

## GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME

Before games the teams started their warm up with stretches, then headed for the court. On the court, they practiced their hitting and passing. After their blood began pumping, everyone would high five their teammates and huddle up for a pep talk. "Getting hyped was really important and it was great getting to be with everyone and seeing how well they were doing," Isabella Guevara said.



- Amanda Miller and Ava Banister run through the B Team tunnel before the Chisholm Trail game. *Photo by Keyra Marrufa.*
- Before the A team game against Chisholm Trail B team gets into a tunnel hyped for them to run through and get hyped. *Photo by Keyra Marrufa.*
- To show support B team sets up a high five line to cheer the A team on before the Canyon Vista game. *Photo by Naomi Vega.*
- Setting the ball Kendall Ward passes to Sophie Slape to spike during warm-up before the game against Canyon Vista. *Photo by Natalie Merkin.*

# BRING IT ON

## A team plays an undefeated Walsh

They knew it was time for a comeback. As the teams entered Walsh Wildcat territory, game faces were on.

"I was extremely nervous to play this team," Hannah Kilpatrick said. "We knew how good they were and we didn't want to give up district."

Once A team hit the court, Emma Johnson started out serving and the team was up 4-0. Swings were given to outside hitter Riley Vance who got multiple points on the board while Natalie Martinez helped with defense.

But Walsh came in hot. Aces came along with mistakes. A team was already thinking ahead. Defense came to play as Martinez dug for the ball, sent it to Johnson who set up a kill from Juliana Wassmuth.

Rallies went on as the team celebrated each point. Emily Stock had a hot hand, making numerous kills from setter Amanda Miller.

As the final set point hit the floor, A-Team jumped with pride winning against the undefeated team.

"After the play was over, I was really proud of the team only beating Walsh in two sets," Vance said.

## B team takes Grisham in three

Ready for a win, B team faced the Grisham Grizzlies Oct. 17. The team started to get hyped for the game as music blared through the speakers.

"The coaches gave us a reassuring pep talk and we were ready to face Grisham," Sierra Winner said.

Sophie Slape stood at the blue line waiting to deliver the first serve of the game. The whistle blew. Ace.

Plays were run as Slape set to outside hitter Lauren DeForest for the kill. Then Benee Sears fired away for more kills.

But the team's energy dipped as the Grizzlies tied them at 16 points. Miscommunication and shanked balls gave the Grizzlies the lead.

Between sets, the team regrouped.

"This was the first time I got to serve in a game," Sienna McCue said. "I was nervous when the coach put me in different positions."

Defense was ready. Winner dug every ball in sight to help win the second set. The third set started hot with aces from Kendall Ward, Slape and Winner.

"The game went back and forth; we thought we weren't going to win," Camryn Vaughn said. "We pushed a little more effort into ourselves to beat the Grizzlies. I'm proud of us for stepping up."



A-team Juliana Wassmuth takes the second ball after setter Amanda Miller took the first. Hannah Kilpatrick and Emily Stock wait to be set. *Photo by Naomi Vega.*



B-team Camryn Vaughn passes Canyon Ridge's serve on Sep. 12 while Benee Sears gets in position. *Photo by Juliana Wassmuth.*

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"My best play was when the ball wasn't set to me the best and I had the most awkward positioning to hit the ball but I still got it over."

-Lauren DeForest

**X**

"Being a middle hitter is fun because you get to intimidate people but the hardest part is not getting off the net fast enough."

-Benee Sears

**X**

"The best part of playing right side is that you work really well with the setter and you get lots of playing time if you also set."

-Anabela Cardenas

**X**

"Playing left back is a difficult position especially when it comes to reading the ball to make a perfect pass."

-Jenna Klabunde

**X**

"The best part of being libero is digging really hard hits and getting a perfect pass"

-Natalie Martinez

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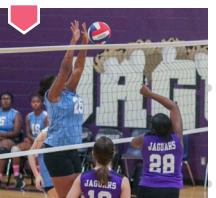
"The best part is being able to run the plays and knowing that when the hitters get a kill it was a good set."

-Emma Johnson

ON THE COURT

### DENIED!

On October 10 A-Team faces off against the Canyon Vista Mustangs. Jennifer Eisen blocks the ball for a big point. Emily Stock and Susan Mashayekhi prepare in defense for the ball to return. *Photo by Naomi Vega.*



- Isabella Guevara goes up to hit a ball set by Sophie Slape in the game against Cedar Valley. *Photo by Amanda Miller.*
- On October 10, Hannah Kilpatrick and Riley Vance sets up a blocking wall against the Cougars. *Photo by Naomi Vega.*
- On October 3, Sophie Slape tips the ball for a sneak attack against the Jaguars. Benee Sears and Lauren DeForest wait for the point. *Photo by Amanda Miller.*
- Benee Sears blocks a hit at the game against the Cedar Valley Jaguars. *Photo by Amanda Miller.*
- Amanda Miller serves against the Mustangs on October 10. *Photo by Emily Robinson.*
- Ezinne Aniagu hits a strong platform pass to the setter. Sierra Winner backs her during the play against the Jaguars. *Photo by Amanda Miller.*