

# Mediapolis JR High Volleyball

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## 8th Grade Volleyball News

By Mary Steffener

The Mediapolis 8th grade volleyball season has been underway for a few weeks with the squad compiling a 19-2 game record and a 6-0 match record during that time.

### September 14th, 2009

In their season opener, at home against Winfield-Mt. Union September 14, the young Bullettes were led by Rachel Holsteen with five kills while fellow teammate Joelle Witte connected for three. The team hit at 64% on the night. Anna Kelly, Libbie Magel, and Molly Woodruff each registered four assists with Rachel Kramer adding three.

Alyssa Petersen led the squad from behind the service line connecting on 14 of 17 serves. Savanna Allen went 7 of 8 with Magel serving a perfect 7 of 7. The team served at 75% on the night.

### September 17th, 2009

On September 17, the young Bullettes traveled to Wapello to defeat the Arrows in three straight. The eighth graders hit at 68% and served at 84% on the night.

Emily Walker connected for six kills. Holsteen and Witte each recorded four kills apiece in the win. Woodruff registered six assists, Magel five, and Kramer two.

Defensively, Petersen led in blocks with one.

Kelly connected on 6 of 7 serves, with Holsteen, Ashlee Skrukud, and Walker each

connecting on 5 of 6.

### September 21st, 2009

Against Highland on September 21, the young Bullettes used home court advantage to sweep the Huskies 21-9, 21-17, 15-8, 15-13.

Walker led the offensive attack with five kills with Witte adding four. Magel registered four assists with Kelly contributing two.

Jenna Edwards and Amber Landess were perfect on the night serving 9 of 9 and 8 of 8, respectively, with Woodruff connecting on 8 of 10 serves.

The eighth grade squad hit at 75% and served at 78% in the win.

"Overall we have been playing well to this point," stated eighth grade coach Tiffany Skidmore. "We have had a couple moments where we forget the little things we need to do to play well. We are trying to play the game the way it is suppose to be played. At this level, sometimes that's hard when you get it back right off the serve.

"The team so far is serving at about 76% and hitting at about 70%. We would like to see these numbers go up as the season progresses. The girls

have a great attitude, work hard, and they are a lot of fun to coach."

### September 24th, 2009

In eighth grade action at WMU, the young Bullettes dropped the first game 15-21, but bounced back to take the match 21-18, 15-4, 15-11. "We started off a little bit sloppy," explained Skidmore. "However, with some great serving and better passing we were able to come back to take the match."

Kelly led from the service line connecting on 11 of 12 serves. Witte was 9 of 11 and Walker 5 of 7. As a team they served at 75% on the night.

Offensively, Witte led in kills with five with Holsteen and Walker each adding four kills apiece. Woodruff registered six assists with Kramer and Magel each recording four assists in the win.

### September 28th, 2009

The young Bullettes traveled to Riverside to sweep Lone Tree 21-11, 21-19, 15-7 September 28. The team hit at 85% and served at 78% on the night.

Holsteen led in kills with six, followed by Petersen and

Walker with four kills apiece. Magel registered four assists in the win.

Kramer connected on 9 of 10 serves, Magel 8 of 9, and Walker 5 of 7 from behind the service line.

"We came out and played very well," exclaimed Skidmore. "We hit the ball extremely well and served just about as well. They are starting to play like I always knew they could."

### September 29th, 2009

To finish out the month of September, the young Bullettes traveled to L&M, September 29, to defeat the Falcons 21-4, 21-12, 21-5.

Holsteen, Petersen, and Witte each recorded four kills with Skrukud contributing one. Kelly, Kramer, and Magel all had two assists in the game. The team hit at 89% on the night.

The team served at 83% with Kramer connecting on 10 of 12, Woodruff 9 of 10, and Walker 8 of 10.

"We came out and played very well tonight and we served very well. We played with a lot of confidence and that was nice to see," concluded Skidmore.

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## 7th Grade Volleyball News

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The Mediapolis 7th grade volleyball team has compiled a 6-0 match record and 18-3 game record in their first month of middle school action.

### September 14th, 2009

The young Bullettes opened their season September 14, 2009, at Winfield-Mt. Union by defeating the Wolves 21-12, 21-11, before dropping the third game 8-15, and winning the fourth 15-5.

Darby Massner and Andrea Larson led the team in kills with three apiece and Mikala Denney added one. Abby Eberhardt registered three assists with Chloe Siegle adding two.

The team hit at 63% and served at 77% for their first night out.

Siegle connected on 9 of 10 serves. Eberhardt was 8 of 9 and Jordan Hubbard was 2 of 2.

"I was very happy with this being the first match," stated 7th grade coach Jamie Cusick. "We have some minor things that we need to continue to work on though."

### September 17th, 2009

Against Wapello, September 17, the Bullettes took three straight 21-12, 21-14, 15-10. Tiffanie Kalina led in kills with five while Katie Rhum added one. Siegle registered eight assists and Eberhardt four.

Daphne Pulford connected

on 11 of 13 serves, Massner 6 of 6, and Ashlyn Watts 4 of 5 in the win.

As a team, the young Bullettes served at 76% and hit at 56%.

"It's always great to beat one of your biggest rivals. Our team has started to jell and it showed against Wapello," commented Cusick.

### September 21st, 2009

In the 21-9, 21-17, 15-8, 15-13 win over Highland, September 21 at Mediapolis, the 7th graders hit at 71% and served at 64% against the Huskies.

Kalina led in kills with two. Eberhardt and Siegle each had two assists on the night.

Kassidy Woodruff was 9 of 11 from behind the service line. Jessica Johnson and Massner were each 7 of 9, and Heidi Hillyard connected on 4 of 5.

"I'm happy with our level of play right now," remarked Cusick.

### September 24th, 2009

On September 24, the young Bullettes traveled to WMU and won 21-18, 21-13, 15-1, and 15-5. The team hit at 76% and was led by Hillyard

with three kills. Teammates Johnson and Susan Strawhacker each had two kills with Alyssa Smith adding one. Siegle registered eight assists, Eberhardt five, Watts four, and Johnson two in the win.

The team served at 72% with Kalina and Eberhardt serving perfect on the night, 8 of 8 and 5 of 5 respectively, with Watts connecting on 10 of 11 from behind the service line.

According to Cusick, "We were able to run our offense against Winfield. It was good to see the girls respond to competition."

### September 28th, 2009

The young Bullettes traveled to Lone Tree, September 28, to win the first 21-10, dropping the second 19-21, before winning the all-crucial third 15-2.

Larson led the offensive attack with four kills, followed by Kalina with three and Hillyard with one. Siegle registered six assists. As a team, the squad hit at an astounding 90% on the night.

Massner connected on 17 of 18 from behind the service line with Watts going 4 of 5 in the

win.

"Serving can determine a game at this level," explained Cusick, "and that was evident tonight serving only 67%. Our serving helped in game one, but hurt us in game two. On a positive note, our hitters played quite well tonight."

### September 29th, 2009

The Bullettes split with L&M September 29, in Grandview, 21-5, 19-21, 15-3.

Hillyard and Massner each recorded three kills in the win. Eberhardt and Siegle each registered three assists and Watts one.

Eberhardt connected on 9 of 9 serves, Woodruff 5 of 6, Michaela Beckman 2 of 2, and Smith 1 of 1 on the night.

"The girls played decent tonight. They showed that they were able to come back when they were down and that was good to see," concluded Cusick.