

Irish Sports Wrap

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Volleyball Teams Improve; Moral Victories Also Welcome



Varsity:

North Park: The Green Machine were served a defeat at the hands of St. Didacus in front of the home crowd Tuesday, going down in straight sets 21-25 and 14-25 for the 0-2 loss. Solid performances were turned in by Skylar Koenig-Reichert, Maylee Quinteros, Kambrea Quihuiz, and the appropriately-named "Queen of Mean" Erykah Lopez for those wicked overhand serves she effortlessly directs at her unsuspecting opponents. According to Coach Ramirez, "The team really showed improvement in their second match which included good passing and several intense back and forth rallies." One area he hopes the team improves on is in their support for each other. Maybe they should follow 7th grader Tatiana Vaal Neto's lead. He added, "I have to give Tatty props, she did a great job cheering her teammates on no matter what the score was." Keep it up girls, that kind of team unity will surely translate to more success on the court. Go, go, go Irish!

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The junior hitters similarly showed signs of improvement in their loss to St. Rose last week. "We actually played pretty good," said 6th grader Alexandra Estrada. "We had some good rallies, we weren't afraid of the ball, and I actually scored a point!" she added. That's the

kind of enthusiasm we're looking for. In the straight sets loss, (15-18 and 10-18) another bright spot was 5th grader Katelyn Aguilar who played a great defensive game in the middle of the court. Fight, fight, fight Irish!



B-Ball Bouncing Back Into Action This Week

Varsity:

It's been two weeks since their last game (a 13-9 victory over Santa Sophia). In that time the mighty Irish have been working on lay-ups, boxing out, and trying to find their shooting touch as they prepare for Nazareth this Saturday. Hundreds of passes, dribbles, and rebounds later, the team looks hungry for another victory. They're lean, they're mean, and they're green! Win, win, win Irish!

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The junior ballers likewise have been honing their skills. Coach Laughter is "Pleased with the improvement they've shown over the past two weeks." The 5th and 6th graders have been spotted doing push-ups, lunges, running around the block, and even having spirited pick-up games during the lunch recesses in preparation for their next game this Saturday against St. Charles. Be ready boys, it's game time. Dribble, pass, shoot!