

Young Spikers Know How to Win

More eligible students came out for junior high volleyball than for any other sport at any level in the Wink school system. The large number of talented participants was a luxury for Coach Paula Kay Lockhart, and helped both seventh and eighth grade teams have very successful seasons. Perhaps the most memorable accomplishment came at the Crane Tournament which took place on the same day as the U.I.L. Marching Band Contest. With many of the eighth graders in Odessa with the band, seventh graders were pulled up to the eighth grade team. Even with their strength depleted, the remaining seventh graders took third place in the tournament with a win over Crane, a loss to Alpine, and a win over Pecos.

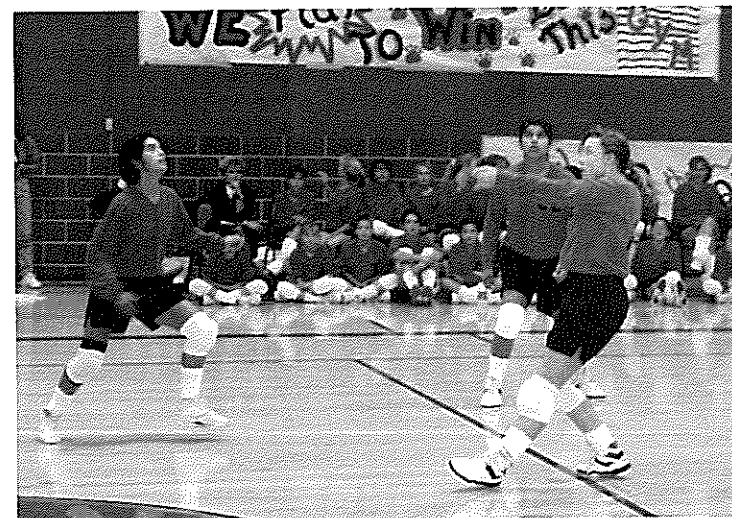
Coach Paula Lockhart explains how to pull together and win the match to eighth grade team members.



7th grade Team: back-Mary Elen Grubbs, Krystal Carrasco, Kayla Cook, and Melissa Garcia; middle-Bethany Williams, Chelsea Shirley, Charla Hash, Nydia Porras, Jolee Hanna, and Coach Paula Kay Lockhart; front- Dana McVay, Ruby Ramirez, Candy Carroll, Alicia Sparks, and Kathie Shirey.



