

Lady Flames Bring New Look to 2011 Volleyball

Second year coach Amy Walker is excited about the 2011 season. With a good balance of veterans and newcomers, the year looks bright for the Flames.

Returning players include junior Christen Pointer and sophomores Julie Montero and Emily Whitworth. Pointer, a middle hitter, was named to the National Christian College Athletic Association's 2010 Mid-East Region Honorable Mention volleyball team. She led the team in kills, blocks, digs and attacks, and second on the team in aces and assists.

Whitworth is an outside hitter who had a solid year as a freshman and will be asked to set as well as hit for the Flames this year. Montero is a back court specialist who made tremendous improvement last season and adds depth to the Flames' lineup.

Senior Katie Duttine, an all-position player, returns after taking a year off. Duttine is considered an excellent server. Her maturity and experience will be an asset to the Flames this season.

Three freshmen newcomers round out the squad: Rachel Burns (Springfield, OH), Elizabeth Hill (Norton, VA), and Maddie Lindgren (Bakersfield, CA). Burns is a middle hitter and passer, Hill is a passer and outsider hitter, and Lindgren is a middle hitter.

"We have a good mix of talent this year," said Coach Walker. "I'm pleased with the direction of the program and look forward to working with this amazing group of ladies."