

The seventh grade girls volleyball team's record of 1-9 does not tell the whole story. The nine girls improved throughout the entire season. Not knowing the game of volleyball or the taste of victory, the girls worked hard and had fun. The only victory came against South Putnam—an exciting two-game match. The 15-13 win of the first game sent the girls on a high to take the second game 15-7. Leading the scoring for the year were Jill Plunkett and Rita Hess. Jana Bowling, the aggressive player, led the team in serve receiving and overall bumping. The potential for a winning team and season next year looks promising.

The eighth grade girls ended their season with an even 5-5. Their victories included Avon, Tri-West, and South Putnam twice. The most gratifying victory was

over Greencastle (15-5, 15-8) on our own court.

All seventeen girls worked throughout the season. The most consistent were Bonnie Godwin, Susan Games, Andrea Craver, Kelly Bryant, and Kay Phipps. Susan, Andrea, and Kay led the team in scoring. Bonnie and Andrea put together a super bump-set-spike combo against Greencastle. The outstanding player was Susan Games. She had a good attitude and a strong competitive behavior. She always did what was needed and expected of her. A strong freshman team should arise next year.

The Junior High girls finished the season by honoring Coach Jennifer Purdue with a plaque and a hard fought match against Waynetown.

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH

Members of the Junior High girls teams are pictured below. The top row is the seventh grade team; the others are eighth graders. Row 1: Assistant Coach Connie Stranger, M Riddel, A Craver, K Bryant, S Games, B Godwin, K Phipps, Coach Jennifer Purdue; Row 2: B Gierke, H Cram, R Mandleco, T Edwards, M Stone, D Hyten; Row 3: Mgr. V Martin, C Martin, K Tilley, J Knowling, C Frye, M Severe, K Henson, Mgr. J Jessup; Row 4: A Weddle, A Wood, M Smith, J Plunkett, J Foley, N Moore, B Smeelink, R Hess, and J Bowling.

