



Top Select Volleyball Academy is pleased to announce and wants to congratulate **Taylor Sherwin, Class of 2011**, on her verbal commitment to The Ohio State College's athletic volleyball program. Her excitement to play for the "Big Ten" volleyball college program is her dream come true. Taylor says...*"I feel Ohio State has great coaches and players and will provide me with an excellent education."*

Taylor has been playing Club Volleyball since the age of 12 years old and has been with her Coach, German De Valle, since the age of 14 years old. Taylor started out as a middle blocker/outside hitter for a few years, until Coach German saw something special in the way Taylor was setting the ball in practice to her teammates. Coach German decided to take a chance and train Taylor as a setter and found that this position best fit her overall. Taylor had mentioned on few occasions that if it wasn't for Coach German's coaching, teaching and fine tuning her technical skills, *"I wouldn't be where I am today as a player."* *"His tough rigorous coaching skills and devotion to his players are only because he loves his players and wants them to be the best of the best. I absolutely couldn't have done it without him and his Assistant Coach, Molly Faust. To me, this holds true testimony to his coaching skills when my teammates and I, at 15 years of age, became the first team in Central Florida history, to win the Junior Olympics after we all had been playing for Coach German for only a year and I had just started setting only a few months prior. To me, that's a great coach!!"*

Taylor's Tips on being the best player you could possibly be...

As a Setter, talk and learn from your teammates on how and where they want the ball set, to best fit them as a players

Always listen to your coaches, even when they come across grouchy sometimes, ha, ha.....you may not like what he/she has to say, but they do know what they are talking about...

Win and/or lose, work hard, but have fun with your teammates...these make for lasting memories...

Never, ever give up!

And of course, the old saying my parents and Coach German keep telling me over and over again....Practice, practice and practice ..."they can be sooo annoying sometimes....ha, ha.."

