

Bellevue vs. Interlake on Wednesday 10/27

Bellevue played at Interlake on Wednesday night. The Saints were celebrating their Senior Night, they were energized, had a big student showing and announced their intention to win during the senior speeches. The Wolverines started strong and took the first 2 sets. Then they seemed to lose their footing and lost the next 3 sets, and their first Conference match in over 2 years. The Wolverines finished their regular Conference Season 11-1 overall. Bellevue plays one more non-conference match before they go to the Kingco 3A District Championship.

Set 1: The Saints started with the serve and the two teams volleyed for the point when Senior/Captain Kaitlyn Watson blocked their shot. Junior Nyah Taylor grabbed the dig up to Senior Anastasiya Polyakova who set to Junior/Captain Brooke Huard for a tap over the Saint's block. The Wolverines had several errors and fell behind 5-8 until Watson tapped down another block. Huard dug to Senior Izzy Koo and then to Watson for the kill. Then Huard slid sideways on the floor and popped up the ball with her fist to Koo and Taylor hit the kill. Koo served an ace. The back line was on fire with receiving serves and digging short balls. The Wolverines were stepping it up and was tied 11-11 when Taylor hit into the block that bounced out. Junior Maile Sugamura grabbed two digs to Koo then Watson hit the kills. Taylor served an ace. Watson got the short ball up to Koo and Huard slammed it into the block so hard that it went flying straight up and the blockers didn't know where it was until dropped to the floor. Senior Jada Cho jumped for a clean block and then was set by Koo to the right side for a kill. Taylor hit a cross court kill and Koo served an ace. The final point was when a Saint served into the antennae. Score, 25-20.

Set 2: Bellevue started with an error. But Sugamura got the ball up to Koo and then to Polyakova for the kill. Watson had 2 blocks in a row. Huard snapped up a hard hit ball to Koo then Watson pounded it down for a point. Polyakova served an ace and Watson blocked for another point. Sugamura was grabbing digs left and right and Taylor walloped one of them for a kill. Both teams were fighting for some amazing volleys and the spectators were cheering for their teams. Bellevue had some clutch saves but then lost a few points. Taylor dug a ball up to Koo who set high to Watson for a touch and kill. Then Sugamura hit the floor for a dig to Koo who set to the right side for Watson who hit deep into the Saints court. The Wolverines were leading 10-4. Huard hopped up and hit the ball just inside the line. Polyakova dug up a short ball that went directly over the net. Huard got an amazing dig to Koo who set back to Huard for a back court kill. Huard served over and a Saint shanked the ball that hit the basketball backboard. Normally this would be played out and Bellevue would win the point, but the ref called for a redo and Bellevue followed it with an error. Bellevue had more errors and a tough volley then Taylor tipped over their block. After another volley, the Saints sent the ball up high that was headed for the net when Watson hit the overpass down for a kill. Polyakova was up to serve, caught two digs up to Koo, one was set to Huard for a back court kill, and the other to Watson who slid to the right for a kill. Then Polyakova served an ace. Bellevue had a dig that ricocheted into the basketball backboard and the ref called it a redo. Taylor and Huard both hit 2 more kills. Junior Halle Adam sent several digs up to Koo. Huard dug and hit a right side kill set by Koo. Then Huard served an ace. The final point for the set started with a dig from Huard, a set from Koo and a swift kill from Taylor. Score, 25-17.

Set 3: The Saints served and Sugamura passed the ball up, Watson grabbed the set and bumped it to the Outside Hitter...who wasn't there. There was no OH on the court and it threw everyone off, which was followed with a rotation error for Bellevue. Adam dug a fast ball and then the Saints hit out. Bellevue was off balance. Watson jumped for a block. Sugamura got a pass up to the net and Koo touched it over for the point. Bellevue began to recover at 4-6. Huard hit high for a touched out and then into the block that dropped down, 2 more points. Adam got a dig to Koo and set to Huard who hit across the their front line and in. Taylor dug to

Koo who dropped another dump. Huard served 2 aces and then hit from the back row for a kill, tying the teams 11-11. There were a few tough volleys that Saints won and then they got an ace and a block. The score was 11-15 and Bellevue took a time out, their second for the season. Upon return, Huard and Koo got the ball to Watson who hit a deep court kill. The saints made 3 errors. Watson and Taylor got blocks and Koo served an ace. The Wolverines were leading 18-15. Huard hustled for a dig and a hit but then the Wolverines made an error. Errors were exchanged by both teams but the Wolverines were starting to struggle again and fell behind 20-21. Huard got a dig up to Koo who set to Polyakova for a hit into the block that dropped on the Saints side. The Saints hit out and Bellevue followed it up with 4 errors, ending the set in a loss. Score, 22-25.

Set 4: Bellevue erred on the first play. Then Sugamura dug the ball up from the floor to Koo who set to Taylor for a bump over the net that somehow scored. Huard, who played well all night, grabbed the pass to Koo and Taylor put it away for the point. Huard got up two more digs to Koo that ended with a slammed kill from Watson and blocked point from Taylor. Bellevue lost their 4 point lead after hitting errors. Bellevue hustled for digs, but missed several chances at hits or serves. Watson and Huard hit a few more kills each. Junior Jordan Condie had 2 kills where one of them rolled along the net and dropped. Brooke and Taylor each served an ace. Adam sent up a tough pass to Koo who dumped it over the net. But the Wolverines still grappled with mistakes and lost. Score, 19-25.

Set 5: The Saints served and Taylor dug the ball to Koo who then set high to Huard for an easy looking kill. A few points later Watson went for the kill that momentarily stunned the Saints when it bounced off of their player's foot and hung in the air waiting to be played. A Saint saved it and the ball was sent back over to Taylor for the dig, then Koo and Huard to finish off the point. Huard hit from the back court into a block that dropped for a kill. A couple scrambled volleys took place with each team winning the point. Sugamura was fighting for digs and got 3 up to Koo who set to Taylor and Huard for kills. Then Sugamura served a much needed ace, bringing the Wolverines up to 10-8. Taylor was also working hard on the back row for kills and sent one up to Koo and Huard for a tip over the block kill. Then the Saints scored a kill and an ace. Bellevue was behind. Watson had 2 more kills bringing the score to 13-14. Watson, who served a few errors earlier in the night, was up again and trying to remain calm to keep Bellevue in the game, The serve went over and there was a long volley that ended in the Saints favor. Score, 13-15.