

Bump, Set, Spike

Lady Dogs Have Best Season Ever

Although the 13-girl team did not chalk up a winning season, it was a season of many firsts.

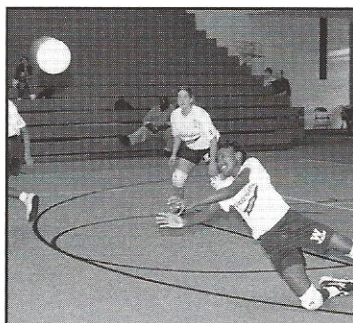
The team was the first ever to win a game at a tournament and to win two games on Wando's turf. Also, the Lady Dogs won more conference games than ever before in the school's history.

"Despite minor conflicts, I think we had a great season," said senior Trish Sapp. "One of the best ever."

Four-year veteran junior Ashley Whetsell was the first volleyball player to be chosen for All-Region, an honor give to the best players in the conference. The coaches make the selections.

"Being chosen was a very pleasant surprise," said Ashley. "I didn't expect it at all."

Because of the disappoint-



Just Dig It! Diving for the ball, junior Angie Bowmar attempts to return a spike.

ing turnout, there was no junior varsity team; however, this only left room for improvement. The team came together to defeat the Ruffin Patriots not once but twice. They Lady Dogs also accomplished the goal of winning all three of their matches over the Georgetown Bulldogs.

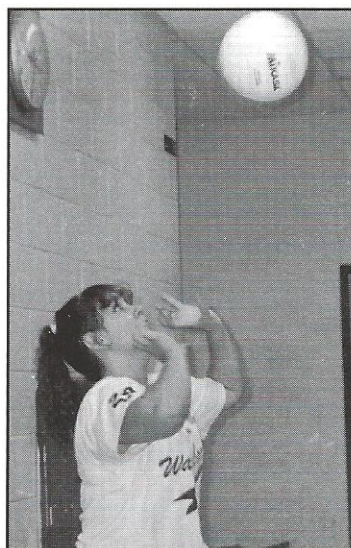
Throughout the season, which lasted from September 6 to October 21, the team members started a secret pal system. Each girl had a secret pal to whom she sent some token of support to before each game. Also, the seniors worked hard to pull the team together and to be leaders of the squad.

"I thoroughly enjoyed working with these girls," said Head Coach Marsha Coe. "They are a great team."

— Samantha Waldrop



Top row: Ashley Whetsell, Tahita Brown, Angie Bowmar, Dee Smith, Kylie Pellum, Coach Marsha Coe. Middle row: Trish Sapp, Erica Sutton, Amanda Brooks, Kiesha Matthews. Bottom row: Adrian Stobbe, Pam Bennett, Sarah Keith, Raven Siders.



Practice Makes Perfect. Junior Erica Sutton warms up in the gym lobby before the game against Georgetown. When she is not calling the ball, Erica sings soprano in Women's Treble.

