



# FORTITUDE

## Sticking It Out

This year's volleyball team was young and inexperienced. Although the team had three returning players, Monica Holmes, Evonne Smalls, and Evette Smalls, the squad was mainly composed of rookies. Coach Cathy Layton remarked, "I was impressed with the talent that was put forth by the new players."

The newcomers not only learned a great deal about the sport but also had fun playing it. Kayce Reed, a rookie player, emphasized, "Even though we didn't do well statistically,

I had fun playing, and I think that is the most important part of playing any sport."

Although practice was a time for hard work, the team managed to relax by playing a scrimmage game against some of the football players. The football players made an amusingly unsuccessful attempt to defeat the volleyball team. Billy Ray Herndon commented, "Actually, I wasn't trying to play. I was just chillin'," in a feeble attempt to make a reasonable excuse for the defeat.

Despite the season's record, the volleyball team played all three matches in several games, which is a great feat that some of the previous WHS teams have never accomplished. Coach Layton even commented, "With the number of new players, I think we had a fairly good season."

Monica Holmes, captain of the team, also thought the team had a good season and exclaimed, "It was great how we stuck together!"

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