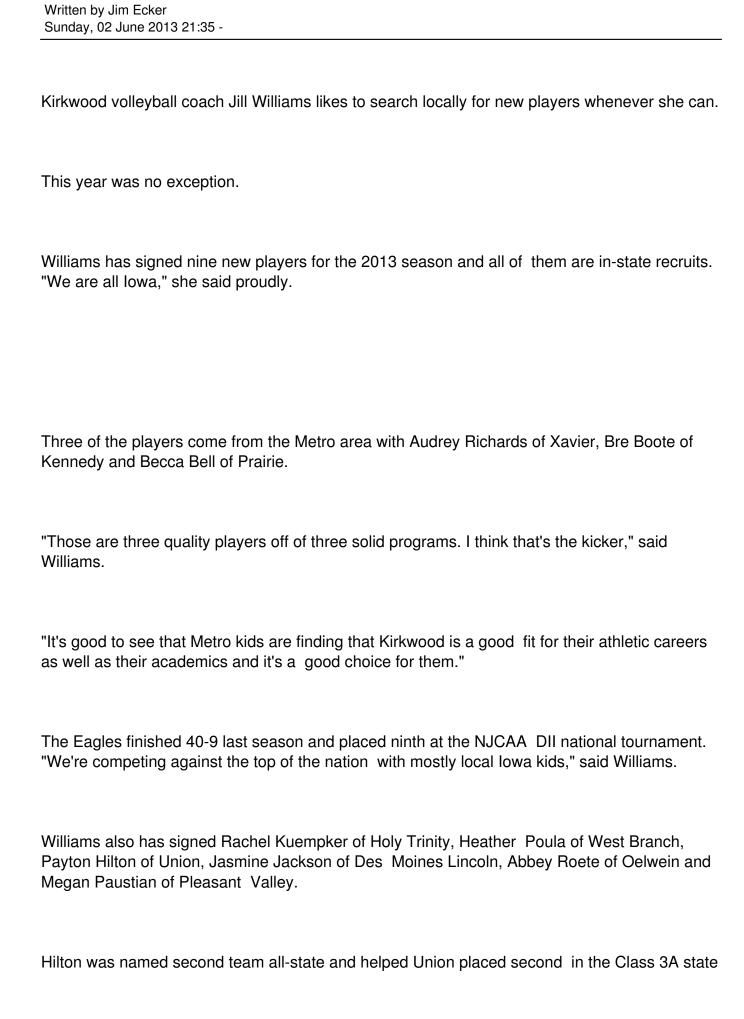
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tournament in 2012. Paustian received honorable mention all-state and helped Pleasant Valley finish second in the Class 5A state tournament.

Kuemper was third team all-state and helped Holy Trinity reach the Class 1A semifinals. Poula received honorable mention all-state on the West Branch club that made the state tournament.

Jackson was named the Female Athlete of the Year at Des Moines Lincoln.

The Eagles have added good size with Bell (6-foot-1), Kuempker (6-0), Hilton (5-11), Paustian (5-11), Poula (5-10), Jackson (5-9 1/2), Boote (5-9) and Richards (5-8).

"We did add some height in there," said Williams. "It's going to be a different look. Last year going in, I knew we were undersized, but I also knew we were really athletic."

Williams thinks the new players are athletic and big, which is a good combination.

"I think we're pretty solid," she said. "I think it will be a solid group and it will be exciting to add them with our returnees and see what we can do."

Lexi Litts and Ashley Gonzalez, two of the top players on this year's team at Kirkwood, plan to continue their volleyball careers at Newman University in Wichita, Kan. Litts is a Kennedy graduate.