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Lead Viking

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All-SCV Player of the Year and All-SCV Teams



Valencia senior Shelby LeDuff is this year's All-Santa Clarita Valley Volleyball Player of the Year. Her leadership helped guide the Vikings to another league

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Shelby LeDuff isn't a follower.

Shelby LeDuff is a leader.

And in 2008 she proved it.

She led the Valencia girls volleyball team to a seventh-straight Foothill League title.

She led the Vikings team in the kills category.

She was voted a team captain in her senior season.

And the Foothill League coaches named her the Most Valuable Player.

Fittingly enough, the 5-foot-11-inch LeDuff can add All-Santa Clarita Valley Girls Volleyball Player of the Year to her résumé.

Behind a consistent and potent offense, LeDuff and the Vikings were the beast other Foothill League teams could not to tame.

LeDuff was the team's kill leader and second in blocks.

Amongst a collection of talented standouts, LeDuff wasn't always the top hitter, passer or blocker.

But she was always the most consistent threat on the outside.

Her hits were often the dagger in an opponents' heart - closing out games and matches one kill at a time.

She spent the most time on the floor, going through the rotation, proficient at almost every position.

Like any good team captain, LeDuff was often the loudest player on the floor, feeding words of encouragement to teammates.

Her best performance this season came in a five-set win over league rival West Ranch on Oct. 21.

LeDuff had a season-high 24 kills and a team-high 19 digs. She had three powerful kills in that match that gave the Vikings a substantial lead in the final set.

Her physical prowess on the court never overshadowed her excitable nature off the court.

When the team lost in the quarterfinals of the CIF-Southern Section Division I-A playoffs, she immediately embraced her teammates, visibly emotional over the loss.

She said she was humbled by the experience of playing with the Vikings team in 2008, quick to give credit to her teammates for all of her success.

LeDuff once asked that when another teammate made the final hit that sealed the win for Valencia, that player be recognized instead of herself - typical leader fashion.

LeDuff played her final game of her senior season like she had all the others - with passion and fire.

In the quarterfinal matchup with Santa Barbara, LeDuff led the Vikings attack with 16 kills - her specialty of course.

But for LeDuff it's what she's become accustomed to. Being a leader.

2008 All-SCV Girls Volleyball Team

All-SCV First Team

Allison Summers - West Ranch, Junior

Summers did it all for the Foothill League's second-place finishers. Summers was the Wildcats' preeminent hitter on the outside. The junior led the team in kills with 267. She was also the leader in service aces (71) and digs (281). She still has one more year left and will likely continue to make a lot of noise throughout the Foothill League in 2009.

Katie Hank - Valencia, Junior

Hank and senior outside hitter Shelby LeDuff were a one-two punch for the Vikings squad. Hank was second on the team behind LeDuff in the kills category, racking up 257. She also served up 38 aces. And the 6-foot-2-inch junior still has one more year left to shine.

Megan Lavo - Valencia, Senior

Lavo stood out on the Vikings' defense not only because she was in a different color shirt on the court, but because she was on the floor to dig up almost every kill that came her way. The senior libero recorded 149 digs for the Vikings. She was third on the team in service aces with 32.

Katie Estes - Saugus, Senior

Estes led the Centurions in almost every category. The 6-foot outside hitter had a team high 419 kills. Estes capped off her senior season adding 52 service aces and 235 digs. After a fifth-place finish in the Foothill League in 2007, Estes was a considerable factor in moving the Centurions team back into league ranks as Saugus finished 2008 on the bronze position.

Sophia Burns - West Ranch, Senior

Burns and fellow first-teamer Summers were the go-to weapons for the Wildcats' offense. Burns finished second behind Summers in the kills category with 210. She also served up 48 aces and had 175 digs. The senior played dual roles as opposite hitter and setter racking up 387 assists.

Alyssa Terwall - Saugus, Senior

The senior setter was the Foothill League's assists leader racking up 761. She also added 169 digs and 25 aces. Along with fellow first-teamer Estes, Terwall was a considerable factor in making Saugus league contenders.

All-SCV Second Team

Christina Worth - Valencia, Senior

On a team with a multiple hitters on the outside, Worth was the one assisting in their success. The Vikings setter was second in the league with assists racking up 733. The 5-foot-10-inch senior was third on the team in blocks with 26.5. She also added 76 digs and 22 serving aces.

Taylor Schubert - Saugus, Junior

Schubert was a big part of the Centurions offense having recorded 126 kills, third on the team. But the 5-foot-10-inch dual threat at opposite hitter/middle blocker did the most amount of damage at the net. She had a total of 26 blocks, second on the team.

Megan Futch - West Ranch, Senior

Behind first-teamers Summers and Burns, Futch was another dominating figure in the Wildcats' offensive attack. She was second on the team in kills with 150. The senior outside hitter was also second in digs with 221.

Casey David - Hart, Junior

David led in almost every category for the Indians. She played a prominent role in the Hart offense. A second year starter, David had a team-high 46 aces, 129 kills and was third on the team in digs with 182. The senior setter also added 262 assists.

Kayley Morrison - SCCS, Senior

Morrison finished the season as the Heritage League's Most Valuable Player. The senior middle blocker was second on the team in kills with 222. Morrison did it all for the Cardinals picking up 133 digs, 160 blocks and 68 aces.





Allison Toledo - Hart, Junior

Toledo broke her own serve, receive and digs record racking up a total of 491 this season. She led the Indians' defense with 392 digs. She was second on the team in service aces with 19.

Honorable Mentions

Lindsay Murachanian - Golden Valley, Senior
Brigette Mayes - Saugus, Senior
Elizabeth Renfro - Canyon, Senior
Courtney Cessna - West Ranch, Junior
Jaclyn Clark - Saugus, Freshman
Jen Drake - Hart, Senior

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