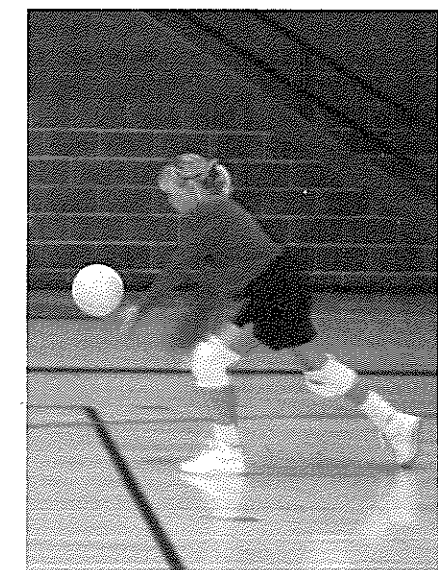
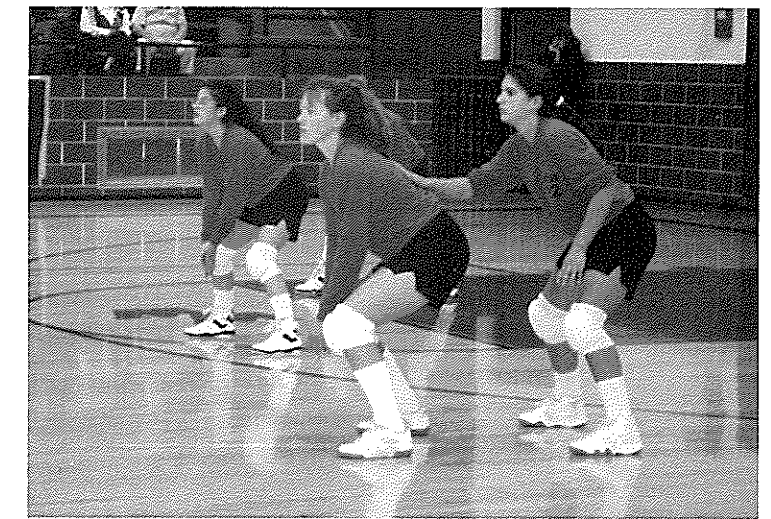
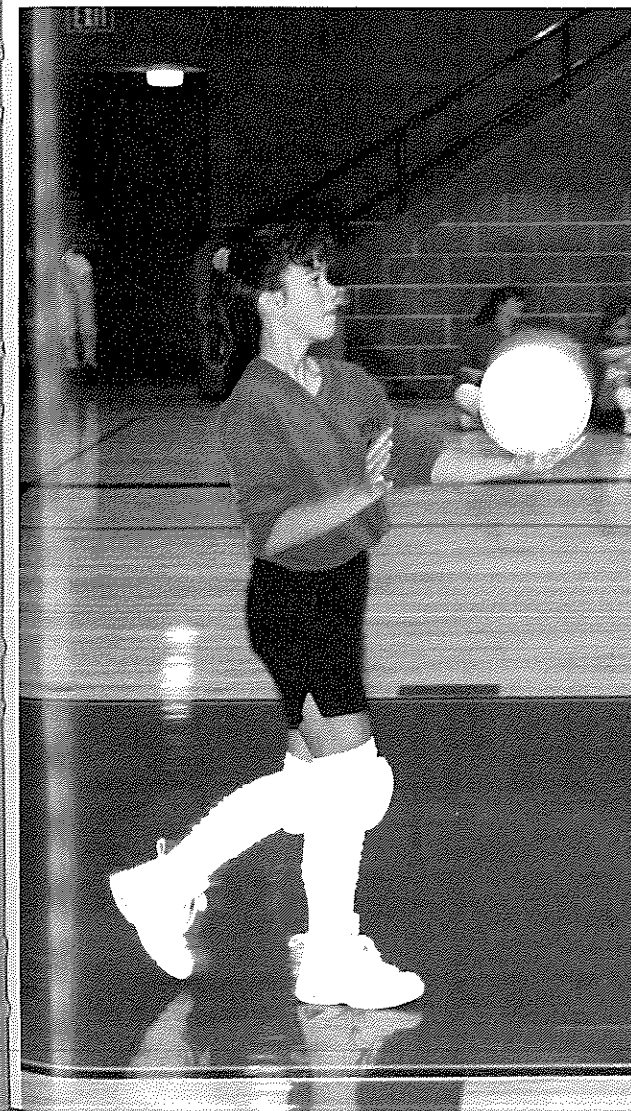
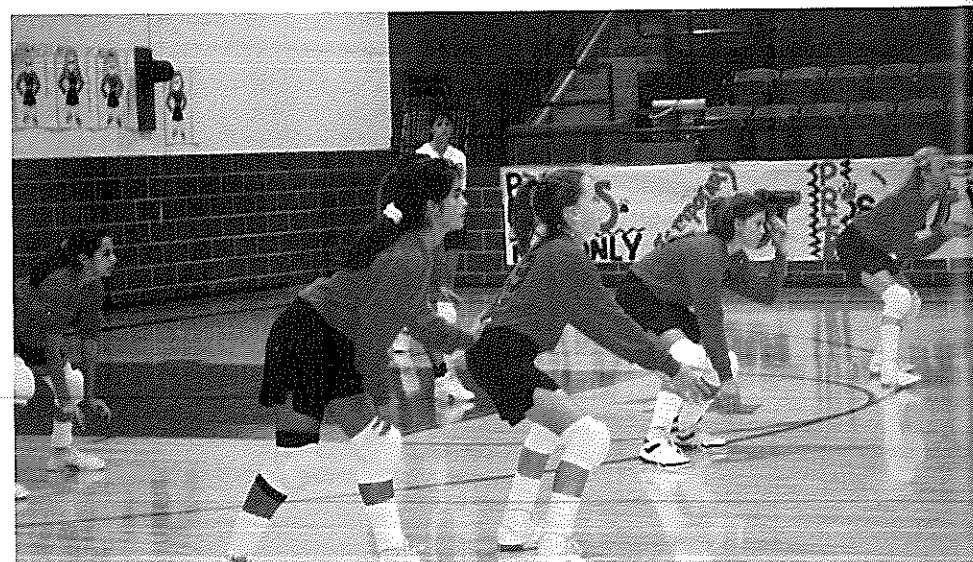
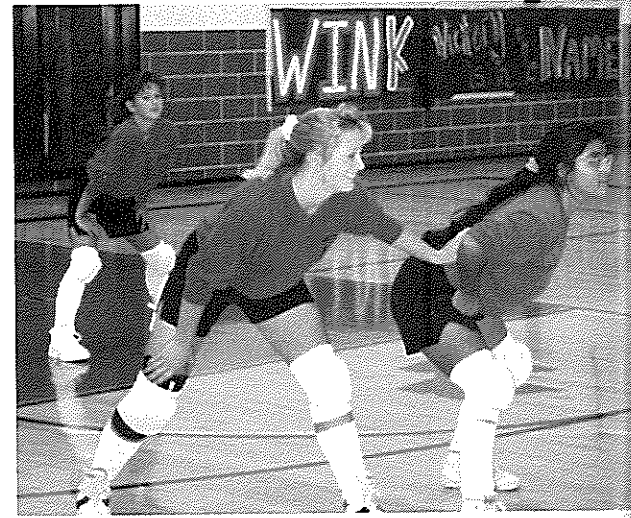
8th grade Team: back-Marci McCallister, Amanda Taylor, Mindy Wilkinson, Kenna Claborn, and Mandi McCallister; middle: Angela Stephens, Kelsey Brown, Crystal Smith, Ryan Thomas, April Tinkler, Maria Villalpando, Jennifer Hawkins, Shane Jones, and Coach Paula Lockhart; front-Shanna Dennis, Shannon Garratt, Misty Warren, Aaron Treadwell, April Underwood, and Jessica Jones.



Kathie Shirey concentrates as she passes the ball to her fellow seventh grader Nydia Porras for the set. Nydia made quite a name for herself this season when she served for 15 unanswered points in a match at the Crane Tournament.

Eighth graders Ryan Thomas, Mindy Wilkinson, and Maria Villalpando get ready to receive as the other team serves the ball.

The seventh graders get down and get ready to show their competition how to play Wildcat volleyball.



Eighth grader Ryan Thomas prepares for an ace serve.

Eighth graders April Underwood, Kelsey Brown, and Jessica Jones get down to play defense for control of the ball.

Seventh grader Kayla Cook shows the opposing team the right way to serve underhanded.