

Three New Knights for 09-10 Season

WENATCHEE, WA – Losing most of the 08-09 roster to graduation, Wenatchee Valley College volleyball coach Kelly Ketcham has his recruitment work cut for him.

Fortunately, he is off to a good start with the signing of three high school seniors from the Pacific Northwest, including Gatorade Alaska Volleyball Player of the Year Lauren Fulton from Anchorage. Fulton, a 5' 10" outside hitter, led Dimond High School to the 2008 4A state title, was named to the 4A All-Tournament Team, and received the 4A State Championship Tournament Best Server Award for the second year in a row. The Gatorade POY award recognizes athletic and academic achievement as well as exemplary character demonstrated on and off the court.

“Not only is Lauren a very good volleyball player, she is the right kind of person for our program,” said Coach Ketcham. “When we checked on her reputation we liked what coaches and teachers had to say about her. She comes from a great home with solid ethics and values. She had plenty of options and we’re excited that she has chosen to continue her volleyball career here at WVC.”

Fulton plays club ball with Midnight Sun Volleyball Club in Anchorage.



Lauren Fulton

Also donning the Knights uniform next year is a young lady known in local volleyball circles. Wenatchee Panther Shade McKay has committed to play at WVC.

“I have had my eye on Shade for the last year and half,” said Ketcham about the 5' 9" outside hitter. “She has solid ball control skills, great transition and approach footwork, and hits a steep angled shot.”

Shade is a two-year varsity letter winner at Wenatchee High School.

“It’s always a plus when we can have local kids on the squad. I’m very pleased that she has agreed to be a part of Knights volleyball,” Ketcham said.

McKay most recently played club ball with the North Central Washington Volleyball Club national 17’s team.



Shade McKay

The newest to commit to Knights Volleyball is another Washington product that is not so local. Setter Andrea DeRosier of Kelso has accepted the invitation to come to Wenatchee. Coach Ketcham says that this young woman made an impression when she came for her visit/try-out.

“I knew from talking to her references that she was well regarded for having a gritty work ethic. Boy did she live up to her reputation. She threw herself around our gym chasing down every second ball. She is quick and agile and definitely not afraid to get on the floor to make a play.” Ketcham also says that Andrea has earned high respect from all of her teachers and coaches. “She gets glowing references from the people that know her best and see her every day. That tells me she is also the right kind of individual for us.”

DeRosier has been a four-year starter for the Kelso High volleyball team and plays club ball with the Cowlitz Volleyball Club on the 18 Asics team.



Andrea DeRosier