

BRINGING IT HOME
Senior **Jackie Taylor** sets up for the winning set. Taylor caught St. Brendan's team off guard when she spiked the ball mid-air and won a point. This was the winning point, making the final score 2-1. Photo by Francisca Binello



GOING for the WIN

The varsity volleyball team took on St. Brendan for a rematch.



With freshman **Kate Welty**.

- Q. How long have you been on the team?**
A. I've been on the team since 8th grade so I've known these girls for awhile now.
- Q. How does it feel to be the only Freshman on the team?**
A. Great, I feel like they welcomed me and everyone is really supportive.
- Q. How does their support show?**
A. I feel like they are supportive because they always include me and everyone is very genuine and nice even though I'm the youngest on the team.
- Q. What's your favorite moment you've experienced being on the team?**
A. My favorite moment that I have experienced is Senior Night, because I love the seniors and I'm going to miss them. It was a good way to say our final messages to them as teammates.

Senior Jackie Taylor stepped into the Blue Dungeon on Oct. 3 determined to win. St. Brendan lined up for a rematch, also ready to give it their all. The crowd cheered as they welcomed the team, bringing their Raider spirit to support the girls. The energy was high as the game began. Seniors were overjoyed as this was the start of their last high school season. For Taylor, her fellow athletes were more than just teammates.

"I am really proud of the players and the team we've become this year. They really are like sisters to me, and this year made me realize that," Taylor said.

Senior Maya Pace cheered her team on for her final year on the court. She was excited to come back for a rematch against St. Brendan after a rough patch with them at regionals last year.

"It felt incredible stepping onto the court because they are one of our main competitors. They beat us last year in regional finals and it felt really good to come back for a rematch," Pace said.

As the game came to a close, the Raiders were up 2-1, bringing the win home. Nicolette Peñaranda looked around the court, gathering with her teammates to share in their victory. Penaranda felt that hard work and perseverance would continue to fuel the team throughout their season.

"Show up to every practice because you don't know what's coming next, and really enjoy the moment because it doesn't last forever," Peñaranda said.

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SISTER HOOD

Seniors gave their final messages to their younger teammates.

DIGGING FOR THE BALL, senior **Hailey Brenner** with assistances from seniors **Maya Pace**, and **Sophia Wong**. The players stayed alert throughout. "We obviously could've done better but overall I had a good time going against them again, its important to be prepared," Brenner said. Photo by Francisca Binello



BLOCKING THE BALL, junior **Micaela Navarro** stops the other team from scoring. **Maya Pace** waited behind her to assist. This brought the set to a tie. Photo by Francisca Binello



READY TO SERVE, senior **Nicolette Peñaranda** waits for the right moment to throw the ball up. "I had a really good time; it was like a revenge game because last year we lost to them but this year we won. It was a great experience for everyone but especially the seniors. We really had to concentrate and give it our all," Peñaranda said. Photo by Francisca Binello



After their years on the team, seniors were close to the team of 12 girls with whom they practiced every day for countless hours to bring the win home. For senior **Nicolette Peñaranda** this was the case, "I am so thankful for these 12 new sisters. Now I realize the true bond we have," Peñaranda said. For senior **Hailey Brenner** she realized how these girls had such an impact on her time on the team. "They made this year fun and I loved playing with them in every single game," Brenner said. Photos by Fox Mar



The girls volleyball team makes history by winning states.

On Nov. 11 the girls played at Polk State College. The girls won 3 of their 4 sets dominating the opponent. The final point to bring home the win was a block made by senior **Hailey Brenner**. Senior **Jackie Taylor** made a total of 25 kills during the game not far behind was junior **Julia Rose** who had a total of 13 kills. The girls made history by bringing home the first girls volleyball state title. Photos by Emilio Rodriguez