



Team reaches second round of sectionals

The varsity volleyball team finished its season at 15-7. The team went from no respect to 10th place in the final city poll. They also made it to the second round of the sectionals.

Some of the key games the team had were taking Ursuline to three games and beating Lakota twice.

Coach Melnick said at the beginning of the season, the team expected to be very competitive. They put in a lot of hard work and had a positive attitude in order to reach their goal. All of their work showed in their consistency and their top ten rating in the city.

The Aves had a very difficult season as shown by their schedule. They had to play their tough GMC opponents, five of which were in the city's top ten. Also of the non-league opponents, three were in the top ten. Against their top ten opponents, they had a 5-6 record.

In the Sectionals, Sycamore received a seed of fourth, their first ever. They won their first game and limited their opponent, Winton Woods, to just 2 sets and a total of 2 points. In their second match they lost two very close games to Lakota.

The junior varsity volleyball team finished a season with a record of 12-6.

Coach Robin Wells said, "At the beginning of the season, the girls were young and lacked experience. I thought the team would struggle at first, but they became strong in basic skills and techniques."

The key game of the season was against the team's rival, Ursuline. Although they lost, the team played against the odds. Coach Wells commented that she was proud of the team, due to

the fact Ursuline's team has more experience. "My team showed spirit and were very competitive, even though they were defeated."

During the Finneytown Tournament, the girls defeated two other teams to make it to the finals. They were defeated by Mercy in the final game and finished with a second place trophy. Coach Wells said, "I knew they (the players) had team spirit and a 'never quit' attitude. I was proud of my team and they were proud of themselves."

The freshman volleyball team finished its season with a 3-11 record, fourth in the GMC.

Coach Melissa Wolfe said, "They (the players) tend to play to the level of their competition".

Some of the key games for the team were their two set win over conference rival Princeton allowing only a total of 5 points, and their win over Milford in the Freshman GMC Tournament, bringing them to the semifinals.

The goal of the team was to have a good showing at the Fairfield GMC tournament stated Wolfe. They played the first game well beating Milford in straight sets, and moved closer to their goal of success at the tournament. But, Sycamore then lost the next two games to Hamilton and Mt.

Healthy.

Kelly Brubaker led the team in serving percentage with 96%. Jodee Muskovich was the leader in kills, with 14, and aces with 25. Katie Gaffney was a key offensive support by setting.

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Varsity Volleyball	
Mc Nicholas	W
Princeton	L
Lima	W
Milford	L
Ursuline	L
Glen Este	W
Lakota	W
Western Hills	W
Hamilton	L
Middletown	W
Woodward	W
Norwood	W
Mt. Notre Dame	L
Mason	W
Fairfield	W
Talawanda	W
Lakota	W
Princeton	L
Hamilton	W
Anderson	W
Winton Woods	W
Lakota	L
Final Record: 15-7	
Junior Varsity Volleyball	
Mc Nicholas	L
Princeton	W
Lima	W
Milford	W
Ursuline	L
Glen Este	W
Lakota	L
Harrison	W
Norwood	W
Mercy	L
Hamilton	W
Middletown	W
Mason	L
Fairfield	W
Wayne	W
Talawanda	W
Anderson	W
Colerain	L
Final Record: 12-6	



Front row: K. Klein, C. Mallette, S. Jackson, K. Rotte, S. Rooks. Back row: Coach Melnick, J. Joseph, K. Karazim, A. Agricola, D. Hull, C. Brooks, L. Stopford, C. Groh.