Skylights ink two more volleyball standouts
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There’s no doubt Montana State University-Northern head volleyball coach Bill Huebsch has been busy on the recruiting trail, and late last week, Huebsch announced the singing of two more standouts to his 2016 recruiting class.

Katia Michelotti, a 6-2 middle blocker from Great Falls is one of those standouts. Michelotti is a three time volleyball letter winner for C.M. Russell High School. During her senior season, she served as a team captain and led the CMR Rustlers in total kills, blocks and hitting percentage. She said she was honored to be included on the Eastern AA all-conference teams, earning honorable mention in 2014 and 2nd Team All-Conference in 2015.

Michelotti has played for the Montana Elite Juniors volleyball travel club for six years, gaining valuable experience while competing in regional, sectional and national competitions at both the AAU and United States America Volleyball levels.

Michelotti carries a 4.0 GPA, received an academic letter from CMR, is a member and officer in National Honor Society and was a member in Health Occupations Students of America in which she qualified for nationals. She has also been selected as an all-state academic honoree in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

"We are excited to add Katia to our Northern Volleyball family," Huebsch said. "She has the experience and athleticism to be a real offensive and defensive force at the net for us this fall. She is not only a player with intelligence and passion for the game, but someone of great character who possesses strong leadership qualities."

A future working in medicine and helping children is important, Michelotti said, and she plans to start that journey by earning a degree in biology with a pre-med emphasis from MSU-Northern. She is the daughter of Ruffo and Brandee Michelotti and has one older brother.

Also joining the Skylights in the fall will be Madison Weaver. Weaver, a 5-11 middle/right side transfer from Mount Hood Community College in Gresham, Oregon.

A versatile athlete, Weaver competed in two years of volleyball and basketball and one year in softball at Mount Hood. She was the blocking leader of her high school team during her senior
year as well. She maintains 3.0 GPA at Mount Hood and plan on majoring in Criminal Justice at Northern.

Originally from Bend, Oregon, Madison is the daughter of Sara Weaver, Brandon Mathis, and James Weaver. Weaver said she chose MSU-Northern because of the academics and the warm welcome she received from the Northern Volleyball team.

“Madison is a very determined and experienced player who gives us immediate depth at both the middle and right side blocking positions,” Huebsch said. “I look forward to seeing some great competition at those spots this fall.”

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