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## ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT-SKYLER MURRAY

Committed: Earlham College

Skyler is a class of 2021 Centerville graduate. She has ten years of club experience playing for various regional clubs and chose to play at Munciana East this season. Skyler came to us to continue growing her skills and knowledge of the game and to prepare her for college volleyball. You don't have to talk to her to know she loves the game of volleyball as she shows you on the court. She is a beast in the front and has the skills it takes to play all around. Her passion, talent, power and love of the game drives her teammates. We are proud of all she has and will accomplish in the future and are grateful she chose Munciana East.



## ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT-SOPHIE HUBER

Committed: Calument College of St. Joseph

Sophie is currently a Junior at Brookville High School in Brookville, Ohio. She graduates next spring in 2022. Sophie began playing volleyball when she was 10 years old at the YMCA where she learned to love the game. She joined Munciana East after multiple seasons playing club volleyball in Ohio. Setting is her passion, and she is following in her mother's footsteps, who was a setter at Marian College before it became Marian University. She has beautiful hands as a setter and always knows how to connect with her hitters. We are very proud and excited for her future and all it entails and are extremely thankful she chose Munciana East.

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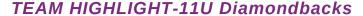


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The Munciana East 11u Purple Diamondbacks is a small team comprised of seven dedicated and capable young athletes. Though they are usually one of, if not the smallest team in every tournament physically, they never fail to demonstrate that they can play with any team they come up against. The players' determination and competiveness is nothing short of inspiring. It is very fortunate to have such a young team, but with already so much experience. Three of our players are in their third year of club ball while the remaining four are in their second. So when the Diamondbacks come to play they are bringing 10 years of combined experience.



Playing against 11u and 12u teams, including many from prominent clubs, this year the Diamondbacks are currently 12-5 with more work to be done and not looking back. While being proficient in all areas of the game, I would have to say our serving ability is what stands out. We have many players that will come to a tournament and consistently achieve a 90% or better serving percentage. Not only is our serving consistent, but it is also effective. It is not uncommon to see serving runs of six or more from multiple players, and the team almost always has double digit aces in each game if not in each set. I have had the great privilege to coach this team for the past three years and to watch how these players have grown not only as a volleyball team, but also as individuals has been amazing and a highlight in my coaching career. These athletes are pushed each and every practice to get better and they respond and answer the challenges each time. I have no doubt this team will continue to have tremendous success in the future and the players are always wanting to go to that next level and compete. *David Spalding - 11U coach* 

Our Munciana East 11U is our youngest team in the club but has unbelievable upside in the future. These kids will be the foundation of Munciana East and are taking huge steps in propelling this program into great heights. David has done a great job with the Diamondbacks and emphasizes first-ball contacts like we have for years at Munciana. If the 11U team is passing and serving well they are a very tough team to beat! Excited to see them finish on a high note and continuing to build on their great foundation throughout their futures at Munciana East!

Randy Gardner - Club Director

## **PRACTICE SITE**

Northeastern High School

Munciana East will be training the rest of the season at Northeastern high school! We are very excited for this chance to help extend our hours in the gym and more space for training purposes! We thank Girls Inc. for giving us a place to train through a tough stretch of covid! We are excited to have a very spacious gym at Northeastern.

(Moving from Girls Inc. to Northeastern High School our training hours will go from 1 1/2 hours to a full 2-hours each practice).



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