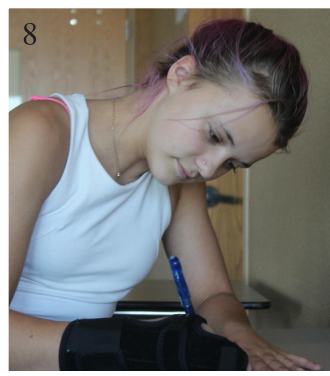
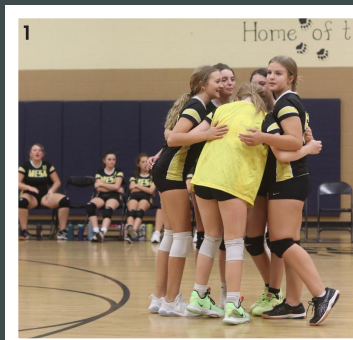


1. BEST EFFORTS: Finley McCann, Maylen Thompson, Addi Jantz, Jaycee Bamber, and Addi Sedalnick, huddle up during the game. **2. BELONGING TO A TEAM:** Maylen Thompson (8th, Sun) warming up for a home game with teammates. "I always enjoy playing with my team and my coach. I really feel this is where I belong," Thompson stated when asked about being a Mesa athlete. **3. SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS:** Ms.Shannon sets up for the game. "Do it again, Do it again, that's what I look forward to. It makes me want to encourage the players more." Says Shannon. **4. HUSTLE HIT, NEVER QUIT:** Ms.Wells, the coach for A and B team, sets up for the next game. "Hard work always pays off in the end." Says Wells. **5. PLAY FROM THE HEART:** Sophie Hummel (8th, Sun) Amaya Drury (8th, Sun) have a little laughter while "You have to have fun or you can't be a champion," says Drury. **7. REFUSE TO LOSE:** Megan Thorne (8th,Grizzly) strives on the court, ready to get a win for her team. "



BREAK FROM THE NET

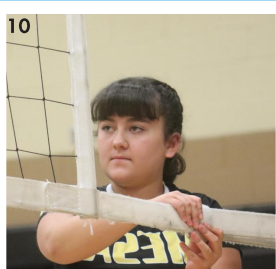
Have you had to miss a whole season and sit on the sidelines to watch your team play? Well, Raleigh Declaire (8th, Grizzly) fractured her two fingers while playing gaga ball in the gym and it ended her season playing volleyball. "I really wish I could have played this season because middle school is coming to an end this year and I will not be at Mesa anymore." said Declaire.



On The Court

Julie Allen (8th, Sun), as seen in photo six, received the ball and made a remarkable pass at a home game against Sagewood Middle School. With a 3-3 record her drive, determination has pushed her into being a better player, which shows why she is one of the top players on the Mesa Middle School's team. She is looking forward to playing for Douglas County High School Huskies. Ms.Wells, the Volleyball coach for A and B team has helped Julie become a better player, giving her tips for games and not just helping her but the rest of the team. "Ms.Wells is very athletic, knowledgeable and always gives our team great advice. She has pushed us in unbelievable ways that have helped our team get better." said Allen. Everyone has doubted her because of her height, but she has made it up to the net and shown her incredible talent in Volleyball. (Story by: Piper Johnston, Elle Smith, Josey Seymour and Trey Teigen.)

11. LET'S SETTLE THIS: Lynniah Rodriguez (8th, Panda) makes a fantastic set that benefits her team. "I've played at 303 Volleyball Academy for 8 years, and I've felt really passionate about it." Says Rodriguez. **9. THE BIG LEAP:** Sophie Hummel (8th, Sun) reached high to the top of the net to block a hard spike. **10.** Madison Anderson (8th, Sun) sets up for the game.



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