs
OH	Lyndsey Holt	Park Tudor	5-11	Jr.	398 kills, .439 hitting, 32 blocks, 103 aces
OH	Lauren Rafdal	Brebeuf Jesuit	6-2	So.	404 kills, .408 hitting, 67 blocks, 22 aces, 306 digs
MB	Kate Eldred	Roncalli	5-8	Sr.	297 kills, .323 hitting, 136 blocks, 54 aces, 59 digs
MB	Claire McElheny	Brebeuf Jesuit	6-3	Sr.	300 kills, .480 hitting, 106 blocks, 16 aces, 92 digs

S	Chelsea Tolle	Lawrence North	5-5	Sr.	1,004 assists, 19 aces, 165 digs
DS	Kaylee Schembra	Roncalli	5-4	Sr.	645 digs, 36 aces

SECOND TEAM

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Stats</u>
OH	Monteka Flowers	Warren Central	5-9	Sr.	190 kills, .291 hitting, 35 blocks, 32 aces, 125 digs
OH	Brianna Kern	Roncalli	5-9	Sr.	253 kills, .215 hitting, 62 blocks, 10 aces, 215 digs
MB	Abby Merritt	Lawrence North	5-8	Sr.	207 kills, .305 hitting 54 blocks, 60 aces, 294 digs
MB	Brittany Miller	Warren Central	5-7	Sr.	294 kills, .393 hitting, 81 blocks, 27 aces, 203 digs
MB	Lindsay Spears	Perry Meridian	6-1	So.	272 kills, .430 hitting, 141 blocks
S	Alexis Waugh	Roncalli	5-10	Fr.	916 assists, 71 blocks, 34 aces
DS	Liz Romanczuk	Brebeuf Jesuit	5-7	Sr.	244 digs, 55 aces

Player of the Year: Brittany Daulton, Lawrence North.

Coach of the Year: Pat Carlson, Lawrence North.

HONORABLE MENTION

Beech Grove: Blythe Chmielewski, Kayla Childers, Brooke White. **Ben Davis:** Joi Baker, Sarah Lauinger, Elizabeth Whitis. **Brebeuf Jesuit:** Cali Estes, Ivie Obeime, Sloane White. **Decatur Central:** Miranda McCarrell. **Franklin Central:** Kaitlyn Wolak, Jordan Wright. **Lawrence Central:** Kristen Jessee, Megan Townley. **Lawrence North:** Chandler Carney, Magi Nottingham, Jordanne Scott. **Lutheran:** Katie Burke, Amanda Korb, Anna Lewer. **North Central:** Anne Gibson, Sydney Moss. **Park Tudor:** Maddie Reese. **Perry Meridian:** Natalia Boyer, Shelby Gray, Mollie Heidenreich, Sarah Quebe. **Pike:** Asha Hobbs, Kiya James, Brandi Sanders, Kimberly Wakeman. **Roncalli:** Meghan Snyder. **Southport:** Brooke Boyer, Marlee Maddigan. **Speedway:** Jacklyn Dizney, Whitley Emerson, Corinne Owens. **Warren Central:** Ashley Hastings, Kristin Miller, Stephanie Weinman.