

## **Bellevue plays for Regionals!!!!**

### **Bellevue played at LWS vs Eastside Catholic H.S. on 11/10**

What a night for some exciting (and stressful) volleyball! It started off looking good and then it wasn't looking good for the Wolverines. Bellevue won the first two sets and then lost the next two sets to an impressive outside hitter with Eastside Catholic. But they pulled it out during the crucial last set and won handily! The win sends the Wolverines to State due to the bracket play, but they continue on for seeding at the State tournament this coming Saturday, Nov 13th.

**Set 1:** The EC Crusaders started off with a serve that Junior Maile Sugamura dug up to Senior/Captain Izzy Koo who set to Senior/Captain Kaitlyn Watson to the right side for the first kill of the night. Senior Anastasiya Polyakova was on fire with her slammed down kills into the Crusaders' open middle court and a tip over the block. Junior Taylor hit 2 kills that went into the block and deep into EC's back line. Bellevue was up 10-5. The Crusaders started serving short balls and our back line was diving, reaching and digging up those tough balls. But Bellevue was laser focused as Taylor, Sugamura, Koo, and Junior/Captain Brooke Huard were picking up digs left and right. Huard hammered down more kills from the back row, one that went down the line and landed at the feet of a defensive player. At 11-7, Taylor secured the Wolverines lead by serving an amazing 5 aces all in one turn at the line and finished when the score was 20-8. Junior Halle Adam had some amazing saves digging from the back line. Watson scored two more points with a slam to the back row and a bounce off the net that rolled over. Then Bellevue started to get a taste of the EC's outside hitter, #8, who fired off a few kills onto our right side and our back line. But it wasn't enough and the final two points came from Senior Jada Cho's tip over the block and Huard's ace that ended the set. Score, 25-17.

**Set 2:** Taylor started off with the serve and after a short volley Koo got the dig to Sugamura who set to Huard for the kill. The Crusaders struggled with 3 errors in a row before they got off a kill. Watson slammed down the ball for a point. Koo served an ace. Sugamura dug balls up to Cho and Koo who set to Huard for 3 cross court kills. Taylor got off another deep court kill bringing the score to 10-4. Then Bellevue began to struggle and loose momentum. The Crusaders didn't let up on their short serves that became their main serve for the night. There was a question of a touch by an EC player that the refs confirmed would be a point for Bellevue, much to the chagrin of the EC spectators. EC was slowly gaining on the Wolverines. Taylor and Watson had 3 kills giving the team a more comfortable lead. There were more volleys with some amazing saves from Adam and the back line that didn't end in Bellevue's favor. The Crusaders stepped up their game while the Wolverines faltered and brought the score to 19-19. The battle was on as points were flying back and forth. Taylor hit 2 more kills, Watson struck down an overpass, Huard hammered down 4 kills, Polyakova served an ace, and Koo got off a dump. The final play was Huard's dig to Cho then set to Taylor who hit the kill and ended the set. Score, 29-27.

**Set 3:** EC started off with the serve and a short volley ensued, ending with an overpass that was pounded down by Watson. Huard hit a cross court kill from the right side. Bellevue dropped behind with one error but then the Crusaders stepped up their kills by setting every ball to their outside hitter, #8. She did an amazing job for her team and was hard to put a stop to by the Wolverines. Sugamura hustled to get a dig to Koo and Taylor for a kill and then Sugamura served an ace. Huard sent up digs to Koo then to Taylor and Watson for kills and the teams were tied 9-9. Watson and Huard got off more kills. The Crusaders' #8 took off with some tough line shots, but Polyakova saved the ball with a dig to Koo and Cho put it away with a right side kill, tying the teams again 14-14. The Crusaders' #8 continued hitting into Bellevue's blocks that were touched on the way out for lost points. Watson jumped and got a block for a point. Huard kept digging up balls to Koo and Taylor put them away. Then Taylor served an ace. The last two points for Bellevue were scored by Watson and Polyakova. But it wasn't enough and the Crusaders won the set. Score, 22-25.

**Set 4:** Bellevue served and lost the first point to a touched out. Sugamura got the next dig to Koo and Huard hit a deep court kill. Then Watson, who struggled with serves the first few sets, served a redeeming ace. Taylor hit a kill. Sugamura dove from the back line for the short serve and dug it up to Koo who set to Huard for the kill. Huard got another kill when she hit into the block and it dropped into the Crusaders' side. Taylor jumped up and earned a block. The teams swapped errors, but most were made by Bellevue. Sugamura put a stop to it with an ace, tying the teams 9-9. Taylor had another kill and then a dig to Koo who dumped it for a point. Sugamura dug to Koo who surprised EC by tipping it over for another point. Cho and Huard went up and knocked down an overpass for a point. Then Koo dug to Taylor who set high to Huard for a tip over the block. Bellevue had 4 errors in a row which dropped them behind to 15-18. But the Crusaders made an error and Bellevue jumped ahead with a kill from Huard, a third dump from Koo, two kills from Watson and one from Taylor. Bellevue was up 21-20. Watson hit down another overpass and Huard hit 3 more kills, the score was 25-24. There was a long volley and Cho jumped for 3 blocks, but then went into the net right after an EC player went into the net. The ref called a net foul on EC. Which set off an angry reaction by the Crusaders' team and spectators. The Crusader team were yelling at the refs, so the down ref gave them a yellow card. The up ref didn't realize the down ref had pulled the yellow card and started to pull one out but accidentally pulled the red card, twice. This got the Bellevue coaches a little riled up, thinking the Crusaders would be out because of a red card. Finally the refs figured it out, the Crusaders' got a team yellow card and Bellevue was given the point. Back to playing, Taylor dug to Koo who set back to Taylor for the last Bellevue point at 27-27. The Crusaders' #8 hit into Bellevue's block that went out and the Wolverines followed with an error. Score: 27-29.

**Set 5:** Bellevue started with the serve and floundered with 3 straight errors. Which was worrisome because this set only goes to 15 points. Following Huard's lead, Bellevue stepped up and played some amazing volleyball. Taylor got off 2 digs to Koo who set

to Huard for some cross court kills. Cho blocked from the right side for a point. Huard grabbed a dig to Koo and then Polyakova hit a cross court kill. Huard had an amazing save during a volley and Taylor and Cho took the point with a tough block on the Crusader's #8. Huard served and hit an ace, then dug a ball up to Koo, who had been setting well all night, and Polyakova tipped it over for a point. The Crusader's #8, who seemed to tire and became less of an obstacle, hit out. Huard serve 2 more aces bringing the score to 11-5. Bellevue was conservatively pumped up on the court. Sugamura dug to Koo and Taylor killed the ball. Then Taylor got off a block on #8. There was a tough battle during a volley and Bellevue lost the point. Huard got the last dig up to Koo who set to Polyakova on the left side and she hit into the block then the ball went out. Bellevue erred, the Crusaders hit a final kill and then got an unexpected error in the final volley losing to Bellevue and sealing the Wolverines trip to State! Score, 15-8.