

## **Bellevue @ Jackson High School in Mill Creek - 9/7**

Bellevue's Varsity team hit the ground running with a win ending at 3-1.

Set 1: The Timberwolves' gym was very large and very quiet. It had a good attendance, but our cheers were muted by the lack of acoustics and the vast amount of space. The set started with a serve from Jackson that Senior/Captain Kaitlyn Watson passed up to Senior/Captain Izzy Koo, who set right back to Kaitlyn for a swift kill and our first point of the night. Juniors Maile Sugamura and Halle Adam worked hard for their digs. Izzy Koo hit some amazing sets. Brooke Huard had several deep court kills, while Senior Anastasiya Polyakov had 3 cross court kills. Throughout the set the Wolverines had several errors and net calls by the ref and were struggling with some of their serves. But Naya, Brooke and Maile had 5 Aces between them. The set ended with a Timberwolf error, 25-18.

Set 2: Bellevue started with the serve but hit out. Kaitlyn saw a chance to hit a dynamic overpass for kill. Nyah passed to Izzy who set to Brooke for a kill. Then they reversed that combo 2 plays later for another kill. Halle and Brooke served aces. Izzy got a dig to Maile who set to Nyah who got off a roll shot. Brooke got a kill from the back row. They seemed to be hitting their stride. Kaitlyn got two more kills and a block. Brooke sent a pass to Izzy who set to Junior Sofia Rudic who made her first Varsity kill! Brooke served an ace that was followed up by an error from Jackson for the last point. Score: 25-10

Set 3: Jackson started off with an ace. Halle made a pass that Maile set to Brooke who hit the back line for a point. Then Maile, Izzy and Kaitlyn scored her first of 3 kills for the set. Followed up by an ace from Brooke. Then the Wolverines began to struggle with errors, serves hit out, and questionable calls. The Timberwolves were leading. Halle had several fantastic digs, as did Brooke and Maile. Izzy dominated in assists. There were some short lived volleys. The JVC and JV teams began cheering loudly from the stands to get help pump up the Wolverines. Nyah and Brooke had multiple kills. Senior Jada Cho got a block and a kill. We had more errors and served out for the last point. Score: 23-25.

Set 4: Bellevue seemed determined to finish strong. We started the set. Maile passed twice to Izzy who set to Brooke and Kaitlyn for 2 kills. They stalled with a few errors. Brooke hit a kill from the back row. Nyah hit a kill and had 3 aces intermittent with kills from Brooke. Halle and Maile hustled in the back row. Izzy was setting left and right. Overall the team seemed to be picking up their pace, buoyed on by the cheers from the stands. Brooke sent

up a pass to Izzy who went to Kaitlyn for a kill. Kaitlyn then served an ace. Jada hit a kill and Kaitlyn finished the set with an ace. Score: 25-9.