

## **BHS vs Liberty High School - 10/11**

Bellevue played Liberty High School at home on Monday, Oct 11th. The crowd was light due to the expectation of an easy win. But the first set proved otherwise. Bellevue got behind midway through the set and then pulled them selves up for the win, then won the last 2 sets handily. Meanwhile, the guest announcer, Brad Adam, left us all wondering if Halle Adam had, in fact, cleaned her room. Bellevue wins 3-0! JV and JVC also won their games, giving the night a full sweep!

Set 1: The Liberty Patriots started the set with an ace. A short volley between the teams ended when Junior Nyah Taylor dug the ball up to Senior Izzy Koo who set to the net for Junior/Captain Brooke Huard for a hit that ricocheted off the block and went out on their side. The Patriots responded with a tip over Bellevue's block for a point. Junior Maile Sugamura nabbed a pass to Koo who set to Senior/Captain Kaitlyn Watson for a quick kill. Watson followed with 3 aces. Senior Jada Cho hit a kill from the back line. Then Senior Anastasiya Polyakova served an ace. The Wolverines had 3 errors until Cho turned that around with a block. Taylor, Koo and Huard earned another point. Taylor served an ace bringing the score to 12-8. Bellevue began to falter with errors and took an unusual loss of 6 points until the combination of Sugamura, Koo and Huard scored 2 points with Huard hammering the ball down inside the Patriot's back line. Then Taylor passed to Koo at the net, who dunk it straight into the middle of the opposition's side with all 6 Patriots diving for it, point Bellevue. Taylor hit a clean kill from the back row and Sugamura served an ace bringing the team up from 14-14 to 19-14. Watson got a high tip over their block for a point. Junior Halle Adam dug up to Koo who swiftly set to Huard for a kill. Polyakova got off a pass to Koo then Watson for a kill. The final point was Taylor to Koo to Polyakova who hit high and tipped the fingers of the Patriots and then went out. Score, 25-15.

Set 2: Sugamura started the set with a serve that the Patriots returned short, forcing Koo to pass back to Sugamura who set to Huard for a cross court kill. Adam sent up a dig for a kill from Watson who proceeded to score again with a tip over their block. Watson batted down an overpass for a 3rd point. The Wolverines got a rare rotation call but Adam had another great dig to Koo and Huard for the kill. The Patriots weren't wavering in their efforts but the Wolverines were focused and determined to win. Watson went up for 2 consecutive blocks. Koo caught another short ball to Sugamura who set to Polyakova for a high kill. Huard served an ace and Watson had another block. The Patriots tipped a ball over our block and Sugamura dove to the floor to pop the ball back into play. Watson served an ace. Huard, Koo and Taylor's combo resulted in two swift kills. The Wolverines were leading 17-5. Bellevue lost a point after another nice volley. Sugamura passed to Polyakova for a set to Huard for a deep court kill. Sophomore Meleana Aurelio and Senior Nataysia Koehler hit the floor running. Sugamura and Aurelio both got off digs to Polyakova who set to Huard for a 2 kills. Watson had one more block for the set and Huard served an ace. The set ended with a hit out by a Patriot. Score, 25-12.

Set 3: Bellevue stepped on the court looking ready to finish the night in 3 sets. Liberty served and Taylor received the pass to Koo who set to Watson for a speedy kill to the middle of the court. Koo served an ace. Junior Sofia Rudic joined the court. Sugamura passed up to Koo for a set to Watson who hit another kill. Huard served an ace and caught a dig up-to Koo and Watson for a point. Taylor hit a deep court kill. Adam served an ace and then passed to Koo and Cho for a light tip over their block. The Wolverines were looking strong. Cho knocked an overpass down. Huard and Cho each had more kills. Sugamura stepped up to serve with her calm and unrevealing expression and hit 2 aces. There was a scramble on the court during a volley that ended with a dig from Koo to Taylor to Huard for the kill. Watson had another block for a point. Huard hit two more kills with the help of Koo and Sugamura. Then Aurelio had another dig to Koo who set backwards to Watson for a surprise kill. Watson continued keeping

the Patriots at bay with a block and tipped another overpass. The set ended when the Patriot's served out. Score, 25-11.