

# November Athlete of the Month: Payton Kemnitz

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Payton Kemnitz is a senior student athlete at Welsey-Wessington High School competing in volleyball, track, and basketball. Her eighth season of volleyball is underway where she is the varsity setter and team captain. As a leader on the team, Payton strives to consistently demonstrate a strong work ethic on and off the court. Coach Jason Bishop acknowledges a varsity setter is “a position that requires resilience and leadership. Payton keeps a great attitude regardless of the situation.” A multi-sport athlete, Payton also excels in track and basketball. She is an accomplished middle-distance runner, holding the school records for 800m, 1600m, 4x400m relay, 4x800m relay, and medley relay. For the last three years, she was awarded the title of outstanding middle-distance runner. Payton will begin her eighth year of basketball this fall. Last year, she was recognized as the most improved player, helping her team place 3rd at the state tournament and win the 281 Conference.



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Throughout her sports career, Payton has learned the importance of respect, not only for her coach and teammates, but also for opponents. During games when competition can get heated, Payton strives to always show good sportsmanship. In addition to juggling the demands of a busy sports and academic schedule, Payton serves as the current president for Health Occupation Students of America, Future Farmers of America, and student council. It's evident Payton has the fortitude, integrity, and motivation to succeed. Still undecided about her college plans, Payton hopes to compete in track and field at the collegiate level.

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## Getting to know Payton:

**FAVORITE QUOTE:** “Don’t let a negative 10 seconds ruin your whole day.” -Unknown

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Fettucine Alfredo

**FAVORITE LATE-NIGHT SNACK:** Popcorn

**FAVORITE CLASS:** I really enjoyed learning from my Algebra 1 teacher who went above and beyond to make sure his students understood the material.

**FUN FACT:** I enjoy being around children and hope to work with them in the future.



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