

Tough losses, *Keep the faith* tough team

JV girls volleyball **By: Laura Eastes**

THREE **STRAIGHT** **LOSSES**
WAS **HOW** **THE** junior
varsity girls volleyball team began their season.

Although the team lost many of the remaining games, the girls did pull together to win six games.

"Our team was skilled and athletic, but we had trouble putting those assets to work," said **Lina Aukstulis, 10**.

Despite the record the team had a great season. The girls became good friends and bonded over pre-game

dinners in which their parents would provided pasta **Jen Mott, 10**, and **Alison Ivers, 10**, hosted pool parties and slumber parties for their teammates.

"We did have a team sleepover, pool party and dinners before every home game. These experiences brought our team closer and helped us play better together," said **Jen Mott, 10**.

Although the season did not go quite as planned many of the girls collected memories over key wins.

"My favorite game was Loveland. We played awesome and won," said **Sophia Quick, 9**.



UP, UP AND AWAY GOES THE BALL.
Maggie Brown, 10, moved to make the play in spiking the volleyball over the net.



Row 1: Emily Beech, 9, Amanda Siebert, 10, Annie Broadus, 9, and Kim Standen, 10. **Row 2:** Sarah Soled, 10, Maggie Brown, 10, and Trish Gannen, 9. **Row 3:** Allison Ivers, 10, Grayce Ruehlmann, 10, Sophia Quick, 9, Lina Aukstulis, 10, Jen Mott, 10, and Coach Emily Abrams.

We had a couple of set backs due to some players getting injured throughout the season. However our team pulled through and ended up having an overall successful season.

> **Jen Mott, 10**



MOVING TOWARDS THE BALL TO HIT IT OVER THE NET.
Annie Broadus, 9, jumped up to spike the ball. Teammates **Kim Standen, 10**, and **Emily Beech, 9**, prepared to hit the ball in case of a bump pass. **Sophia Quick** along with Beech, Broadus, and **Trish Gannen** made up the freshmen on the Junior Varsity volleyball team.

"We did our best and had fun! The girls were a great group to play with. I think we laughed more than we played."

> **Emily Beech, 9**

Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss
McNicholas	Loss
Lakota West	Loss
Piqua	Loss
Colerain	Win
Lakota East	Loss
Middletown	Win
Mason	Loss
Beavercreek	Loss
Loveland	Win
Hamilton	Loss
Fairfield	Win
Boone City	Win
Highland	Win
Millford	Loss
Mt. Notre Dame	Loss
Oak Hills	Loss
Princeton	Loss