

Belle Sports

Five freshwomen key players this season

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A veteran is an experienced player that usually takes the initiative to be a leader. This year's Bennett volleyball team consists of five freshwomen. All of which will be taking leadership roles in the progressing season.

The Belles broke even with a win over arch rival Livingstone College after losing the season opener with a setback from visiting Johnson Bible College from Knoxville, Tenn. Freshwomen Rebekah Melton, Antrionette Pittman, and Christina Savoy gave an outstanding first year performance.

Melton, Savoy, and Pittman were the only three freshwomen that received an ample amount of playing time, but the others, like Rukiyah Abdulah and Latoya Davis, are just as excited about being a part of a collegiate volleyball team.

Melton, a 5'8" freshwoman from Saunton, Va., has been playing volleyball since the eighth grade.

Although injured on a play in the final match against Johnson Bible College, this Robert E. Lee High School standout was just as excited sidelined as she was on the floor. "It was intense out there, but it was fun," Melton said.

Pittman, who has not played organized volleyball since her sophomore year at Swansboro

High School in Jacksonville, N.C., said, "I wasn't really nervous. It was actually less pressure."

"Although Pittman hasn't played for a couple of years, she eliminated the question of whether she was ready for the collegiate level of play.

Last, but certainly not least, freshwoman Savoy made her debut a memorable one. She hustled, digged, and passed the ball very well in a match against JBC.

Savoy, from Brandywine, Md. said, "Actually, I was nervous, but I got use to it."

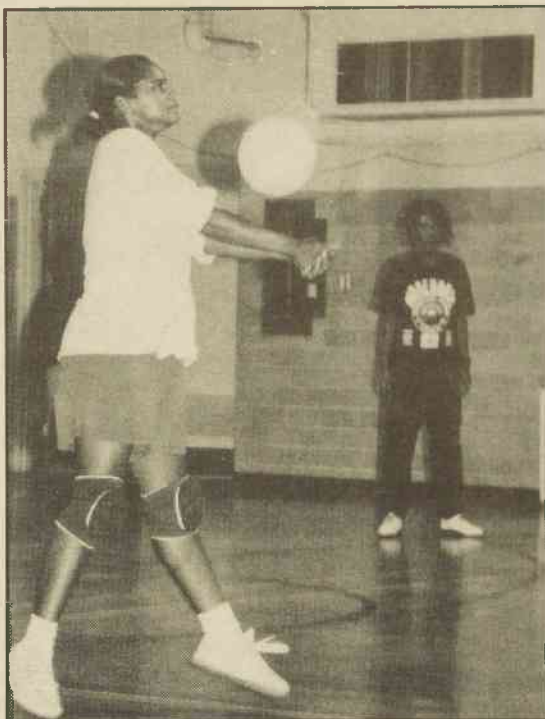
Coach Joyce Spruill spoke highly of her newly added crop of girls. "This group has a great attitude and that enhances their learning process."

Team captain Tamara Adams, a 5'8" junior from Sacramento welcomed her new teammates with open arms.

"I'm sure they'll be an asset to the team," she said.

Each year the Bennett volleyball team is primarily composed of freshwomen. "It's harder to create a bond and team chemistry," said sophomore, Amanda Pecchioni, from Louisville, Ky.

After the stellar performance of the freshwomen and 3-1 match victories over Livingstone College Sept. 19, it looks as if that chemistry is about to evolve.



Belles bust Livingstone

(Top left photo) Senior Kheava Hines sets up the Bennett attack. (Top right photo) Laticia Jolly, sophomore, hustles to make a play. Belles won the best three out four: 15-7, 15-4, 15-8, 11-15

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15-6, 15-4, 12-15, 15-10

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**Bennett will host the
volleyball invitational tournament**
Oct. 1, at 9 a.m.