

SPORTS

# ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL

## Player of the Year HOLLY WRIGHT

### MIDDLETOWN Senior Setter

■ The Knights relied heavily on this versatile performer. She went well beyond the requirements of her setter position, ranking second on the team in kills and digs and first in aces. In addition to that, she was a co-captain who provided valuable leadership for a team that reached the Class 2A West region championship.

■ This returning All-Area first-teamer ranked among the county's top setters with 5.67 assists a game. She also averaged 1.95 kills and 2.76 digs, plus she piled up 76 aces in 66 games.



## FIRST TEAM

### ANDREA CALLES

SENIOR LIBERO  
TUSCARORA

■ Averaged 4.10 digs a game, ranking high on the county leaders list. Earned All-MVAL Piedmont first team honors.

### CAROLINE KINNA

JUNIOR MIDDLE HITTER  
WALKERSVILLE

■ Excelled in hitting, blocking, serving and back row play. Had a team-high 251 digs and also piled up 85 blocks.

### JENNY LEWIS

JUNIOR OUTSIDE HITTER  
BRUNSWICK

■ Ranked high on the county's list of kills leaders, averaging 2.71 a game. Also averaged 2.82 digs.

### STACIE LYNCH

SENIOR SETTER  
THOMAS JOHNSON

■ Team leader for the perennially strong Patriots. Ranked among the area's top setters with 7.05 assists a game.

### CAITLIN ROY

SENIOR MIDDLE HITTER  
MIDDLETOWN

■ A standout athlete (she excels at basketball, too) who was a presence in the middle for the Knights. Led her team in kills, averaging 2.21 a game.

### MEGHAN STOUTER

SENIOR OUTSIDE HITTER  
CATOCTIN

■ Ranked among county leaders in kills, averaging 2.08 game, and was a tough defender. Also provided valuable leadership for the Cougars.



### DANIELLE TUNNELL

JUNIOR LIBERO  
OAKDALE

■ Ranked among county leaders in digs, averaging 4.66 a game. Earned All-MVAL Piedmont first-team honors.

### LIZ TWILLEY

FRESHMAN OUTSIDE HITTER  
OAKDALE

■ Burst onto the county volleyball scene, ranking among the county's kills leaders with 2.89 a game.

### CHARLOTTE SABATANO

SENIOR OUTSIDE HITTER  
THOMAS JOHNSON

■ Dominant at the net for the Patriots, averaging 3.33 kills per game. She also averaged 2.32 digs and finished with 24 aces.

### NIKI WHEELS

SENIOR MIDDLE HITTER  
URBANA

■ Led the Hawks in kills and finished with 34 aces. Earned All-MVAL Piedmont first-team honors.

### BLAIRE WITMER

JUNIOR OUTSIDE HITTER  
LINGANORE

■ All-around player who averaged 2.86 kills and 5.29 digs a game. She also was an excellent passer.



## SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Grade
L	SUMMER BOWINS	T. JOHNSON	JUNIOR
OH	JACKIE BURNS	WALKERSVILLE	JUNIOR
OH	ABBEY DIFFENBAUGH	FREDERICK	SENIOR
OH	SARAH GUST	NEW LIFE	SENIOR
OH	PAIGE LARSEN	OAKDALE	JUNIOR

Pos.	Name	School	Grade
S	TARIJA LEWIS	MSD	JUNIOR
S	TAYLOR MCGAUGHEY	OAKDALE	JUNIOR
OH	LEXI NELSON	LINGANORE	SENIOR
OH	KATIE STOUFFER	TUSCARORA	JUNIOR
L	BREE STRUBE	MIDDLETOWN	SENIOR
S	KAYLA WILKINSON	URBANA	SENIOR

## HONORABLE MENTION

- Brunswick**—Victoria Lohman, Kristin Long.
- Catoctin**—Mackenzie Smith, Amy Szabados.
- Frederick**—Courtney Dentinger, Kari Betson, Alex Baker.
- Linganore**—Brooke Chaney, Gracie Ruble, Ellen Woytowitz.
- MSD**—Augusta Seremeth, Mia Goldberg, Tessa Lewis, Liv Polzin.
- Middletown**—Sam Higginbotham, Molly Rothenhoefer.
- Oakdale**—Erica Buls.
- St. John's-Catholic Prep**—Kathy Acosta.
- Thomas Johnson**—Rebecca Pryor, Sophia Morrow, Ashley Roach, Olivia McShea.
- Tuscarora**—Angie Henshaw, Aubrey Ferrel.
- Urbana**—Devan DiMatteo.
- Walkersville**—Laura Geary, Erica Eyer, Sarah Dixon, Brandi Umberger.

## Penn State saga easily voted AP sports story of year

NEW YORK (AP) — The ouster of one of America's most revered coaches, Penn State's Joe Paterno, after shocking child sex abuse charges against his former assistant was overwhelmingly voted the sports story of the year by members of The Associated Press.

On the morning of Nov. 5, Paterno's Nittany Lions were undefeated in the Big Ten and ranked No. 16 in the country,

and the 84-year-old Hall of Famer was renowned as the winningest coach in Division I football, a leader who preached and practiced "Success with Honor." Then came the staggering revelations: the indictment of longtime defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky for allegedly sexually assaulting eight boys over a 15-year span, perjury charges against two high-ranking school administrators — and a grand jury report that

suggested Paterno knew of accusations against Sandusky and did not do enough to pursue them.

Within four days, Penn State's board of trustees had done the once-unthinkable, firing JoePa after 46 seasons as head coach.

There were 214 ballots submitted from U.S. news organizations that make up the AP's membership. The voters were asked to rank the top 10 sports

stories of the year, with the first-place story getting 10 points, the second-place story receiving nine points, and so on.

The Penn State saga received 2,044 points and 172 first-place votes. It was also voted the No. 6 news story for 2011 in the AP's annual poll of U.S. editors and news directors.

The No. 2 sports story — labor strife in the NFL and NBA — had 15 first-place votes

and 1,345 points.

The turmoil that at times seemed to rock college sports on a weekly basis this year was evident in the voting beyond the Penn State selection. Three more of the top 10 stories involved upheaval in the NCAA: conference realignment (No. 4); the Ohio State infractions that cost Jim Tressel his job (No. 6); and more sex abuse accusations, these involving Syracuse basketball (No. 9).

## AT A GLANCE

Here are 2011's top 10 stories, as voted on by The Associated Press:

1. Penn State scandal
2. NFL/NBA lockouts
3. Packers win Super Bowl
4. College conference realignment
5. Cardinal win World Series
6. Ohio State football transgressions
7. Mavericks win NBA title
8. Dan Wheldon dies in auto race
9. Syracuse scandal
10. Women's World Cup