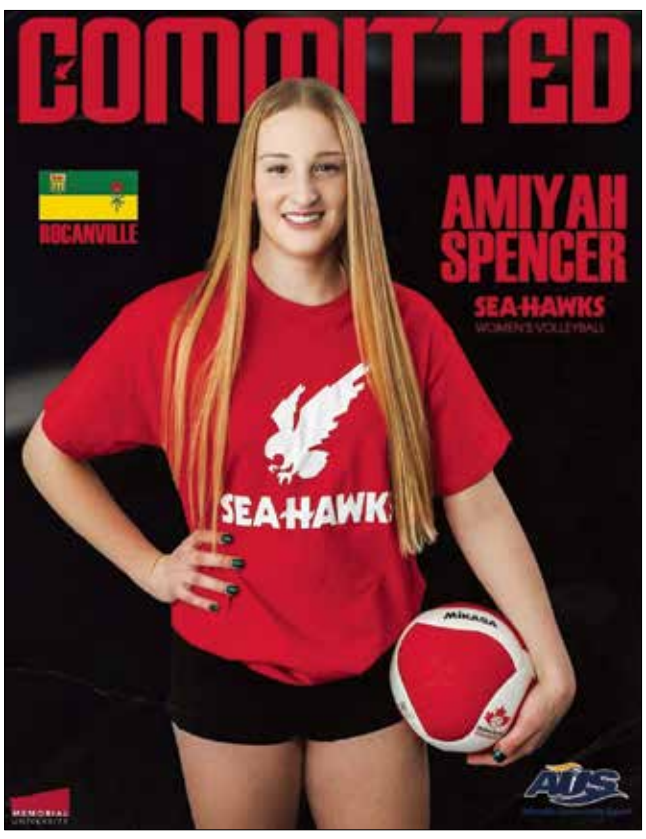
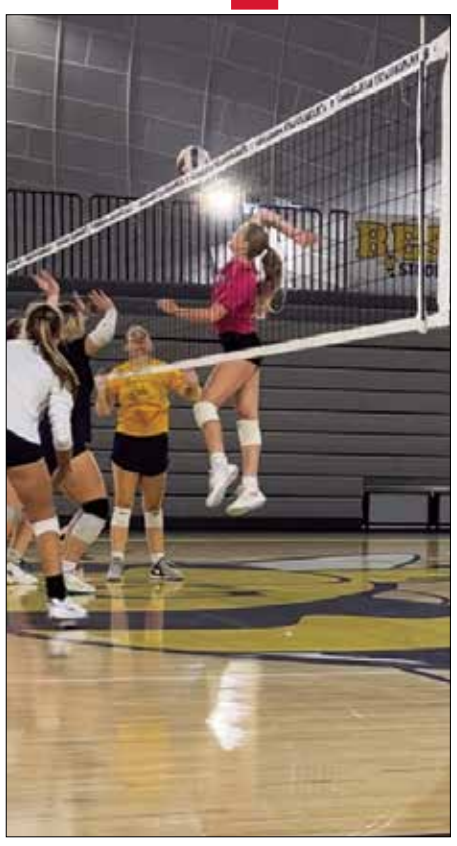


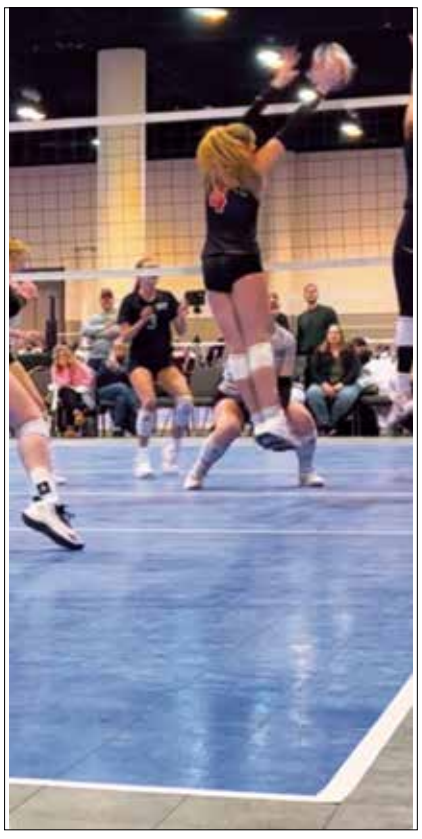
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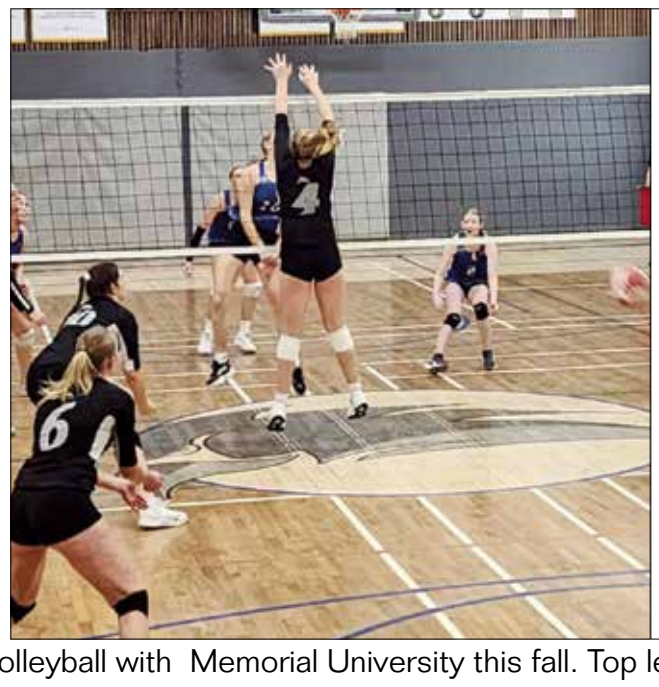














