

# GAME FACES



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Megan  
Lee (17)



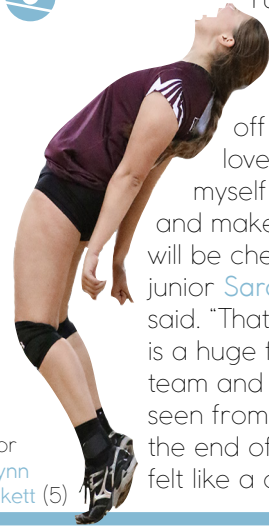
junior  
Rebecca  
Rabius (15)



sophomore  
Maycie  
Atteberry (8)



senior  
Malynn  
Plunkett (5)



As the team broke school records by their playoff run, there was plenty of room for excitement both on and off of the court. "I loved how I could be myself with the team and make memories that will be cherished forever," junior Sara Demny (12) said. "That type of bond is a huge factor in a true team and could even be seen from the stands. By the end of the season, I still felt like a champion."

**REACH FOR THE SKY** Focusing on the ball, junior Sara Demny (12) stretches to save the point. Demny was one of eight juniors on the team. "It was hard to describe the feeling when I would hear the crowd cheer and come alive after a big save," Demny said. "It was like I was making a whole town proud."

**PUSH THE LIMIT** Up in the air, junior Sabrina Show (2) tips the ball over without getting in the net. Show made important plays on both the front row and back row all season. "It was important to us that every position on the court did their job," Show said. "That way we could finish the game on top."



**EXCITE NIGHT** Watching the ball go out of bounds, the team celebrates the final point that lands them in the regional finals. This was the first time since 1996 that the volleyball team went this deep into the playoffs. "No one sees how hard a team tries every year until they break a record or do something spectacular," senior Amber Adamcik (13) said. "That's exactly what we did."



1. After scoring an important point, the girls explode off of the bench in excitement. "My favorite part about having my teammates next to me was we not only supported each other, but also sweat, bled, and cried together," junior Cheyenne Novicke (10) said. 2. As she reaches for the ball, sophomore Jessica Rabius (3) tips it back over to the other side. "It felt great knowing we had the state championship right there in front of us to take," Rabius said. "It was heart-breaking when we couldn't take it."



- 1 senior Amber Adamcik (13)
- 2 senior Alyssa Reyes (1)
- 3 Kaechele Linder (7)
- 4 junior Rebecca Rabius (15)
- 5 senior Megan Lee (17)

By Sara Marie Berrett

# BETTER IS OUR BEST

TEAM TAKES OVER PLAYOFFS, BREAKING RECORDS



**RIVAL RAVE** With excitement in their faces, senior [Megan Lee](#) (17) and her team celebrate the big win over rival Brazos. The girls' overall record was 41 wins with only 8 losses. "There was no other moment in my life that could recreate the feeling that I got after getting a kill or a block," Lee said. "No other sport gave me that same feeling, or anything close to it." (Photos by Sara Marie Berrett)

**B**etween breaking out in song, dancing in the locker room and breaking opponents' serves on the court, the girls had many opportunities for team bonding. The team had the longest playoff run in school history since 1996. Finishing in the elite eight of the state of Texas, they were all in it together every step of the way.

"My teammates pushed me every single day to become better," sophomore [Maycie Atteberry](#) (8) said. "I did it because of what they did for me when no one else was watching."

The hype of the season never seemed to end no matter where the team went. Starting in preseason, the girls found fun in wearing firemen hats that they received from a restaurant during a tournament.

Then, even on their way to the regional tournament at the end of their season, they bonded over a High School Musical sing-a-long marathon. That same bond also reflected on the court.

"I loved how we all got excited after a point, no matter if it was a game-winning, tie-breaking, or just a normal point," junior [Kaechele Linder](#) (7) said. "It helped us have the chemistry that any team dreams of having."

After a total of 49 matches and months of team work and determination, the girls found themselves only one win shy of the state tournament.

"We knocked at the doors this time, but next time we are going to break the whole thing down," coach [Allison Brantly](#) said after the team's final game.