

These are the best Greenville-area volleyball players in 2022, plus season overview



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Volleyball season is nearly upon Greenville County.

Will St. Joseph's win another state title?

Can Southside Christian win a third straight state title? Katie Brookins, the all-state volleyball star for the Sabres is only a junior. Lizzy Whitmire and Morgan Grom return, too, for an SCS team that went 20-6.

Mauldin should contend for a state title behind LSU volleyball commit Jurnee Robinson. But there is plenty of talent across the board in Greenville County. Here are the area's top volleyball players to watch during the 2022 season:

Quinasia Abercrombie

Wade Hampton, Junior

Outlook: As a sophomore Abercrombie was all-region and led the Generals in kills – playing a major role in the Wade Hampton run as one of the final eight teams in the SCHSL playoffs.

Michaela Bowman

Greenville, Senior

Outlook: The main setter for Greenville, Bowman forms a strong duo with Ellie Weissenburger. She had 424 assists last year from the setter position and should play a major role for the Red Raiders.

Katie Brookins

Southside Christian, Junior

Outlook: Brookins, an all-state outside hitter who tallied 281 kills last season is the centerpiece for what is a strong Southside Christian team. They've won the state title each year she's been on the team ... and she is only a junior.

Jaya Chandler

Christ Church, Senior

Outlook: Chandler had 103 kills, 189 digs and four blocks for Christ Church – a team that struggled to a 3-14 overall record. Her play should help the Cavs improve in 2022.

Grace Dumont



St. Joseph's Catholic, Junior

Outlook: Dumont steps in to a much bigger role with Kimmie Thompson now graduated from St. Joe's Catholic. She had 444 assists and will be the go-to setter for the Knights.

Mary Kate Giordano

Wade Hampton, Senior

Outlook: Giordano is part of a trio that returns for Wade Hampton and was named all-region last season. She had 96 kills and 112 digs as a junior.

Morgan Grom

Southside Christian, Senior

Outlook: Grom will slide in to a larger role beside Brookins as a finisher for the Sabres. She totaled 75 kills as a junior and will bring experience to a team trying to win a title.

Lillie Hecker

St. Joseph's Catholic, Junior

Outlook: Hecker had 281 kills as a sophomore and, alongside Emily Normand and Dumont, should keep SJCS at the top of the food chain now that they're in Class A.



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Ava Klepper

Riverside, Junior

Outlook: Under first-year head coach Megan Jones, Klepper should have a big season for Riverside after being named all-region and totaling 131 kills and 233 digs last year.

Cat Nipert

Greenville Tech Charter, Junior

Outlook: The Warriors finally have a home-gym and last season Nipert shined: She led GTC in kills, aces and was second in digs as an outside hitter and designated setter.

Emily Normand

St. Joseph's, Senior

Outlook: Normand led SJCS in kills with 394 as a junior. She led the Knights to another state championship in Class AA – a title that now, with both in Class A, could come down to SCS and St. Joe's.

Sophia Rizzitello

Woodmont, Senior

Outlook: An all-region selection last fall, Rizzitello is one of the top passers in the state: She racked up 517 assists as a junior setter.

Jurnee Robinson

Mauldin, Senior



Outlook: An LSU commit, Robinson had over 300 kills and led Mauldin to the AAAAA Upper State Championship match last season before running into Dorman, a team that never dropped a set in last year's playoffs.

Claire Skinner

Blue Ridge, Junior

Outlook: Skinner blossomed as a sophomore: She had 20 kills in Tigers' the final match of the year against Broome. She totaled 154 on the year and is once again a strong outside hitter that will be a force for Blue Ridge.

Sydney Shearer

Mauldin, Junior

Outlook: While Robinson is the big-time star, Shearer gives Mauldin a strong tandem. Shearer sets the table for Robinson and gives Mauldin another threat at the net too.

Keily Tobin

J.L. Mann, Junior

Outlook: Tobin steps in to the rolls left vacant by the graduation of star Kamren Harper, who's at N.C. Central now. Tobin had 170 kills, second on the team, and should lead the Pats in kills this year.

Lilly Villiger

J.L. Mann, Sophomore

Outlook: Villiger was one of the best liberos in the area last season. She led the Patriots in digs and was consistent in serve-receive as a freshman on varsity.

Ellie Weissenburger

Greenville High, Senior



Outlook: Weissenburner is one of the area's top volleyball players. She tallied 36 blocks, 128 kills and had 28 aces as a junior all-state selection in Class AAAA. She could lead Greenville to another region title this season.

Symone Wyatt

Woodmont, Sophomore

Outlook: Woodmont only finished 13-15-2 last year, but Wyatt was a bright spot. She had 180 kills, 20 blocks and 138 digs as a freshman outside hitter.

Top Greenville-area teams this season:

- ▶ Wade Hampton (2021 record: 16-8-2, 6-2 Region 2-AAAAA)

► Mauldin (2021 record: 25-6 overall, lost to Dorman in 5A Upper State Championship)

► St. Joseph's (2021 record: 26-15-1, 10-0 Region 2-AA, Class AA State Champions)

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