

Bellevue at Shorecrest on 11/1

Bellevue played the Shorecrest Scots on Monday night. The Wolverines didn't know what to expect from Shorecrest, but they were ready to play. The gym was new and airy, with a nice turn out of students. The teams didn't see much volleying until the Scots started returning the ball mid way through the first set. The Wolverines were working well as a team, but started to get a little too relaxed in the final set leading to errors and missed opportunities. But they finished strong and won in 3 sets.

Set 1: Junior Nyah Taylor stepped up to serve first and Shorecrest hit the ball out. Then Taylor served an ace and followed it with picking up a dig to Senior/Captain Izzy Koo and to Junior/Captain Brooke Huard for a line shot kill. Junior Maile Sugamura grabbed a pass that popped over the net and scored a point. Taylor dug up 4 balls that became scoring points. Two of the digs went up to Koo and Huard who hit a deep court kill and then hit high into a block and down. The other two went to Koo and Senior/Captain Kaitlyn Watson for 2 more kills. Shorecrest was having trouble returning the ball or stopping Bellevue's shots. Senior Anastasiya Polyakova snagged the next dig up to Koo and Taylor who hit from the back row for a kill. Shorecrest got their first kill and started to manage some short volleys. Huard and Watson both served an ace. Huard popped up a dig to Koo who set to Taylor for a tipped hit that dropped in bounds on the Scots' side. Sugamura dove to the left side for the pass up to Koo and then Taylor hit a cross court kill. Junior Halle Adam got up a pass to Koo and Huard for a back court slam. The teams exchanged errors. The set ended when a short volley was going but Huard shut it down when she spotted an overpass and knocked it down, point Bellevue. Score, 25 - 13.

Set 2: Shorecrest served to Taylor who popped the ball up to Koo who set to the right side for Watson's cross court kill. Huard got the next dig to Koo and Taylor for the kill. Bellevue won two points due to the Scots' errors. Polyakova dug up to Koo and Taylor for another point. Sugamura grabbed another tough dig to Adam who set to Taylor for a kill that ricocheted off a few players' hands. Huard jumped high for a block. Taylor was having a great night. She served 2 aces and bumped a pass from mid court that went over for a point. The teams began to volley more and longer, one of which Koo ended with a dump. Senior Jada Cho pounded a deep court kill. The Scots gave up several points to errors. Watson ended a volley that both teams were scrambling for with a kill. Huard tipped down another block and served an ace. Junior Jordan Condie tapped the ball down for a kill and then slammed a cross court kill. The last play of the set started when Condie got the dig to Koo and Taylor who hit down into the block for a point. Score, 25-13.

Set 3: The final set started with a serve from Bellevue that turned into a volley and ended with a Bellevue error. Adam nabbed the next pass and sent the ball to Koo then Huard who bumped it over and scored. Huard got another tap on the ball for a kill. The teams volleyed again and Watson got off two blocks but the ball was still in play. Koo was setting to different players but the Scots were receiving them all until Taylor hit the ball into their block and dropped to the floor. Watson earned her block on the next play and Huard served an ace. Watson got off 2 more kills, another block and 2 aces. Bellevue relaxed a little and lost some focus and points due to errors. In the middle of another volley, Cho used her foot to keep the ball off the ground and back into play but Bellevue lost the point. The Wolverine's had a run of 5 errors that Taylor stopped with a dig to Koo and a kill from Polyakova. There were several errors from both teams and surprisingly Bellevue saw 14 plays before they scored with another kill. Sugamura picked up two digs to Koo who set to Taylor for a hit into the block and a cross court kill. The set ended with the Scots' hitting out. Score, 25-17.