

# ACE IN YOUR FACE

Caroline Shomo is a freshman volleyball player on the Varsity team. She was asked a few questions about her experiences.

**Q:** What were your first thoughts when you came to the volleyball program?

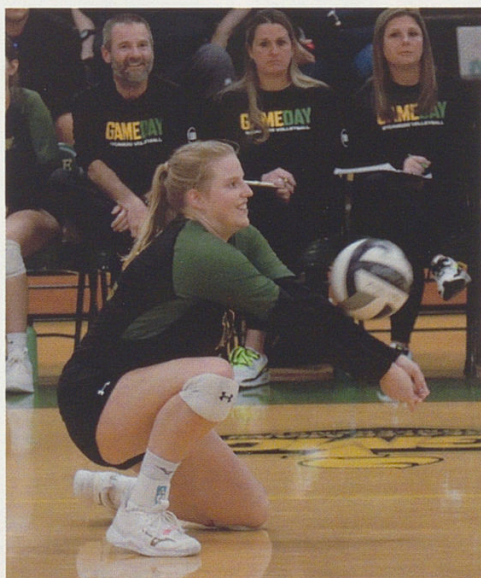
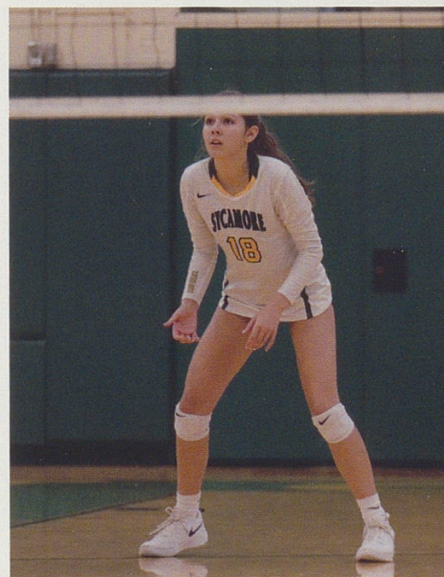
**A:** Everyone at the high school program was very welcoming. The atmosphere was very similar to the one at the junior high. However, it is different in many ways.

**Q:** Do you feel that there is any type of pressure being the new kids on the team?

**A:** Since you are playing & practicing with almost all older kids, it can make you feel as though you are not allowed to make any mistakes. It is also very hard to not try and compare yourself to the upperclassman.

**Q:** Who is your inspiration/who made you want to play volleyball?

**A:** My sister Maria Shomo, 12, made me want to start playing. I saw her play while I was younger and really grew an interest in volleyball. She is also my true inspiration because she has really set an example of who I should strive to be.



## BITTER SWEET

*The only senior on the team shares her perspective on her final season.*

**Ashley Walker, 12**, takes on her last season full force, being that she is the last senior standing. She feels as though there is a number of certain responsibilities she must obtain. Ashley says, "It is a bit of a challenge to try and keep everyone on the team positive and to not get down on themselves" (Walker, 12). Those are just the responsibilities that she has on the court. However, off the court she has just as many or even more for that matter. Ashley is a four year Varsity player and says her favorite memory was, "going to the lake house my freshman and senior year, it was a full circle moment to experience it my first and last year of High School" (Walker, 12). After high school, Ashley decided she will not play in College, but plans to play recreational+club volleyball. Ashley is sad to be saying goodbye to the program but knows that there will be so much more to come.

## BETTER TOGETHER

*A pair of friends make a dynamic duo on the team.*

Two dominant Lady Aves, **Carly Theil, 11**, and **Stella Ceddia, 11**, came to play volleyball together back in fifth grade and they form one powerful duo. Combined, they have 156 kills throughout their total 39 games! They have made so many fun memories together, like going to the lake and many team bondings. As juniors, they are ecstatic to take on their senior year together and lead their team to victory!

