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Offensive strength along with team height and experience will make the Perkins County Plainsmen volleyball team one to reckon with this season, according to Coach Penny Hite.

“Our key to a successful season is confidence to face tough opponents and finish!” said Hite.

The team has a lot of power that needs to be harnessed into consistency, and if all these factors come together, the girls have the potential to clinch a state berth.

“Experience in our five seniors will lead us through this year,” said Hite.

Kristin Beck will again lead her team as setter. Team members will look to Tanya Metcalf and Shalee Pollard who have the most varsity experience and will be looked to for big game toughness and leadership.

Gabrielle Patrick, Matisyn Humphrey and Tori Osler round out the outside hitters.

“Our height and experience in our hitters will be the force behind this year’s team,” said Hite.

“Junior Shania Metcalf had a great summer and we will look forward to all she has to contribute to this team,” she said. Metcalf is among four top area players. She joins Shannon Leiwer of Chase County, Samantha Byrn of St. Pat’s and Sam Kennedy of Sutherland as powers to watch.

Hite is looking for defensive strength from juniors Michi Prante, Kim Cook and senior Pollard for a well rounded team.

Predicting the order of finish in conference, Hite puts Perkins County at the top, followed by Sutherland, Chase County, St Pat’s, Hershey and Maxwell.

The girls finished first in SPVA (South Platte Valley Association) last year. Their overall record for the season was 24-8.