

Bump! Set! Spike!

Although the 1-20 record did not show it, the volleyball team had a "successful" season. Under the tutelage of Cliff Warren, an alumni of WHS, the Lady Bulldogs won their first regular season game in three seasons with a straight set thrashing of the Lady Stags of Berkeley, 15-2, 15-8. The team members agreed that physical conditioning and optimistic attitudes were the source that led to the win.

"The win against Berkeley came just in time," said senior Theresa Barron. "We ourselves were beginning to doubt our abilities because we had such a slow start."

The players credit new head coach Cliff Warren because he "united the team and gave us a reason to win," said junior Rita Williams. "If it had not been for Coach Warren, the team would not have stayed as close to other teams as we did this season."

After the team won the game against Berkeley, it could not manage another win.

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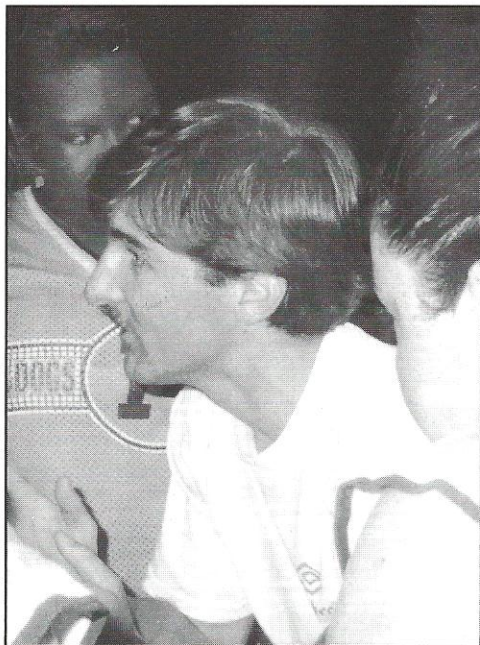
practice," said senior Captain Paige Hiers. "Unfortunately, I will not be here next year because I am a senior."

Practice began September 1 and continued throughout the school year. Each practice consisted of running one-and-one-half miles per day and working on fundamentals and basics afterwards. With practices lasting for over two months, the team became very close.

"The comradery that the team shared helped us to recover after some tough losses," said senior Michelle Dinkins. "We became really close, and I am sure that the friendships that we made will continue well beyond our high school years."

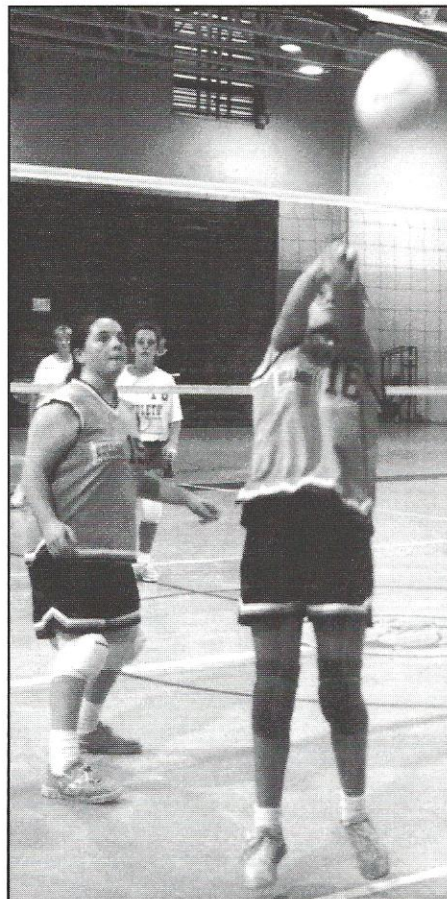
"The team had a strong desire to win, but the members need to work on fundamentals," said Coach Cliff Warren. "I look for future teams of which they are a part to be very competitive in Region 6-4AAAA."

— Michael Verner



New Head Coach Cliff Warren peps up the team after the loss of a set. Coach Warren was also the soccer coach.

Senior Paige Hiers (16) sets up the ball for a team member to spike while sophomore Brandy Guffey (15) concentrates on the ball. Paige ran track and Brandy played basketball.



Senior Paige Hiers shows the form that earned her a spot on the volleyball team for three consecutive years. Paige served as captain of the volleyball team.

