

Suburban Life

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**MEG
DEMAAR**

Glenbard West | Senior
| Volleyball

Why DeMaar was selected:

The MVP of the recent Glenbard West Invite, DeMaar is a major reason behind the Hilltoppers winning 21 of their first 23 matches.

After seeing time at outside hitter earlier in her high school career, Glenbard West senior Meg DeMaar has become one of the top liberos in the state. A four-year varsity player for the Hilltoppers, her contributions from the back row have played a large role in the team's success this fall, which included a 21-2 overall record and 10-match winning streak heading into Tuesday's contest against York. DeMaar, the Wheaton Bank and Trust Athlete of the Week, spoke with Suburban Life sports reporter Scott Schmid about the current season.

What do you like best about being in the back row?

Obviously I get to cover a lot of the court and take a lot of the balls. And it's the position I play in club and the position I'm going to play in college [at Furman University].

Your team has had a lot of success over the past several years. What makes this

year's group special?

We are very deep and we get along very well. We make a lot of jokes and have a lot of fun and that chemistry carries over to the court. And our communication, we focus a lot on that on the court.

What are the keys to the team's great start?

Everyone has stepped up and taken on a bigger role this year. And Natalie Schilling, who is a sophomore, is doing a great job of leading this team in attacking. Everyone is doing their part.

Coming off the success of last year, do you girls have high expectations for the rest of the year?

Definitely, we have big goals still. We weren't satisfied with last year, we want to get in a good position again. And right now, we are focused on conference. It would be great to win it again because the conference is so strong.

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