

Ohio Preview: With the talent pool growing, the picking gets even more difficult

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That brings us to Central District whose region includes southeast Ohio districts from southwest. Watterson is again a frontrunner, but after that talent is spread around, and it's anyone's guess who will take charge at the regional.

Watterson handed Westerville South its only regular season loss and some of the Eagles are stronger this time around. As usual, their forte will be led by middle blockers Sumner and Cassie Farrell, and junior outside hitter Claire Le. Setting will be 5'9" setter.

Westerville South graduated nine last year, but expects to be solid with the seniors coming off junior varsity. Returning from varsity are 5'10" Jessica Eads and 6'0" junior Ashley Byers.

Grove City Central Crossing will be led by senior outside hitter/defensive Laurie Shives, who committed to Youngstown State University as a libero following in her footsteps is freshman setter/passer member of the Central Ohio VBC 14 National and OVR High Performance teams.

With some strong players, Thompson's should build on last year's district championship success. Leading the Cardinals attack will be Erin McCarthy.

Newark will take aim at a district crown with a big young team year's experience together. Top hitters are Gray and Jennifer Thomason.

Dublin Scioto has seven returnees led by 5'8" Aljania Baysett, a senior Kelly Schoener, a 5'9" middle with a 25" vertical. Both were all-district. Another hitter of note Chelsea Darnell, outside.

Pickerington North has a new coach with Kris Kern moving in from last year's players will be Benia Boushka and junior outside hitter Priya.

Upper Arlington will be led by 5'6" outside with a good vertical, and 5'10" middle.

Hilliard Darby's top player Katharine Hueter, a three-sport student athlete who was named all-league in volleyball, basketball and freshman and sophomore years she is now at outside to utilize her swing, and she's also added a jump serve to her repertoire. Setting will be Alexandra Hueter.

Marysville has only three returning lettermen, but one is a 5'9" sophomore McShea, who led the team with 172 kills and 325 digs as a freshman. Setter Kristin Ratliff.

Other teams to watch in Central include Hilliard Davidson with juniors Carmen Reynolds and Pickerington Central.