Kenna Claborn



Shane
Jones
District Defensive
Player of the Year
1st Team All-State



Mandi McCaliister First team All -District 1st Team All-State Academic All-State



Marci McCallister First team All-District Academic All-State



Amanda Taylor First team All-District





1999 Varsity Volleyball Team and Coaches: back - Coach Cheryl Baker, Mandi McCallister, Marci McCallister, Kenna Claborn, Coach Danna Flatt, Amanda Taylor, Shane Jones, April Tinkler and Ryan Thomas; middle - Coach Kent Josselet, manager Twila Massey, Keli Gunn, Kathie Shirey, Ashley Abila, Marlayna Moore, Mallory Bryan, manager Bethany Williams and manager Stephanie Cross; front - Kelli Benham, Jodi Graham, Ella Fernandes, Lindsay Graham and Lacy Morton

Volleyball season began with the Lady Cats and their coach, Danna Flatt, firedup and ready to repeat as Region I Champion. However, a big question hung heavily over the team: Just how could this lofty goal be reached when the heart of the championship team had graduated in the spring?

Building around a core of seniors, most with little varsity experience, yet mature enough to provide leadership, Coach Flatt added talent laden underclassmen to form a team with determination to burn.

Injuries to key players set in early, but did not deter the team's desire to excel. "A whole lot of depth on a bench of players able to play each position allowed us to be versatile," Coach Flatt said.

This versatility helped the team muddle through the injuries and once again claim the district title by defeating Grandfalls in a play-off match.

From there, the Lady Cats received a bye for bi-district and then sailed through area defeating Fort Hancock 15-7, 15-5. They took the first match of the regional tournament by pounding Fort Elliot 15-6, 15-4, but then fell to a strong Water Valley team in the championship.

Failure to make it back to state disappointed the Lady Cats, but nothing can hamper the satisfaction they can feel from knowing they came together as a cohesive unit, overcoming any and all obstacles to have very successful season.

Lady Cats post 24-11 record

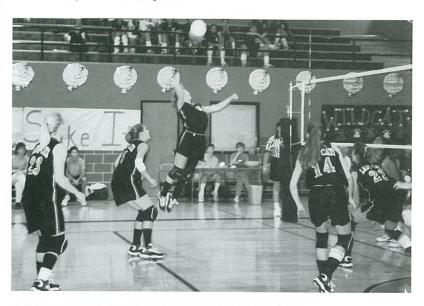
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Team Reaches Lofty Goal

Experience plus talent makes a successful blend

All-state senior Shane Jones goes up to spike the ball as her teammates cover their ground ready for a possible feed-back.

The Lady Cats and Coach Danna Flatt huddle together before the opening serve to discuss their main objectives for the game.







Ryan Thomas 50 Varsity Volleyball



April
Tinkler
Honorable Mention
All-District



Kathie Shirey



Ashley Abila

All-District



Mallory Bryan District Newcomer of the Year



Marlayna
Moore

Honorable Mention
All-District



Kelli Benham Honorable Mentic # All-Distric



Ella Fernandes All-District



Lindsay
Graham
Honorable Mention



Keli Gunn

Jodi

Graham

Second Team



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