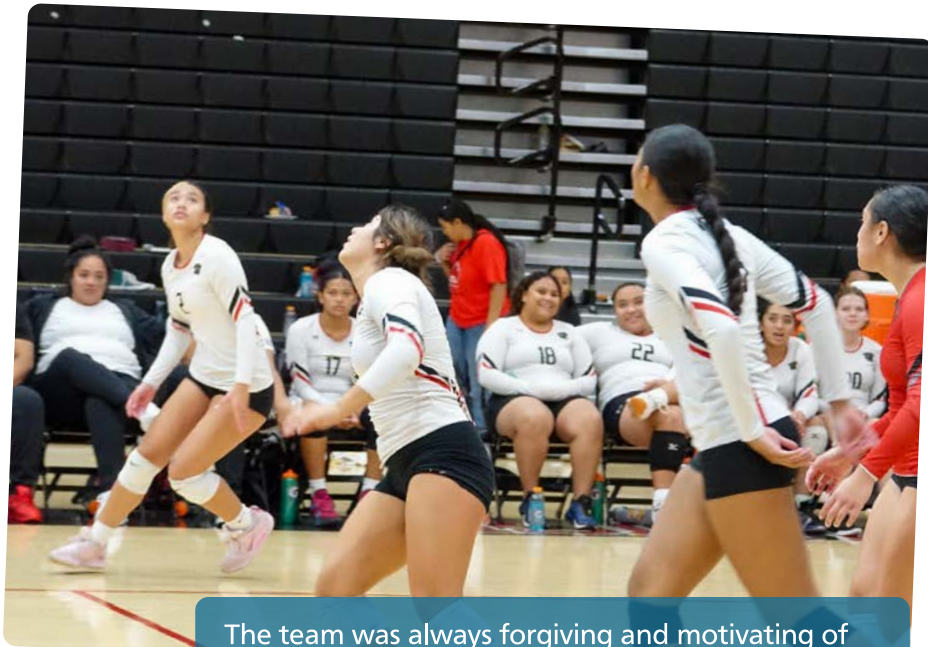


READY TO SPIKE

"THE TEAM IS FORGIVING AND ENCOURAGES MISTAKES."

- Megan Robinson (11)

The Girls Volleyball team was always energetic and supportive of each other. The team welcomed beginners and taught them. With many unacquainted newcomers at the beginning of the season, it took some time for the team to get to know each other, but they have "gotten closer and hope to become closer" said Lizet Hernandez (11). When playing a game, team members must communicate and let everyone have a role. As they played with each other throughout the season, they improved immensely and created a system of communication that works for them. Jyllian Petty (10), emphasized the importance of courage and determination, and that in the world of volleyball, as in life, taking risks is essential: "just don't be afraid to make mistakes or do something you think is difficult because coaches will see that and your teammates will see that you're trying hard."



The team was always forgiving and motivating of each other. According to Pisila Hansen (10) one team motto was "just shake it off" because of the learning curve everyone goes through. The team believes that making mistakes is a part of the sport. Though volleyball can be difficult, our team power through to get better with the support of their team and their student supporters. Volleyball games are always energetic and powerful, due to the student section and the team feels this support always: "The support this year is huge and I feel so loved" Megan Robinson (11).



LIZET HERNANDEZ-CORTEZ

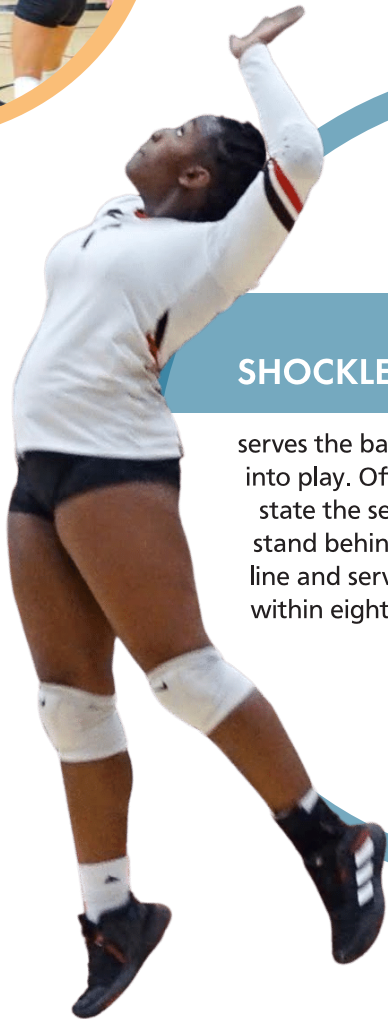
Lizet Hernandez-Cortez was the newly appointed team captain for this season. She joined as a freshman and as a junior, she has complete dedication and love for the sport. She said, "I always want to support my team, I could never give up on them". Lizet is a setter, the leader for offense. This position was the "absolute favorite" part of volleyball for her because "it makes the game real for me".





THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM LINES UP TO START THE NEXT MATCH.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT:



SHAYE SHOCKLEY (#7)

serves the ball to put it into play. Official rules state the server must stand behind the end line and serve the ball within eight seconds.

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With practices every day other than games, everyone on the team had to have dedication and a love for the sport. This passion was always seen on the court through their excited faces, quick huddles, and steadfast support. The team always gave it their all, even if the score was not balanced. At almost every game, family and friends on the stands were chanting and clapping for their team. West showed immense support this year and will continue through generations.



Sela Afeaki (10) warms up before a game by hitting balls over the net.

