

Bellevue played Hazen at home on 10/18

Bellevue hosted Hazen on Monday night. Guest announcer, Brad Adam, kept the crowd entertained with his jokes during time-outs and had two visiting fans amusing us all with their reactions. Even Bellevue's tech support, Jerry, got in on the action by providing a long list of jokes. The Hazen crowd was strong and loud, but the team had trouble with receiving serves and heading off kill attempts. They stepped up more during the 3rd set and had more volleys, but it wasn't enough to win. The Varsity team dominated the evening and won in 3 sets. JV won 2-1 and JVC lost 0-3.

Set 1: Junior Maile Sugamura started the match off with an ace, then served 3 more! Senior/Captain Kaitlyn Watson jumped up and slammed down an overpass. The Wolverines had a few errors and a Highlander served out. Junior Nyah Taylor passed up to Senior/Captain Izzy Koo, who set to the net for Watson's kill. It was Taylor's turn to serve and she hit 2 aces, which the Highlanders tried to break up with a time-out, but upon return she hit 3 more. Sugamura dug low for the ball near the net up to Koo and Watson for the kill. Watson got a block. The set was moving quickly. Sugamura grabbed another pass to Koo who set to Junior/Captain Brooke Huard for a hammered kill. Watson had a turn at the back line and served 2 aces and Hazen took another time-out. Taylor passed to Koo who set to Huard for a cross court kill. Watson got 2 digs up to Koo who set to Brooke Huard for a fast line drive and to Senior Anastasiya Polyakova for a kill. Watson served another ace which was followed up by errors from both teams. Hazen served last and hit out, point Bellevue. The set went so quickly that the Wolverines didn't even complete their first rotation. Score, 25-9.

Set 2: Hazen started with the ball and Sugamura received it with the dig up to Koo for a quick set and a swift kill from Watson. Then Taylor slammed a cross court kill. Koo served 14 times, made 3 aces, caught a dig and had 3 sets. Taylor hit hard into the block that went out. Huard had several digs, two up to Watson for a smack down inside the 10' line and then high hit that was touched on the way out. Senior Jada Cho had 2 kills with one hitting just inside the back line. Sophomore Meleana Aurelio sent up a pass. Bellevue faltered with 4 errors, bringing the score to 16-4. Taylor took a turn at serving and upon when Hazen returned the ball Junior Jordan Condie got a dig to Koo then to Watson for a kill. Taylor served an ace and Koo got a dig down at the floor. Sugamura passed up to Koo for a set to the middle hitter and Junior, Jordan Condie for a kill. The set had a few great volleys that had the Wolverines scrambling for the digs and sets, one of them ending in an amazing block by Condie! Taylor got a pass up to Polyakova who set to Cho for a tip over the block that they couldn't return. Polyakova served and ace. The final 2 points for Bellevue were scored when the Highlanders hit the ball out and then into the net. The set ended again without a full rotation. Score, 25-7.

Set 3: The Wolverines' line up was switched up for the final set. Senior Nataysia Koehler joined the front line. Sugamura sent up 2 passes to Koo who set to Huard who killed the ball at a Highlander's feet and then hit a cross court kill. Koo served an ace. Huard got a pass up to Koo who set to Senior Nataysia Koehler for sweet kill. Huard had a nice long run at serving and hit two aces. Cho grabbed two short passes up to Koo, one set to Huard for a back court kill and one to Taylor for a hit into their block that ricocheted out. Huard eyed a returned ball that came high to the back of the court and passed it up to Koo and Taylor for another kill. Then Taylor got a block. Junior Sofia Rudic joined the court. There was a great volley with several low digs that ended with an error by Hazen. Koehler and Cho went up for a block that was returned quickly but Koehler saw it and went up for the kill on the overpass. Condie got a block in the middle of the net. There were more errors and Hazen got off a short serve for an ace. The final volley was long and ended when Hazen hit out. The last play was when Rudic grabbed the pass up to Polyakova for the set to Huard who hit hard into their block and went out. Score, 25-7.

