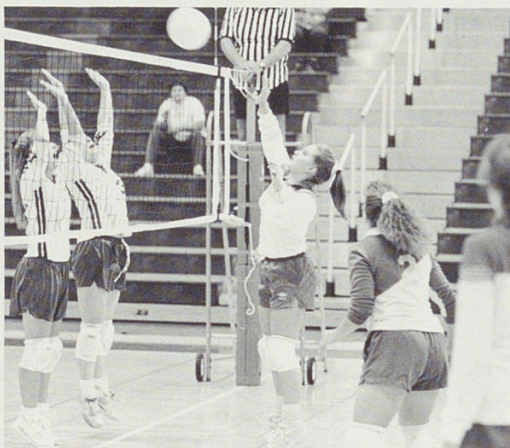
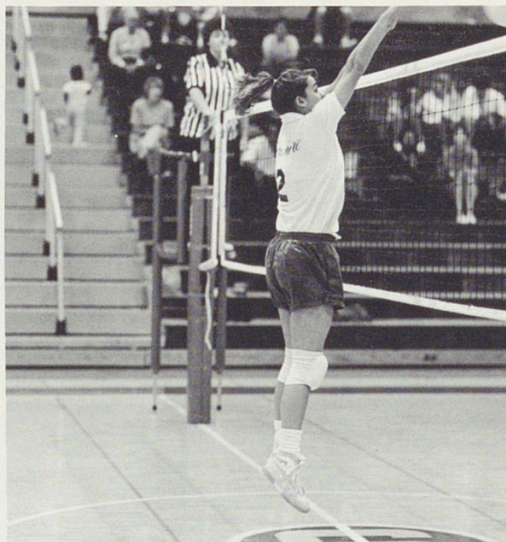


Junior Sarah Jackson serves to the Lady Vikings of Princeton in this crucial league game.

Freshman Gina Klein spikes the ball over the net to two waiting Norwood defenders in this Sycamore victory.



Junior Cara Brooks jumps and spikes the ball over the net and into the Princeton side of the court.



## A VARIETY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

*The varsity volleyball team had a winning record, the JV team was undefeated, and the freshmen team finished with a lot of improvement*

**“W**ith a new coach, Mr. Paul Melnick, the varsity volleyball team began its season.

“Winning our first match of the season against Deer Park was a big thrill,” said senior Sheri Benton. “It gave us the motivation and confidence we needed to continue our success throughout the season.”

“I have begun a whole new strategy for the game,” Melnick commented. “This is going to be a new beginning for Sycamore volleyball.”

The team finished the season with a 15-8 record and placed fourth in the Greater Miami Conference. “I feel good about the season,” Melnick said, “These girls played hard and gave it their all. That was our goal.”

Undefeated in their league. This phrase accurately describes the JV volleyball team. With a new coach, they achieved success through the whole season, with only one regular season loss to Ursuline.

Sophomore Amy Agricola commented, “The main ingredient in the team’s success was the way we worked as a team to win every one of our games.”

Coach Robin Wells stated, “The greatest factor in our success was the team’s ability to draw from inside themselves the competitiveness and desire to win. Even when we were losing, the girls never gave up.”

Agricola stated, “The highlight was the game against Milford. They were good competition and it was close to the very last point. But we overpowered them with our ability to work as a team.”

Agricola believed much of the team’s success stemmed from the new coach. Wells came to the first practice with infectious enthusiasm and determination to make her first season with the team a successful one. She stated, “There were benefits to being a new coach. I think it gave the athletes a chance to start over and work harder to prove that they were worthy of a spot on the team.”

Agricola said, “At first it was hard because we didn’t know what she expected out of us and our season. I think she did a great job; instead of stressing to win every game, she was happy if we worked to our best ability.”

The team also had to deal with an outbreak of injuries to starters sophomores Jenny Parrish and Kate Karazim.

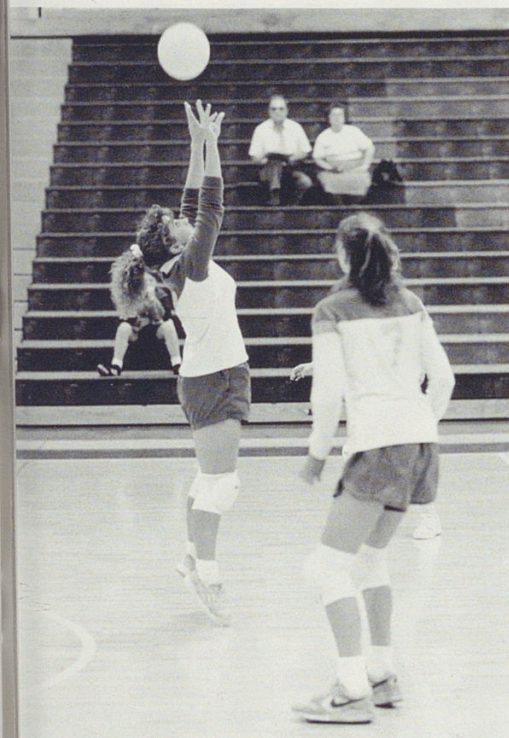
The girls freshman volleyball team finished their regular season with a 4-7 record, and continued to play strong in the Fairfield GMC tournament.

“The record was a little disappointing,” said Coach Melissa Wolfe, “but we finished the season strong. I think the way we were successful was by learning the fundamentals and improving on them.”

Meg Shaen, voted most improved player, agrees that the team improved a lot. “At the beginning, we weren’t playing together,” says Shaen, “but by the tournament we played as a team, and that made us better individual players.”

Wolfe considered Princeton the hardest game. “We had to come back in overtime to win it,” said Wolfe. “I think it showed how much we had improved.”

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Freshman Suzy Kelly sets the ball to teammate Meg Shaen in a victory against Norwood.

