An Upward Swing

VALRIE GASTON, Wanda Davis, Tanika Bonaparte, and Beatrice Gurita discuss the strategy for the game. Summerville had too much talent and experience for the young Walterboro team. Summerville was one of the best teams in the conference.

PLAYERS SHOW their enthusiasm as Coach Layton encourages the spirit of the team before the game.

One of the fastest growing sports at WHS was volleyball. Season in and season out the volleyball team amazed its audience and made the students at WHS proud with its enthusiasm and improvement. Despite the season's record, the volleyball team showed tremendous improvement in the last few matches. Coach Layton commented, "I thought they had a lot of potential, and I think they showed a great deal of improvement."

The volleyball team had only five returning senior players: Leah Bell, Angel Painter, Cheryl Givens, Terri Siders, and Leatha Evans. They did what they could on the court, but as the team was losing, its spirit suffered. Since the team consisted mostly of sophomores, the squad had young but fresh experience. Coach Cathy Layton boasted, "I'm losing some of the best players, but the ones coming up are good."

The players put in hard practice time, resulting in competitive matches. Angel Painter concluded, "It gave me a chance to compete as well as to make lots of new friends."

Tanika Bonaparte, serving as team captain, chosen by her teammates for her experience, felt proud to be a leading force and inspiration to her teammates. She also felt the team had improved, but the most important thing was to play as a team. No one person or individual could win a game.

Terri Siders also thought the team showed improvement and claimed, "Improvement is what counts and not just winning."

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THE 1988 VOLLEYBALL TEAM: Back row: Lakelyos Bright, Beatrice Gurita, Angel Painter, Terri Siders, Leatha Evans, Sheryl Givens, Wanda Davis, Deanna Woods, Kim Murdaugh, Melanie Doyle. Front row: co-captain Valrie Gaston and captain Tanika Bonaparte. Not pictured is Leah Bell.