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Volleyball team ends season with 2-7 record

By Derrick Stokes

Girls just wanna have fun! Or do they?

The sun descended on the volleyball team's season, eclipsing all hopes for at least a .500 record.

The team finished with an overall record of 2-7. They were 1-4 in the Keystone Athletic Conference.

Despite their gloomy record, spirits remain bright and sunny.

"Winning was secondary to having a good time," said junior Maria Stahovec. "We had so much fun, we didn't care if we won or lost."

According to senior Captain Kathie Kirkpatrick, this attitude permeated the minds and hearts of this year's squad.

"No matter how many times we lost, we came back with smiles on our faces," said "Captain Kirk."

happened during a home game against Misericordia when an unexpected phenomenon occurred: fans came to the game.

However, the fans bore a striking resemblance to the basketball team who were awaiting an evening practice for that night.

After a year virtually without the support from students and faculty, warm bodies in the stands were a welcome sight.

"The basketball team was there and cheered [for us]," said Kirkpatrick. "We were psyched up."

The basketball team's fanatic cheering boosted them to their second win of the season.

With the Misericordia victory and an earlier win against Neumann College under their belts, the volleyball team seemed poised and ready entering the season-ending Keystone Athletic Conference tournament.

Unfortunately, Captain Kirkpatrick and setter Selma Chehouri stayed home battling colds instead of opponents.

Robbed of their two best players, these not-ready-for-prime-time players were crushed.

"It (their absence) had an impact on other players," Kirkpatrick said. "The Keystone Athletic Conference Tournament was a major disappointment."

For the seniors, there will be no more tournaments. And, for the juniors, there's always next year. But one thing is certain. The sun will come out tomorrow.



Photo by Joe Kupec

Some players though, endorsed the Vince Lombardi philosophy: "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."

"Winning was important to the team, for some of us," said senior Stephanie Thomas. "I wanted to win."

According to Thomas, the team had chances to win but failed to capitalize on opportunities.

Coach Dave Hume said that the team could have easily won three or four games. He attributed the team's failure to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat to a lack of experience.

"(Personally) the Wilson loss was the biggest disappointment," said Thomas. "I almost cried."

Hume, however, added that the team exceeded his expectations.

"We did better than I expected," Hume said. "I thought we were lucky to be in a couple [of] games."

As the season progressed, the team was gaining momentum and confidence, according to Kirkpatrick.

She said that the team was beginning to play a higher quality of volleyball toward the end of the season.

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in American politics, and The Classics of Polling. He is working on a third book dealing with polls and public policy.

How does such a busy and productive man find time to teach too?

Young said his classes have never conflicted with the rest of his busy schedule.

"The things I do outside [class] make class much richer and more interesting for my students," Young said of his political activities.

Young has been at Penn State Harrisburg since the fall of 1980, and said he believes "the university is the place where you can get involved with a lot of creative things."

Young holds masters' degrees in public administration and urban and regional planning, and received his doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh.

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