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Tiani Reeves receives top volleyball honor by LJS.

Tiani Reeves had just woken up and was walking through her home when her parents hinted to look in the direction of the kitchen table.

A cut-out copy of the Nov. 28, Lincoln Journal Star sports section was waiting.

With her name near the top of the article and underneath “Super-State,” Reeves was shocked.

“I was honestly surprised,” Reeves said. “You don’t go into a season trying to win awards. The only thing you worry about is playing your best for your team.”

Reeves certainly did that leading the Swedes with 368 kills and 50 blocks.

The Swede junior was named to the Super-State first team. She was also on the first team in Class C-1 and is honorary captain of the group as well.

Head Coach Mary Clark said she enjoyed the news as well.

“I thought it was very exciting for Tiani,” Clark said.

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Clark added that Ron Powell from the Journal Star came to watch Reeves play and left extremely impressed.

“Athletes out in this area of the state don’t get enough recognition,” Clark said. “What impresses people around the state is that she can get up and hit over anybody.”

Both Reeves and Clark acknowledged her athletic ability but that wasn’t the only factor in her recent success, Clark said.

“She plays club volleyball in the summer and goes to camp with the team in July,” Clark said. “She is in the gym everyday.”

Reeves gives credit to her dad, Steve Reeves, who she said has had her in gyms or on the track since she was a child.

“When I was younger, I was always around my dad,” Reeves said. “He instilled in me at a young age that if you wanted to be great you had to work hard.”

As a junior, Reeves said she doesn’t mind running in the off season and spending time in the gym. It is what she wants to do.

“Working out and training for volleyball and track is fun,” Reeves said. “It’s not work if you are doing what you want to be doing.”

Clark said Reeves represents that volleyball team very well.

With one volleyball season left in her Gothenburg career, and Division I coaches showing interest, Reeves has a chance to be great.

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“You work hard to be good and don’t expect to be recognized,” Reeves said. “As an athlete, it’s just what you do.”

More Swede honors

Seniors Regan Geiken, Aryn Meisinger and Taylor Mroczek were each named to the Class C-1 honorable mention all-state team.

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