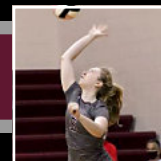
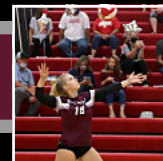


# VOLLEYBALL



Rachel Axtell



Kiki Blythe

Keeping an eye on the ball, junior Sara Rhomberg jumps up for a block at the State Quarterfinal game against Union Nov. 3. Mount Vernon beat Union 3-1. Photo by Lillie Hawker.



## SCORE CARD



TEAM	US	THEM
Solon	3	0
Maquoketa	2	0
Beckman	2	3
Williamsburg	3	1
West Delaware	3	1
Marion	3	1
Solon	3	0
Williamsburg	3	0
Davis	3	0
Union	3	1
Clarion-Goldfield-Dows	3	0
Osage	0	3

### Three Cheers for Victory

After getting the match winning point, the volleyball team runs on to the court to celebrate their State Semifinal game win Nov. 4. Mount Vernon won against Clarion-Goldfield-Dows 3-0 and went on to play in the State Championship game the next day. Photo by Lillie Hawker.



**VARSITY TEAM.** *Front Row:* Lauren Ryan, Brooke Ellyson, Sydney Dennis, Jorie Randall, Kameron Brand, Chiara Blythe, Sara Rhomberg, Rachel Axtell. *Back Row:* McKenzie Rentschler, Vail Telecky, Julia Wheeler, Parker Whitham, Lauren Schrock, Natalie Welch, Madeleine Miller, Camryn Ellyson, Madi Cranston, Danielle Pitts.



**SOPHOMORE TEAM.** *Front Row:* Madalynn Power, Jordan Bleile, Kennedy Hunter, Kenna Rollinger, Addison Gookin, and Rebecca Conrad. *Back Row:* coach Christa Winders, Finley McVay, Kia McNeal, Kyla Vaughn, Kaleigh Jordan, Karlee Luneckas, Helena Holub, and Natalie Clark.

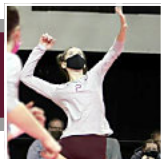


**FRESHMAN TEAM.** *Front Row:* Kelsey Kamerling, Elsa Appleton, Kaylie Kelchen, Sophia Bunch. *Back Row:* Meredith McCollum, Sarah Peterson, Aleece Lee, Gabrielle Rubner, Meika Neal, Peyton Simpson.

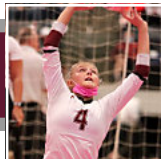
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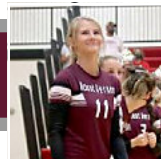
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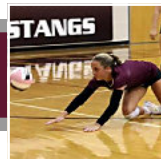
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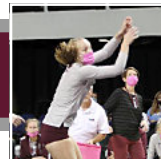
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**Dani Pitts**



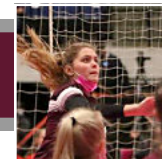
**Jorie Randall**



**Lauren Ryan**



**Lauren Schrock**



**Natalie Welch**



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**Mustangs in Action**  
**Above:** Going for the spike, senior Lauren Schrock jumps up to hit the ball at the state quarterfinal game Nov. 3.




**Above Left:** Sydney Dennis, a senior, jumps high to spike the ball over the net at the State Championship game Nov. 5. Mount Vernon lost to Osage 3-0.

**Left:** Seniors Lauren Schrock and Sydney Dennis celebrate scoring a point with sophomore Kameron Brand at the state semifinal game Nov. 4.


**Below:** Senior Lauren Ryan keeps her eye on the ball as she goes to bump it while sophomore Kameron Brand watches at the quarterfinal game Nov. 3.



## WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF VOLLEYBALL SEASON?



"My favorite part about volleyball season was dancing in the locker room before games with my team."  
— Sara Rhomberg '22



"Getting one last year with my senior friends that I've been with my whole life!"  
— Jorie Randall '21



"My favorite part was being coached by Coach Willems and Coach Brand and getting to be part of such a hard working environment."  
— Lauren Schrock '21

# DOMINATING THROUGH UNKNOWN

## Volleyball team places second at state despite COVID-19

By Lillie Hawker

Knowing that at any point in the season volleyball could be shut down meant implementing changes to their normal practice routine. Senior Madi Cranston said that they started sanitizing the balls before and after practice and that they had to use hand sanitizer after every water break. "As a team, we came up with a team 'covenant' which was basically rules that we all agreed on to make sure that we all

remained healthy and limit our exposure to getting COVID," Cranston said.

COVID-19 didn't, however, have an impact on how hard the team worked. Going into the season, the Mustangs were the reigning State Champions. Senior volleyball player Lauren Ryan said that going in, the volleyball team had set goals to win another conference and state title. "Coach continued to remind us how much other teams would want to beat us," Ryan said, "With the huge senior class, we were all motivated to finish our high school careers on a good note."

The volleyball team made it all

the way back to the state championship game, winning another conference title along the way.

Although they lost to Osage, it did not take away from the accomplishment of making it back to the championship game. "Being one of the last two teams to play on the last day of the season is a big accomplishment!" Ryan said.

"It felt amazing to make it back to the state championship game," Cranston said, "Being able to finish my high school volleyball career in the state championship game was exactly where I wanted to be."



**Above:** Camryn Ellyson hugs her teammate Jorie Randall after losing the State Championship game Nov. 5. Photo by Lillie Hawker.

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