

PLAYING VOLLEYBALL VARSITY STYLE

Working to be on top

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Starting out a season with a new coach is sometimes challenging. The team had to learn about the things they liked and did not like. For the varsity boys volleyball team, it seemed to be more fun than challenging.

Being the only freshman on a team was hard to grip at first but things seemed to get better as the season continued.

"At first I was a little apprehensive because I was the only freshman, but everyone turned out to be really nice, and by the end everyone had gelled together," said **Daniel Boger, 9**.

No matter what happened the guys always had a sense of humor. The guys had many jokes with each other which made them a closer team.

"I really had fun this season. I also had fun sitting on the bench," said **Nicholas Suntay, 11**.

The best part about this team was that everyone had each other's

back, regardless of what the score was.

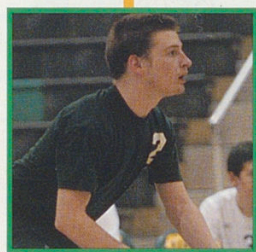
They were proud of their team when they missed a block, but tried their best and they were even more proud of them when they did something great, like scoring on the opposing team.

"My favorite part of the season was when **Michael Pennerman** got the game winning block. It was awesome, and I was really proud of him!" said **Anthony Marquardt, 11**.

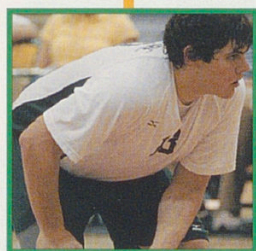
Even though most of the team was leaving for good, their head coach had nothing but good words and wishes for them.

"The senior guys worked hard everyday in practice and served as great examples to our younger players, and I wish them well for the years to come. I can only hope our future seniors can continue to show the dedication this year's class has," said **Coach Kevin Lucas**.

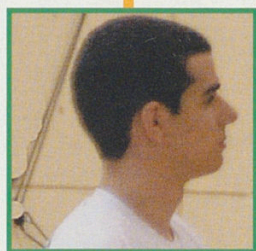
The guys ended the season with an incredible 12-5 record and continued to go to state competitions even after the season ended.



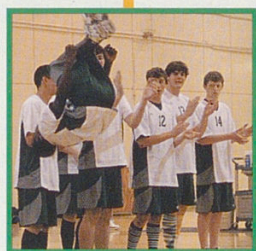
"We had a new coach this year and at first it was like the first day of school getting to know everyone, but it turned out to be fun."
-Tracey Bracher, 11



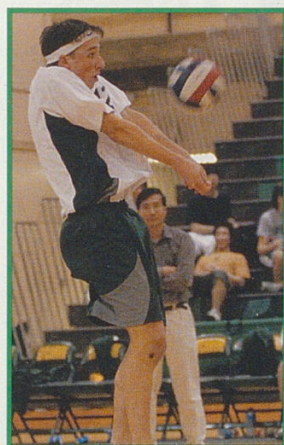
"The best thing about this season was that we joked around during our practices, but when it came to the games we still did great."
-Scott Morris, 12



"This season was fun and I'm going to miss the seniors."
-Alexander Reed, 11



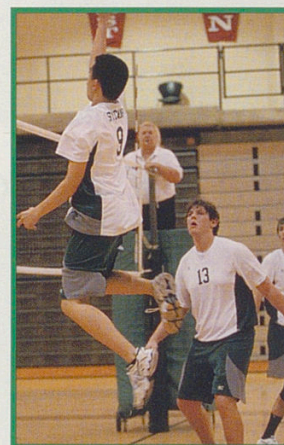
"Since I didn't shine on the court I decided to shine before the games."
-Michael Pennerman, 12



Got it! **Michael Mallette, 12**, called for the ball, and bumped it over the net. He was one of the seven seniors that played on the team.



Anthony Marquardt, 11, goes up to block the hit. **Marquardt** was one of the team's outside hitters. He was the tallest member of the team so he was great on defense.



Nicholas Suntay, 11, goes up for the ball. He was able to jump high so he liked being up front. **Suntay** was not a first timer to the team but he always worked hard.



Row 1: Christopher Holscher, 12, Tracey Bracher, 11, Daniel Boger, 9, Michael Pennerman, 12, Joshua Karp, 12, and Nicholas Suntay, 11. Row 2: Assistant Coach AJ Kramer, Robert Faulkner, 12, Alexander Reed, 11, Scott Morris, 12, Anthony Marquardt, 11, Stuart Solomon, 12, Michael Mallette, 12, and Coach Kevin Lucas.