

“GRCC Student experiences Rise College Thursday”

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**Judge’s comments:** “Good casual narrative and easy read about a sport that doesn’t receive much press attention. A couple of ways to make it even more interesting.....explain how it took almost two years for a volleyball enthusiast to discover professional volleyball in a city where the school and team are within a couple of miles from each other. And secondly, maybe talk to a player or two about having the opportunity to play the sport on a professional level. Writing is consistent in tone and approach. It was enjoyable to read about something rather than having a column full of speculation of what some teams should or shouldn’t do.”