

## 8th Grade Volleyball Team Completes Middle School

By Mary Steffener

The Mediapolis 8th grade volleyball team completed their middle school volleyball careers by taking care of business in the month of October.

### October 3rd, 2009

The squad defeated Winfield-Mt. Union 15-12, 15-5, 15-7; New London 15-4, 15-4, 15-9; Columbus 15-11, 15-1, 15-11; and Wapello 15-11, 12-15, 15-10 to win the Mediapolis Tournament held Saturday, October 3, 2009, in Mediapolis.

Joelle Witte led the offense with 13 kills. Rachel Holsteen added 10 with Jenna Edwards and Alyssa Petersen each recording eight kills on the day. As a team, the young Bullettes hit at 81%. Libbie Magel registered 17 assists, Molly Woodruff 12, and Ashlee Skrukud 11.

The team served at 80 % with Witte leading the way, connecting on 20 of 21 serves. Petersen was 18 of 19, Anna Kelly 17 of 19, and Woodruff 15 of 21 in the win.

"We played well all day," stated eighth grade coach Tiffany Skidmore. "It is a very exciting thing to see them

come out and play as well as they did. With one loss on the day, I was very pleased with their performance."

The tournament wins increases the eighth grade record to 10-0 in matches and 31-3 in games.

### October 6th, 2009

With two games scheduled for the sixth of October, the eighth grade sent one team to Columbus and one team to Waco.

In the Columbus game, the young Bullettes defeated the Wildcats 21-7, 21-5, 15-10. Holsteen was the leading hitter connecting on five kills. Magel and Woodruff each registered four assists.

Woodruff was 14 of 17 from behind the service line with seven of those being jump serves. Emily Walker was 7 of 9 with three jump serves, and Petersen was 6 of 7 with two jump serves.

As a team, they hit at 100%

and served at 77 %.

According to Skidmore, "Our serving was outstanding tonight. They jumped served very well which threw Columbus off its' game."

The win increased their record to 13-0 and 38-3.

In the game at Wayland, the squad defeated Columbus 21-10, 21-6 and Waco 21-14, 21-1.

Leading the offensive attack was Witte with nine kills, followed by Rachel Kramer with four. Skrukud registered five assists with Kelly adding three.

The team hit at 82% and served at 93% on the night.

Savanna Allen led the young Bullettes serving a perfect 21 of 21 serves. Kramer connected on 19 of 20 and Witte was a perfect 9 of 9 in the win.

"This group of girls played really well and took care of business tonight," commented Coach Cusick.

### October 12th, 2009

In their final middle school volleyball of their careers, the eighth grade squad defeated Wapello 21-8, 21-15, 15-6. The team hit at 71% and served at 80% on their home court.

Walker led the offense with six kills and Edwards added three. Kelly and Woodruff each registered four assists in the win.

Edwards was perfect from the service line, connecting on 12 of 12 serves. Kelly was 7 of 9, Amber Landess 6 of 7, and Skrukud a perfect 5 of 5.

"These girls had a terrific season! There is a lot of talent with this group. I hope to see good things from them in the future. I had a great time coaching them this season!" concluded Skidmore.

The eighth grade finished their season with a perfect 14-0 match record and 41-3 game record.

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# Mediapolis JR High Volleyball

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## 7th Grade Volleyball Team Finishes Perfect

By Mary Steffener

The Mediapolis 7th grade volleyball team completed their first middle school volleyball season by finishing undefeated in the season.

### October 3rd, 2009

The Mediapolis Bullette seventh grade volleyball team won their own tournament Saturday, October 3, 2009. The young Bullettes defeated Winfield-Mt. Union 12-15, 15-2, 15-4; Columbus 15-4, 3-15, 15-11; and New London 15-9, 8-15, 15-3; and lost to Wapello 9-15, 15-6, 10-15.

Leading the offensive attack was Andrea Larson with eight kills, followed by Heidi Hillyard with seven, Alyssa Smith three, and Michaella Beckman one. Chloe Siegle registered six assists. Abby Eberhardt added three with Jessica Johnson contributing two.

Darby Massner led the young Bullettes from the service line connecting of 27 of 29 serves. Siegle was 26 of 28, Tiffanie Kalina 13 of 14, Beckman 7 of 8, and Susan Strawhacker 6 of 6.

The seventh grade hit at 83% and served at 80 % on the

day.

"I'm happy for the kids," stated seventh grade coach Jamie Cusick. "They were able to pull through at the end of the day to win their own tournament and that was nice to see."

The team's record for the day was 3-1 in matches and 7-5 in games.

### October 6th, 2009

After a two-day break, half the seventh grade traveled to Columbus October 6, 2009, to defeat the Wildcats in three straight 21-5, 21-8, 15-8. As a team, the young Bullettes hit at 58% and served at 91% on the night.

Hillyard led in kills with three with Massner adding two. Eberhardt registered four assists with Siegle contributing two.

Hillyard connected on 15 of 16 serves, followed by Siegle who was 9 of 10, Cassidy Woodruff 6 of 7, and Massner

6 of 6 in the win.

According to Coach Tiffany Skidmore, "The kids played very well. They communicate very well on the court and they have very good chemistry out there as well."

The other half traveled to Waco to defeat L&M 21-11, 21-14 and Columbus 21-13, 21-3 in a triangular at Wayland.

Beckman and A. Smith led the offensive attack with two kills apiece. As a team, they hit at 63%.

Hannah Smith led in serving by connecting on 15 of 17. Strawhacker was 11 of 14 and Johnson 9 of 12 on the night. As a team, they served at 75%.

"The girls played phenomenal tonight," stated coach Cusick. "It was good to get these two wins. It brought the kids confidence level back up again."

### October 12th, 2009

Against Wapello, in their last regular season game, the seventh grade Bullettes beat the Arrows 21-12 in game one, lost 5-21 in game two, and came back to win the all crucial third game 15-9 to complete a perfect 7-0 season. As a team, they hit at a perfect 100% and served at 74%.

Massner led in kills with three, followed by Hillyard, Larson, and H. Smith with one kill apiece. Eberhardt and Siegle each registered two assists with Watts contributing one.

Siegle connected on 10 of 11 serves, Hillyard 4 of 5, Massner 4 of 4, and Watts 3 of 4.

"It was a great season. The girls improved individually and as a team," concluded Cusick.

The seventh grade finished their season with a 20-4 game record.

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