



# THEY ARE DIGGIN' IT!

Serving success

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girls who  
made the  
varsity team

22

games  
played

10

games  
won

**G**reat Pass made by **Grace Naugle** up to Hope Lohmueller, who makes a beautiful set up to **Brittani Gray** for the KILL!" That was what you might hear if you went to a women's varsity volleyball game.

"Every one of these girls put in an awesome effort each time they stepped out on the court," said **Kyle Spicer, 11**.

It showed, with 11 wins that **Coach Melnick** and **Coach Testerman** had truly coached this team to success.

"We had a very strong team that worked together," said **Melnick**.

Thirteen girls varying from ninth to twelfth grade strengthened their passing, serving and spiking all as a team to compete at higher levels.

Traveling from Boone County to Lima then back to our own court, they had suffered losses but also celebrated many victories. Each game the players had a ritual of doing a specific but secret dance to pump themselves up for the

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game. A plus that the girls get if they win a game, was a day off of practice.

Don't start to think that its all fun and games. The prevention of injuries includes extensive conditioning, but injuries are part of the game and happen.

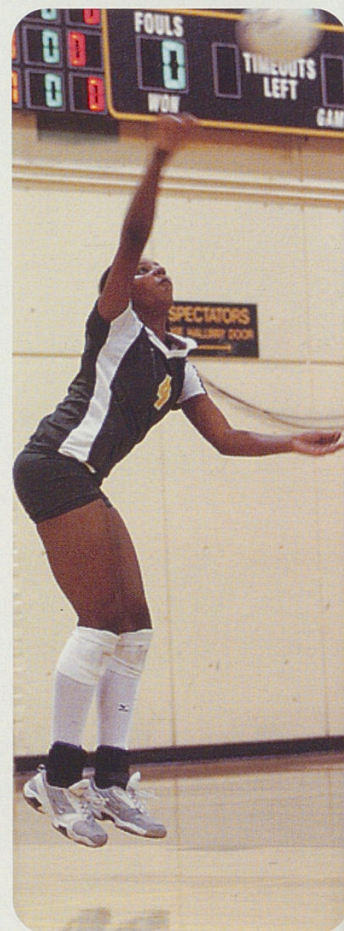
The varsity women's volleyball team trained very hard to make their season successful. They put a lot of effort into their game and took it very seriously.

The starting line-up was a competitive position that all the girls wanted. **Coach Melnick** and **Coach Testerman** look at the girl's accuracy to determine who was right for the job.

The team was dependent that the starting line up would get the job done and help the team celebrate another win. The girls set many goals for themselves as players and as a team.

One team goal was to win the GMC.

"We feel we can compete to win a state title," said **Melnick**.



Brittani Gray, 11, jumps high to serve the ball for a point. Only a few people on the team could jump serve. Brittani was one of these few.



Kristen Hammergren, 10, Jen Kissinger, 9, Grace Naugle, 10, Sarah McGrath, 10, Hope Lohmueller, 10, Ginny Tremblay, 12, congratulate each other after a great play. If not congratulating, they would pump each other up for the next play. This helped the team keep their momentum up.



Brittani Gray, 11, and Heather Hampton, 12, make a huge block. This play was made in the exciting game against Lakota West. Gray and Hampton were two of the three captains of the team.

