



Circle Volleyball News

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4th-6th Grade Team

The 4th-6th girls volleyball team played an exciting game against St. Luke's on Thursday! They lost the first game 13-25, but fought back to win a really thrilling second game at 25-23. The final game was a battle, ending with a close loss at 14-16. **Danielle LeJeune, Lela Ault,** and **Lauren Brashear** provided many mighty serves, while **Abigail Brashear, Hannah Carlson,** and **Sarah Marble** had some awesome passes! The team played so well, even the referees were amazed and commented on their energy and skill! Great job ladies!



Junior High Team

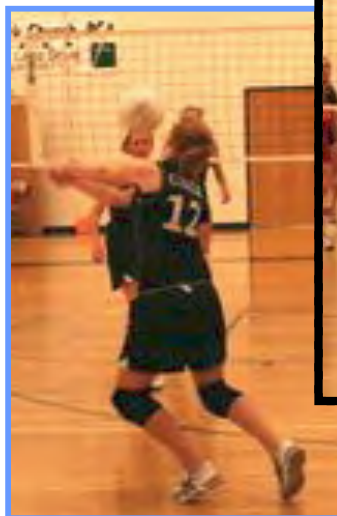
The Junior High team had a full schedule this week with a doubleheader on Tuesday and a match on Friday. They started off a little timid against International Community School on Tuesday losing the first match 16-22. However, they worked hard and won the second game 25-20, taking the match to a third game!! In the end the team fought hard and several players came in from the bench to make crucial contributions, but we could not take the serving pressure from ICS and lost 7-15. Highlights from this match include multiple serving aces from **Sarah Curl, Emily Bingham, Tristynn Stroup, Hayley Rawlins** and **Ashlynn Vaughn**. Offensively, **Sarah Conner** led with 5 kills. In the back row, **Camilla Murphy, Emily Bingham, Sarah Curl, Hayley Rawlins** and **Ashlynn Vaughn** kept the play alive with many digs, saves and on target passes. After this tough loss, the team went straight into a game against a very powerful Orangewood team and lost in two.



On Friday the JH team had a great win against Foundation Academy (25-17, 25-15), proving that they can bounce back after two hard losses. Even with some line up switches due to one of our setters being out, this team came determined and ready to play, with strong serves and lots of defensive hustle. They racked up **18 aces** throughout the game, led by **Crystal Schiffermiller** who had 6. At the net **Sarah Conner, Ashlynn V** and **Joanna Lanzi** played aggressive offensive with 5 kills total and 2 assists each from setters **Sarah Curl** and **Tristynn Stroup**. Defensively, every player contributed on the court, including solid passes and digs from **Sarah Conner, Shawdie Ishani, Hayley Rawlins** and **Heather London**. With a current record of 4-3, this young but strong team continues to improve each week, adding to their skills and learning new volleyball strategies.

Junior Varsity Team

This week, for the Junior Varsity team, was about learning and adjusting. After losing captain and setter, Stephanie Nagel because of an injury suffered on the Varsity the JV team was forced to run a different rotation with just one setter, **Michelle McLeod**, who set all the way around the court. It was a big adjustment for the team to play with only one setter, but they determined themselves to learn the new rotation. On Tuesday we faced one of our strongest opponents for the season, Orangewood Christian, whom we lost to in two games. The scores were 16-25 and 18-25. There were many learning situations in the game, which were identified as areas that needed to be worked on in practice on Thursday.



On Friday we came out with a new strategy and ready to face off against Foundation Academy. The girls were all hustling and communicating very well. They were starting to come together and perform as a team. They were excited and

having fun, and it was reflected in the way that they played. **Lauren Eatmon** had 8 digs, seven successful serves with two aces, and one kill. **Michelle McLeod** had five digs, five assists, four successful serves

with two aces, and one kill. **Caitlyn Niro** also had her first kill and dig of the season, which was exciting for everyone! **Blaire Wonderly** had twelve successful serves with three aces, which helped build the team momentum. With the team unity on the court our girls were able to take the match decisively and win in two games. The scores were 25-15 and 25-21.

As coaches we were very pleased to see our girls act appropriately and with good sportsmanship on the court even in the midst of tense situations. We all learned a valuable lesson on Friday in regards to keeping our composure on the court and controlling our emotions to maintain good sportsmanship. Great job ladies!

Varsity Team

After notching a monumental win from the previous week, our Varsity girls came into Tuesday's match against our biggest district rival, Orangewood Christian, with a lot of heart and resolve. They





decided to face this big opponent, and regardless of the fact that we lost our biggest blocking threat at the net, we were going to play as if we weren't missing anyone. We added a new player from JV to the lineup which proved to be helpful in sustaining our level of play. The first game was the probably the highlight for the entire week!! Contrary to our norm, we came out strong and were able to maintain our momentum all the way to the end of the game with final score 25-19. The next match we started a little too comfortable and were playing catch-up the whole game with final score 18-25. The final 2 games were intense ones that ended just short of the game victory with both scores 23-25. The final game we were outplayed offensively and were unable to dig up their tipped balls. We controlled the offensive game almost the entire match up until the very end. Both **Brittney Pickens** and **Stephanie Schafer** each had 9 kills while **Hannah Farrell** contributed with 8 kills.

Pickens and **Kaitlyn Weas** led the defense as well with 13 digs each while both **H. Farrell** and **Shelby Jones** backed them up with 11 digs each. **Pickens** also led in blocks with 6 while newcomer **Stephanie Nagel** led in assists with 11 and aces with 2. Great effort ladies...we'll get them in district finals!!



After a rigorous defensive practice on Wednesday to correct our exposed weaknesses from Tuesday's match we prepared for our long weekend tournament. We participated in a 3-day tournament starting Thursday and going through Saturday. We played 5 matches total, securing 1 win against a 6A school, Deltona HS.

Cumulative stats from the weekend include:

Brittney Pickens- 39 kills, 41 digs, 15 blocks, 6 aces, 39 on target SR passes
Brooke Wonderly- 13 kills, 47 assists, 3 blocks, 22 digs, 2 aces, 27 on target SR passes
Jessica Schafer- 6 digs, 1 ace, 3 on target SR passes
Lauren Schafer- 2 kills, 20 assists, 17 digs, 2 aces, 18 on target SR passes
Hannah Farrell- 21 kills, 6 assists, 2 blocks, 20 digs, 6 aces, 12 on target SR passes
Kaitlyn Weas- 4 kills, 42 digs, 1 ace, 49 on target SR passes
Shelby Jones- 9 kills, 12 assists, 31 digs, 4 aces
Stephanie Schafer- 28 kills, 5 digs, 6 blocks
Stephanie Nagel- 2 kills, 14 assists, 7 digs, 3 blocks, 3 aces