

Lauren Mims of Dorman High School headlines 2021-22 All-Upstate Volleyball Team

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The Upstate of South Carolina was loaded this year with volleyball talent. And teams from Pickens, Greenville and Spartanburg counties all won state championships. A team from the Upstate of South Carolina player for every volleyball state championship this year.

That is what makes the list below such a special one. This year's class of volleyball players was among the best the state has had. The Greenville News, Spartanburg Herald-Journal and Anderson Independent-Mail pored over the

selections below to determine the best players across the three newspaper's coverage areas.

This is the 2021-22 864Huddle All-Upstate Volleyball Team:

Upstate Volleyball Player of the Year: Lauren Mims, Dorman

Lauren Mims has been a staple of the rotation at Dorman since her eighth grade year.

That time paid off this season, as Mims tallied more than 320 kills, was named Class AAAAA player of the year and blossomed in to a star for the eventual state champion Cavaliers.

Mims led Dorman with 17, 17 and 18 kills in her final three matches of high school volleyball as the Cavaliers never lost a set in the playoffs and defeated River Bluff for the school' first volleyball title since 2017.



Mims is committed to play collegiately at USC Upstate.

The other finalists for the award were junior outside hitter Jurnee Robinson of Mauldin, who is committed to play at LSU and Dorman senior Savannah Freeman, who is preparing for her first season of college volleyball at Charleston Southern.

Volleyball First Team

Savannah Freeman, Dorman

Freeman formed one of the state's best duos with Mims as an outside hitter. She totaled 301 kills and enrolled early at Charleston Southern to play collegiately.

Kimmie Thompson, St. Joseph's

A South Carolina signee, Thompson had 139 kills and more than 600 assists. She helped lead the Knights to the Class AA state championship.

Jurnee Robinson, Mauldin

Robinson is committed to LSU. She had 329 kills and 25 blocks this year as a junior -- she's easily the Upstate's top returning varsity player.

Katie Brookins, Southside Christian

Brookins, an All-State player and region player of the year, could contribute on any team in the area. As a sophomore, she was the best player on a Southside Christian team that won the Class A championship.

Lauren Mims, Dorman

Mims, the player of the year, was a five-year contributor at Dorman. That's something not many can claim, even at a storied program like Dorman's. Her season was capped with the program's first state championship since 2017.

Lauren Dow, Pickens

Dow was an All-State selection, Region 1-AAAA Player of the Year and led the Blue Flame to the Class AAAA state championship. She had 318 kills as a junior and is one of the state's top returning players.

Maggie Patterson, St. Joseph's

Patterson was the libero for St. Joe's and is now a member of the Clemson team. She was all-state, all-region and a North-South All-Star selection.

Kamren Harper, J.L. Mann

Harper, who is now playing at North Carolina Central, was the best player for a J.L. Mann team that had a strong season. Harper was an all-state and a North-South All Star selection.

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Volleyball Second Team

Savannah Page, Boiling Springs, Senior

Ellie Weissenburger, Greenville, Junior

Kaitlyn Barrett, Chesnee, Senior

Marlee Turnipseed, Daniel, Senior

Milla Lugo, Wren, Junior

Charity Metcalf, J.L. Mann, Senior

Bailee Earnhardt, Pickens, Senior

Chloe Vaughn, Crescent, Senior

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