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Katie Lopez

Tri-City Voice Sports congratulates Katie Lopez of Irvington High School for being named the December, 2009, Female Athlete of the Month by means of her performance in November.

Lopez, playing for the Vikings' volleyball team, finished the year with 420 kills. During the month of November she had 59 kills in two Mission Valley Athletic League (MVAL) playoff matches and one North Coast Section (NCS) playoff contest.

Lopez led Irvington in kills, aces (53), blocks (83) and digs (206). She ended up with a 50 percent kill ratio overall and was First Team All-League Hitter for the MVAL. According to her coach, Kim Martin, Lopez had a couple of injuries at the end of the year but it never showed in her output on the court.

Tri-City Voice got a hold of Lopez over the Thanksgiving break to find out more about her, on and off the court. Here's what she had to say:

Tri-City Voice: What is your favorite subject or subjects in school?

Katie Lopez: My favorite subjects are History and English. I love learning about things that have happened to our country and world in the past. I enjoy old books.

TCV: Do you plan on going to college or junior college after high school?

KL: I do plan to go to college after high school.

TCV: If so, in what [colleges](#) are you interested?

KL: I have just started looking at [schools](#) and here are a few that look interesting: San Jose State, Pepperdine, [Loyola](#) Marymount, CAL, UCLA and I am sure there are others.

TCV: Do you have any idea what field you would like get into when your school days have finished or maybe delayed for a while?

KL: Yes, I want to teach elementary age kids, maybe with a deaf or special needs emphasis.

TCV: Would you like to continue playing volleyball after high school?

KL: Yes I would or maybe basketball.

TCV: Who has been your hero or role model to this point in your young life?

KL: My Mom.

TCV: Is there any athlete you have admired during your growth?

KL: Candice Wiggins and Lisa Leslie are two of my favorites.

TCV: What is your favorite food?

KL: Mexican food.

TCV: To what kind of music do you listen?

KL: All kinds - I love music.

TCV: Do you have a favorite movie?

KL: Pocahontas, Double Team, Stick It - really any movie about sports and any Disney movie.

TCV: Do you play any other sports besides volleyball?

KL: Yes, Basketball and swim. I also love to dance.

TCV: What do you like to do when not doing school work or volleyball activities?

KL: Hang out with my friends & family.

TCV: Do you have any siblings?

KL: Yes, I have one sister, Emily.

TCV: If so, what are their ages and do they play any sports?

KL: Emily is 13 and she also plays volleyball and swims. She also has a great singing voice.

TCV: Do you have any superstitions you do before or after a volleyball game?

KL: Yes, I have a pregame meal of a chicken quesadilla from Taco Bell every game! And I like to listen to upbeat music to get myself in game mode.

TCV: Anything else you would like to add?

KL: Thank you for considering me for this. I love sports and being part of a team. My Irvington Volleyball team and coaches were great this year. It was a lot of fun.







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