

## Set for Success

As the girls come together after successfully landing a point against Battle Creek Central, freshman Blakeslee Boudeman (1) cheers with her team. “We use positive words to encourage. We also keep our energy up to get more points,” Boudeman said.

At our very own home game, freshman and libero Grace Wood (2) leaps to serve for a point. “To be good at a jump serve, you first have to be committed and stay

consistent with the process. The outcome of it makes you feel very accomplished,” Wood said.

After freshman Abbigail Sexton (3) serve is received back to the opponent’s side of the court, she gets the ball up. “I have to focus on how hard to hit the ball, and where it comes in contact with my forearms,” Sexton said.



## New coach returns to home court

“I can’t tell you how excited I was to coach this season,” coach Michelle Krob said.

As a past student and volleyball player in high school here, this year was Krob’s first time coaching on her home court. Krob said that the game has been her passion ever since she was introduced to it, but coaching volleyball was a change. She said she had such a great time getting to know the girls on the team.

“[Krob] doesn’t just yell at us or treat us like children,” freshman Elle Green said. “She treats us like high schoolers who know what they are doing but just need a little help.”

Green said Coach Krob pushed them emotionally to win and knew what to say to sway their emotions.

“Coach Krob is a strong coach because she has a lot of energy and listens to our opinions,” sophomore Anna Wozniak said.

Wozniak said that it helped that the new coach had a strong hand, but what brought out the best in the players was her friendly, understanding and caring nature towards every player on the team.

“As a former player and graduate of Gull Lake,” Krob said, “being on the coaching side of things just brought it all full circle for me.”



## Team works it for the win

Results. Victory. Stamina. Nothing slowed down this year’s freshman volleyball team, not even the loss of key players. The first half of the season, the team was undefeated.

On a team with a 32-8 record, behind-the-scenes work and pep talks afforded them success. Freshman Amelia Colosky said they talked in a circle before a tough game to help them get pumped and ready to play.

They did this to meet the team’s toughest challenge, Portage Central.

Portage Central’s and GL’s freshman had matched skills, making the games close and

challenging, especially after losing to the team three times prior.

Freshman Emma Kerr said their team had to focus during their final game with Portage.

“We practice on basic skills and placement,” freshman Abbigail Sexton said. “Which helped to make us smarter.”

Kerr said that each time they face Portage Central, they had to play smarter since they were missing key players

“Their team is honestly amazing,” Kerr said. “It’s memorable because of how many emotions we went through, and how hard we worked.”

“I feel like I’m leaving a last impression on my team because of my sportsmanship and working hard with my team everyday, so we could get better as a whole.”

*Freshman Anna Stricker*



**First row:** Anna Stricker, Emma Kerr, Grace Wood, Alaina Salvato and Kailin Moulds. **Second row:** Blakeslee Boudeman, McKenna Below, Amelia Colosky, Madison Snyder, Amanda Meinert, Abbigail Sexton and coach Jessica Frank.

*Season in a Word:*  
“Memorable.”



*Sophomore Brady Strickler*



**First row:** Kylie Anderson, Anna Wozniak, Nyla Stanley, Genevieve Boudeman and Brady Strickler. **Second row:** Haydin Alban, Elle Green, Nora Gleason, Mackenzie Ford and Shelby Foster. **Not Pictured:** Blanka Pombo de Gongora and coach Michelle Krob.



## Defend and Win

At a home game, sophomore Genevieve Boudeman (1) digs the volleyball into play. “Coming back and winning after having a rough start in the first set against Battle Creek Central gave my team and I more energy,” Boudeman said.

As a setter, sophomore Kylie Anderson (2) helps direct the team from the front by making sure that her teammates are prepared. “I’m always looking at the other side of the court seeing who’s most ready for the ball. I make sure everyone is down and ready, watching the other side,” Anderson said.

At the final home game vs Battle Creek Central, sophomore Anna Wozniak (3) dials in and tries to draw all of her accuracy into one power hit. “As I’m serving the ball, I’m trying to target a weaker passer so we can try to score that way,” Wozniak said.

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