

4 BC3 volleyball players named All-Region XX stars

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Butler County Community College volleyball players Kaylee Ebbert, left, Abby Kopac, Madyson McAninch and Makenzie McDowell are among 12 players from six programs to be selected to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division III All-Region XX squad. Ebbert is a sophomore outside hitter from Mars; Kopac is a sophomore middle hitter from Knoch; McAninch is a freshman libero from Freeport; and McDowell is a sophomore outside hitter from Knoch.

(Butler, PA) Makenzie McDowell, an outside hitter on the Butler County Community College volleyball team, has been selected for a second consecutive season to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division III All-Region XX squad, joined by three Pioneer teammates who in October won the program's fourth Region XX championship since 2015.

McDowell, libero Madyson McAninch and middle hitter Abby Kopac were named to a seven-player All-Region XX first team, and outside hitter Kaylee Ebbert, to a five-member honorable mention team.

McDowell, a sophomore from Knoch, had BC3 second-bests with 414 digs and 165 kills for a Pioneers squad that in 2019 finished 19-5 and posted the program's 11th consecutive winning season under coach Rob Snyder. BC3 on Oct. 19 also won its fifth Western Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference title in a row and its Region XX crown on Oct. 26 was its 10th since 1999.

McAninch, a freshman from Freeport, led the six-team Region XX with 567 digs. Kopac, a sophomore from Knoch, tied for the lead in the region with 169 kills. Ebbert, a sophomore from Mars, had BC3 third-bests with 377 digs and 153 kills.

Ebbert and McAninch were also selected to the NJCAA Division III Region XX All-Tournament team after the top-seeded Pioneers beat the second-seeded Community College of Allegheny County in the Oct. 26 finals. Kopac was chosen as the tournament's most valuable player.

BC3 advanced to the NJCAA Division III Mid-Atlantic District Tournament in Pinehurst, N.C., where after a first-round victory against Patrick Henry Community College, Martinsville, Va., the Pioneers fell to Owens Community College, Perrysburg, Ohio; and Columbus State Community College, Columbus, Ohio.

Owens on Nov. 16 won its second consecutive NJCAA Division III championship.

McDowell, McAninch, Kopac and Ebbert were also chosen to the Western Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference all-conference team Oct. 19, when Snyder – whose record at BC3 is 395-153 in 21 seasons – was named the WPCC's coach of the year for the 10th time.

Joining BC3 and the Community College of Allegheny County in Region XX are Anne Arundel Community College, Arnold, Md.; Howard Community College, Columbia, Md.; Pennsylvania Highlands, Johnstown; and Westmoreland County Community College.

Other Region XX first-team selections were Abigail Cmar and Marah Williams, Community College of Allegheny County; Karen Bautista Carmona, Anne Arundel; and Kira Thompson, Howard Community College.

Harper Ercole, Community College of Allegheny County; Tara Gabrielsen, Anne Arundel; Sabrina Logomarsino, Howard Community College; and Brooke Elliott, Penn Highlands; were named to the Region XX honorable mention squad.