

V O L L E Y B A L L



Team members front row left to right: Joan Wessels, Leesa Hilsenbeck, Susan Stark, Bev Bennett, Anita Knutson, LeAnne Cabalka, Barb Werner, Mary Glynn. Second row: Patti Pfeiler, Susan Werner, Terri Tompkins, Ellen Strasburg, Susan Schiel, Karen Maurer, DeAnn Schlichte, Mary Carol Hostert, Julie Seibert. Third row: Coach Jody Keil, Chris Corcoran, Laina Reilly, Dawn Johnston, Susan Riniker, Teresa Arends, Karrie Wolfe, Janice Burkle, Kendall Pratt, Cathy Cooney, Coach Joe Worden.

"Volleyball was introduced in the fall of 1980 as a new girls' sport at West Delaware High School. The response was good and a new interscholastic team was developed. Starting a new program with a rookie coach and a group of girls that didn't know much more about volleyball than what they had in physical education class proved to be quite a challenge.

We had a group of five young bodies who were interested in developing a team and were willing to work and learn about the game of volleyball. As with every team we had our ups and downs. When we finally had the tools to put everything together, the season was over.

We graduated two fine seniors, but we have a nucleus of juniors who will carry our team next year. Even though we won many more games than our record indicates, we finished the season with a 3-10 record on the varsity level.

I'm looking forward to a good season next year. With the group of juniors we have returning we should be a respectable team in the WaMac Conference. Now that we have the basics, we can work and develop the finer points of the game. We have new equipment and new uniforms, now we need to develop the talent we have to make a good competitive team."

1. Leesa Hilsenbeck has another good serve starting out the game.
2. Getting a few tips from the coaches.
3. Ellen Strasburg sets up a play for teammates.
4. Other Hawks watch as Susan returns the ball.
5. Anita Knutson gets ready to smack the volleyball.
6. Leesa uses technique to return the ball.
7. Time for a break.

