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Dynamic Duo

When trying out for a High Performance team, **Jessica¹⁰** and **Rebecca Rabijs¹¹** tried out with girls from the San Antonio, Houston and Austin area. The girls competed against players from bigger schools and still held their own throughout the season. "At first we were shocked," Rebecca said. "It's pretty exciting because it's something new."

Partners in Crime

Jessica Rabijs goes up to hit as her sister awaits a block at the playoff game against Jewett Leon. Both girls received individual district titles. "I think it will be a wonderful experience to showcase their talent," coach **Allison Brantly** said. "If they perform like I know they can, they'll do a great job."

Shining Sisters

Rabijs Girls Attend Training Camp in Colorado

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Although volleyball season is over for the Brahmarettes, these two sisters are far from done with the sport. Junior **Rebecca** and sophomore **Jessica Rabijs** both have the chance to experience a once in a lifetime opportunity at a volleyball camp held in the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The process of qualifying for the training camp started in the summertime. Both Rebecca and Jessica tried out for a High Performance team. From there, they were selected and eventually, they were able to play in the United States of America Volleyball (USAV) High Per-

formance Championships in Des Moines, Iowa. Out of all the teams in the nation, the High Performance coaches selected the top 94 players. Remarkably, both Rebecca and Jessica were chosen to participate in the camp.

"Once I was told I had been selected, I started looking forward to the camp," Jessica said. "They must've seen something good in me, so I'm very excited."

The days of the camp are Saturday, December 26th through Wednesday, December 30th. They will be training there all week with their High Performance coaches.

"I was pretty happy when I first learned they were selected because there are a lot of girls out there," De-

nise Rabijs, Rebecca and Jessica's mother said. "It's something special for both of them to be selected out of all the players that competed in the tournament."

Along with being a part of the varsity team this season, the girls also achieved district awards. Rebecca was selected to the All State Team and named 'MVP of the District' and Jessica was 'Newcomer of the Year.'

"I'm a 100% proud coach," coach **Allison Brantly** said. "I think it's an honor not only for these two girls, but for them to represent East Bernard as well."

While spending their Christmas break at the camp, both girls will have the chance to better themselves as players and train in the

same location as Olympians. However, it will be more nerve-racking than high school volleyball.

"I hope we react to it well because we're going to be put on the spot a lot," Rebecca said. "It is going to be a lot different than school ball because the level of play is higher. It'll be kind of like playing at a championship level all week long."

Despite the nervousness of playing in a famous venue with other talented players, the girls are looking forward to meeting new friends and making lasting memories.

"I think they'll settle in and meet some new people that they can communicate with throughout the season," Mrs. Rabijs said. "They will build life-long friendships."