

# Sports

## The end

### Spikers finish with a loss; Scribner plays last match

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The women's volleyball team ended its 1990 season last Thursday at home against Grove City College.

The Lady Lions forty-second and final match of the season typified the team's ability to play well, but also showcased the spikers' inability to consistently play at a higher level and win.

The Grove City Lady Wolverines rolled into Erie Hall last Thursday having already beaten the lady spikers twice during the season (7-15, 8-15, and 7-15, 7-15). But hopes were that Erica Scribner, in her last match, would lead the ladies to a surprise victory over the Grovers.

The match started with both teams matching each other point for point, but the ball consistently seemed to work in Grove City's favor.

"Everything was going their way," said Coach Jan Wilson on the start of the match. "It was even closer than the score tells. It was just a few calls, a few hits, and that decided the game."

The Grovers narrowly won the first game 15-12.

The second game of the match was a different story score-wise, with Grove City winning, 15-2. But the play was very much the same, with both teams putting the ball on their opponents' floor. The difference in score was attributed to the fact that the

Behrend ladies couldn't put the ball away at the right time.

Said Wilson: "We had 46 kills during that match, but we were only putting the ball away to get a side-out, not when we had the chance to score on our serves."

The Wolverines, having taken the first two of a best of five match were ready to make it a short night and hit the van home after the third. But Scribner and Chrissy Whiteman weren't quite ready to see them go.

The duo used a majority of their 28 total kills and led the lady spikers to a home crowd pleasing 16-14 win in the third game.

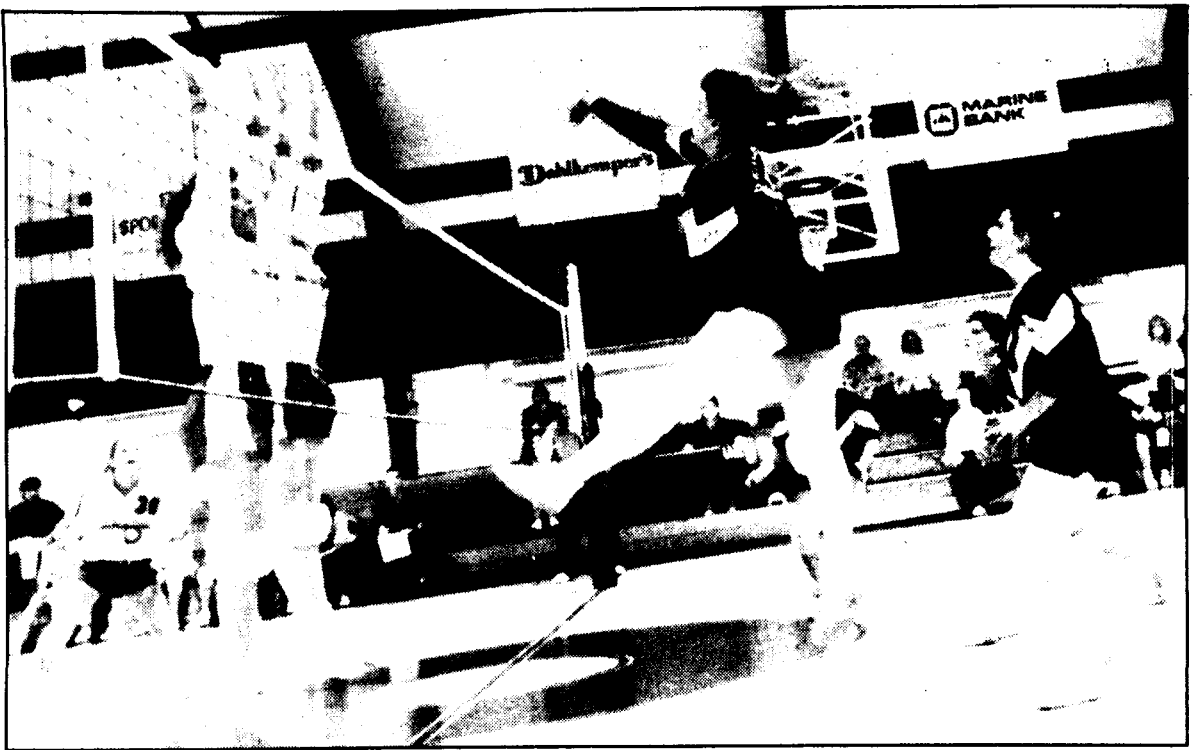
The win was sweet, but it was to be the last taste of victory for the spikers this season as the Grove City ladies clamped down on the offense of the spikers and won the fourth game, 15-12.

With the win, the Grovers raised their match record to 19-16. The lady spikers ended their season at 15-27.

When the final game stats came in, it was Scribner who appropriately led the spikers with 17 kills and one ace.

In the final game of her collegiate volleyball career, Scribner's teammates honored her in front of the home crowd with roses and a volleyball autographed by each team member. After the match the ladies held a small private party in her honor.

The ladies thus ended a long,



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**Last time:** Last Thursday was the last match for senior Erica Scribner. Here she is doing what she usually does: putting away another spike.

tiring season which had seen them play 40 of their 42 matches on the road.

**NOTES:** The final statistics and team leaders for the spikers were as follows:

Allshouse led in service percentages at 14 percent with 62 aces. Allshouse also led in assists with 801 in 106 games. Kellie Jordan led the team in passing with 105. Alexis Pasteur led in blocks by successfully blocking in 43 percent of her attempts. Scribner and Whiteman tied in kill percentage, each putting the ball to the floor 31 percent of the time for winners....The next women's volleyball action will take place this Spring when the ladies play a three-tournament mini-season which will include a tournament at Behrend.



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**Touching moment:** Senior Erica Scribner receives flowers from teammate Kellie Jordan in recognition of Scribner's final match at Erie Hall.

## Lady Lions start play with Canadian all-stars this Saturday

by Sue Cepicka  
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The women's Basketball team will start their season this year by hosting an exhibition game with the Canadian All-Star team this Saturday at 4 p.m. in Erie Hall.

Last year, Coach Jenepher Banker attained a win against the Canadians and she hopes to repeat the victory this year.

Although, there has been major changes in the squad in one season's time, Banker is very optimistic about the potential of the group this year. Banker also says the Canadian game on Saturday will prove to be a great opportunity for the team as a whole. "Whether we win or lose, it will be a good game experience."

This experience will

prove beneficial due to the changes in the squad from last year to this year. "We're going to be young," says Banker. There are ten incoming Freshmen, plus 5 underclassmen, and only one senior this year. Although they are young, Banker predicts no real problems for the coming season. "They are the best group of people since I've been here, and I expect big things from them."

This year's program will be different in style due to Coach Banker adapting to the increase in players. She says that all the returnees will be strong and used extensively this year. In particular, Senior Michelle Beisler and Junior Melanie Dunn will need to rebound and also lead the team and help motivate the players. Freshmen Missy Thompson

and Heather Shearer will need to play strong also.

Banker feels confident in the freshmen that she recruited to play this year because they are all strong team players and work well together. Although she says that she "had to cut players that had good potential," the people that she kept will contribute greatly to the team.

While the team is young, Coach Banker feels that there is not a lack of experience. "Nine out of ten people went to the State playoffs, so they all have been in big games before. We have some (freshmen) that have come from winning programs and they have got some good experience coming in," said Banker.

There has also been a rash of medical problems (continued on page 12)



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**Almost ready:** Freshman Abby Haring follows through on a shot as the Lady Lions prepare for the upcoming season.