

## Serving the Point

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The volleyball team has started to come into its own. The team has overcome injuries and the difficulty of adapting to a new coach while still making their games competitive. While they have not been able to put together an undefeated season, they have put together an undefeatable attitude.

Their most dominating home performance was against Southeastern Community College. While they had a more dramatic come-from-behind win earlier in the season, this one showed how they could dominate anyone. To make the win even more impressive, they came into the game under difficult circumstances. Usual starter Julie Guggenheim was sidelined with an injury and two other players were unavailable. Annemarie Mattioli joined the team so the game could take place.

It seemed as if the opposition never had a chance to catch their breath. Within fifteen minutes, they had been defeated in the first game, 15-2. In the second game, they were already down 5-0 before they could serve. Any hope of a point was thwarted when April Filzen came to the net to end the volley with a dominating stroke. Filzen then took control, serving three more points before Southeastern was able to gain a side-out. Liza Gibbs managed to kill a volley with an easy tip to earn one of those points.

After two more rounds of service, Southeastern managed to put themselves on the board. The Lady Knights refused to let that go unanswered. Lauren Meyers served for four more points before service changed again. Jamie Barone helped with the decisive shots to earn the points during that rally. After a couple of good volleys, St. Andrews wrapped it up with a second game score of 15-7.

The team continued to play at its best for the decisive game three. They were behind by one point for a moment and that was all the motivation they needed. With Gibbs serving, Filzen and Barone took it on themselves to make the shots to guarantee the points. Barone then went on to serve seven consecutive points. Score keeping was more of a formality than anything else. Meyers served the final point to end the game 15-4 and the match as a straight victory for the Lady Knights, 3-0.

Since this win, they have continued to show their skills, but with slightly less flattering results. Still, they have managed to keep things close even in losing efforts. The team now functions at a high level of communication and skill. The obvious conclusion is that a long winning streak is about to commence.

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