



Rebels Volleyball Back This Season To Compete

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The Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton Rebels are ready to take the court and play some volleyball. Back for her 11th year is Head Coach Tessa Tysver. Assisting her are Amy Schuldt, Jessica Winter and Steph Hanson.

The Rebels lost seven seniors to graduation from last year's squad, which finished 19-11 overall. They were also 5-1 in the Heart O' Lakes Conference. They were conference co-champs last season.

There are a lot of players looking to step up and fill in those roles this season. There are several players returning from last season.

"We lost a big group of seniors last year, but have a lot of young talent coming up," notes Tysver. "I think they will continue to improve and get more successful as the season progresses."

There are four seniors on this year's team. Allie Critchley, 5'7" libero, is a team captain with 102 digs last season. Katlyn Brenna, 5'5" setter, is team captain with 34 digs and eight assists. Joeli Kelso is a 5'11" outside hitter with 208 kills, 32 blocks and 22 aces. She was named all-conference honorable mention last year. She is also a team captain. Morgan Tollefson, 5'3" DS with eight digs and three aces last season is also team captain.

Four juniors are returning. Peyton Wilson is a 5'10" middle hitter with 81 kills and 27 blocks on record last season. Kelsey Rheault is a 5'7" outside/rightside hitter. Kaylee Thune is 5'9" and a right hitter. Olivia Feigum is a 5'10" right hitter.

The three returning sophomores are: Maria Watt, a 5'10" middle hitter with 53 kills and eight blocks last season; Mariah Iwen, 5'7" setter; and Hailey Wagner, 5'2" defensive specialist.

One lone freshman is returning, Mallory Leitner, a 5'9" right hitter.

Coach Tysver is looking for all four of the seniors to step up and be vocal leaders on and off the court.

"We will look to improve every practice and grow throughout the season and hopefully be playing our best volleyball come playoff time," says Tysver.



The Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton Rebels volleyball team members are, left to right, front row-Hailey Wagner, Kelsey Rheault, Katlyn Brenna, Mariah Iwen, Morgan Tollefson, Allie Critchley; back row-Maria Watt, Peyton Wilson, Mallory Leitner, Joeli Kelso, Kaylee Thune and Olivia Feigum. Not pictured is Ellie Seidler.

Tysver believes defense should be strong for the Rebel team this year. The blocking has improved since last season and the back row touches a lot of balls. They will look to improve their consistency on serve receive. The team also has more height this season than they

have had in the last few years.

As far as the HOL conference, Tysver sees that as a strong conference all the way around. There won't be an easy night for the team. She sees Perham as the team to beat this season.

One of Tysver's favorite coaching moments was making it to the state tournament in 2016.

"My favorite part about coaching for the Rebels is working with the athletes and seeing them improve throughout the season," concludes Tysver. "I love the sport and the relationships that I have formed in my 12 years coaching at DGF."

Here is this season's roster for the Rebels:

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|---|-----------------|----|-----|----|
| 1 | Allie Critchley | DS | 5'7 | 12 |
| 2 | Katlyn Brenna | S | 5'5 | 12 |

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| 3 | Kelsey Rheault | OH | 5'7 | 11 |
| 4 | Peyton Wilson | MH | 5'10 | 11 |
| 5 | Mallory Leitner | RH | 5'11 | 9 |
| 6 | Kaylee Thune | RH | 5'9 | 11 |
| 7 | Mariah Iwen | S | 5'7 | 10 |
| 9 | Hailey Wagner | DS | 5'2 | 10 |
| 11 | Ellie Seidler | S | 5'7 | 10 |
| 12 | Olivia Feigum | RH | 5'10 | 11 |
| 13 | Joeli Kelso | OH | 5'11 | 12 |
| 14 | Morgan Tollefson | DS | 5'3 | 12 |
| 15 | Maria Watt | MH | 5'10 | 10 |



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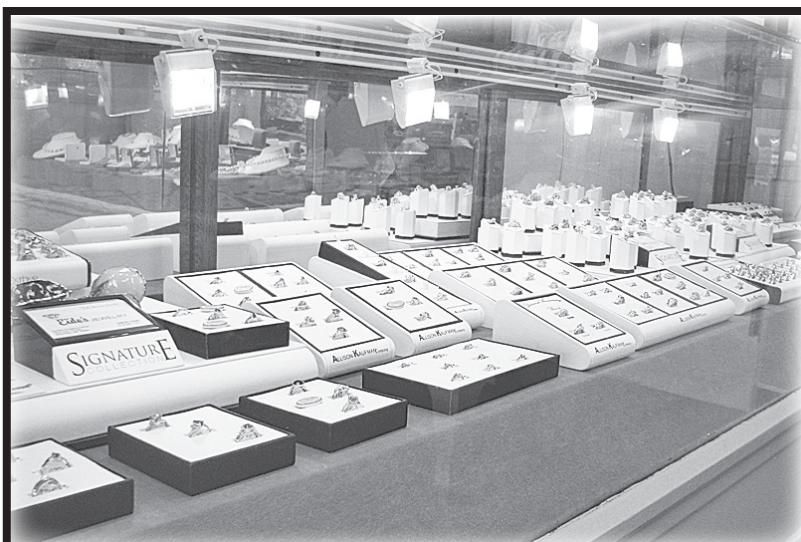
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