Amiyah Spencer of Rocanville will be playing volleyball with Memorial University this fall. Top left and bottom right photos by Tanille Williamson Photography.

Rocanville's Amiyah Spencer to play volleyball for Memorial University Sea-Hawks

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

Rocanville's Amiyah Spencer is heading to university in Newfoundland this fall, where she will play volleyball with the Memorial University Sea-Hawks. She will be joining the team as a middle blocker while pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree at Memorial.

Spencer helped lead Rocanville School to a high school provincial bronze medal in volleyball in 2022 and a silver medal in 2023. She has also made waves in swimming, medaling at the Saskatchewan Swimming Provincials in both 2023 and 2024.

Spencer says she is very excited to graduate from Rocanville School this June and begin her move to the East Coast.

"I am from Rocanville and in grade 12. Volleyball and school are my two big priorities in my life, so going to university and play volleyball were the two things I wanted to do, and so I am going to take Sciences and Medicine," she said.

"It has been super exciting finishing up high school and has been very busy with finishing up volleyball. It is kind of sad to know we will all be leaving and going our separate ways after high school, but it is exciting to know everyone is going to be doing their own thing.

"I'm going to Memorial University in Newfoundland. The main campus is in St. John's. They offer everything I want to take. I am going to start with my bachelor's in general science first and then in my second year I am going to declare my major in biological chemistry and then minor in Human Biosciences. So, I will definitely be busy.

"I am really excited to be away, I have never really been that far away from home before, but I will just be so busy that I won't even think about being homesick. Everybody in the family is super excited to go with me out there to drop me off at the beginning of the semester which is super exciting. So, they will get to stay out there a bit for pre-season and then I will be on my own which is exciting and scary at the same time. I will be living in residence my first year."

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Spencer to play volleyball for Memorial University

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Love for volleyball

Spencer says after COVID she was excited to be active and joined club volleyball in Virden.

"My first year of competitive volleyball was in the winter of 2022 and the spring of 2023 and that was my first year in Virden where I played for Club West and then since then I have been in love with the sport.

"It was really out of COVID I wanted something to do. I was never a kid who wanted to sit down. I just wanted to be active and so when it came up that I could go play club volleyball in Virden, I knew instantly I wanted to, and I fell in love with it. I like the competitiveness, the team aspect, the coaching was amazing, and I just had to keep going."

Spencer says volleyball holds a special place in her life.

"It means absolutely everything," she says. "I have met so many amazing people and I have learned so much about the sport and about myself, and it has created so many opportunities to travel and keep doing what I love to do."

Spencer says her family is beyond supportive of her decision to move to Newfoundland for school.

"It is honestly such an honour. I never saw myself moving away from home to play at a higher level of volleyball. I always wanted to, but never really thought I would get there, but my coaches have just been amazing—pushing me to be the best athlete I can be. So, they were all super pumped when I got the opportunity to go play and it has really been thanks to them and my parents that I got this amazing opportunity. I am just so excited to keep doing what I love to do."

She says the school reached out before signing her contract to play USports volleyball in November.

"The coach of Memorial reached out on my social media page because my Instagram is a lot of my highlights in volleyball and so they reached out and we had set up a meeting and the minute our online meeting ended I was like 'I have to go there!' I knew I really wanted to go, so we kept in contact. Then, end of November, early December I had signed to go there."

Being part of a team

Spencer says she loves the competitiveness and team aspects of sports.

"I just love to do it. I love to compete and be on a team, and always having a goal to be the best I can be and be at the top level while also being connected with my teammates.

Excited for next steps

Spencer says she is excited to move away and explore a new part of the country.

"I couldn't even pick one thing I am most excited for. I am excited to be on my own and starting something completely new. Just starting that high level of school, playing volleyball, and meeting so many new people is so exciting. I am also excited to explore the island—I have been on the Prairies for so long, it will be so different. I can't wait to see a new environment.

"I couldn't even cap my excitement level. Every day that I think about it I just think 'Oh my gosh, I can't believe I get to do this!' I am beyond excited."





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