

Volleyball Digs, Bumps And Kills Through The Regular Season

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Volleyball Wins First League Championship Ever

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For the first time in school history, Kent Denver's volleyball team has won the Metro League.

En route to this title, the team has only lost seven sets, earned a record of 17-1 and head coach Ms. Emily Danitz has recorded her 100th win.

When asked about what makes this team special as opposed to the other 10 Kent Denver volleyball teams Ms. Danitz has coached, she responded, "We have really experienced players and passionate players."

The team's determination has helped them come back from a deficit in a few games. A moment that stood out to Ms. Danitz was against Jefferson Academy.

Although Kent Denver won the match 3-1, they had lost the first set and were down 9 points in a later set and mounted a comeback.

"They never quit," Ms. Danitz said. "They don't ever give up."

Amid injury and illness, Ms. Danitz noted that the team is doing its best to continue practicing while also allotting time to let her players rest and recover.

Heading into the playoffs, it's important to keep a "one match at a time" mindset and continue the habits that the team has thrived off of during the regular season.

"They have been just dominating," Ms. Danitz emphasized, and hopefully, they will continue to do so as the playoffs begin!

Team Captain Veronica Sharp ('24) thinks the team is better than ever this year, as evidenced by the league championship. But she has her sights fixed firmly on the next challenge.

"It's really exciting that we won league, but our season is not over yet. We need to keep growing as a team and working towards state!" Sharp said.

Clearly, we're not done yet. We've Got things to do.
- Ms. Danitz



Credit: Kaitlyn McMullen ('26)

Danitz Celebrates 100th Win

by Kendall Anderson

Varsity volleyball Coach Danitz achieved her 100th career win on Wednesday, September 27th.

Coach Danitz, has been a volleyball coach for 18 years, 11 of which were at Kent Denver. This year while coaching the varsity volleyball team at an away game against Manual High School, she won her 100th game as a coach.

The game was a shutout. The Kent Denver varsity volleyball team won three sets in a row, continuing their undefeated league season.

Coach Danitz is glad that the milestone happened with this special team.

“They’re such a good and fun group and we’re doing so well this year that it was just nice for it [the 100th milestone] to be a part of this year,” she said.

Though the game against Manual was a shutout, Coach Danitz likes to think of the previous game against Jefferson Academy as her 100th win.

“That match [against Jefferson Academy] was the most fun match I’ve ever coached here,” she said. “It was just the best our team has ever played.”

The match against Jefferson Academy was won three sets to one four days earlier on September 23.

Coach Danitz believes this game was particularly fun because it was a part of homecoming.

“It was in a really fun environment,” she said. “That match was so exciting that that’s kind of like what I’ve decided is going to be my memory for my 100th win.”

This year has been a successful one for the varsity team. The team won league championships for the first time in Kent Denver history, on October 19, at a game against Eagle Ridge Academy, securing their place in regionals.

Coach Danitz along with the two assistant coaches, Coach Noblesala and Coach An-



Credit: Emily Noblesala

erson, have been a key part of that amazing success.

“It’s always been important to me to foster a culture of respect,” said Coach Danitz.

Coach Danitz played D1 college volleyball at The University of Nevada. Volleyball has been a big part of her life for a long time.

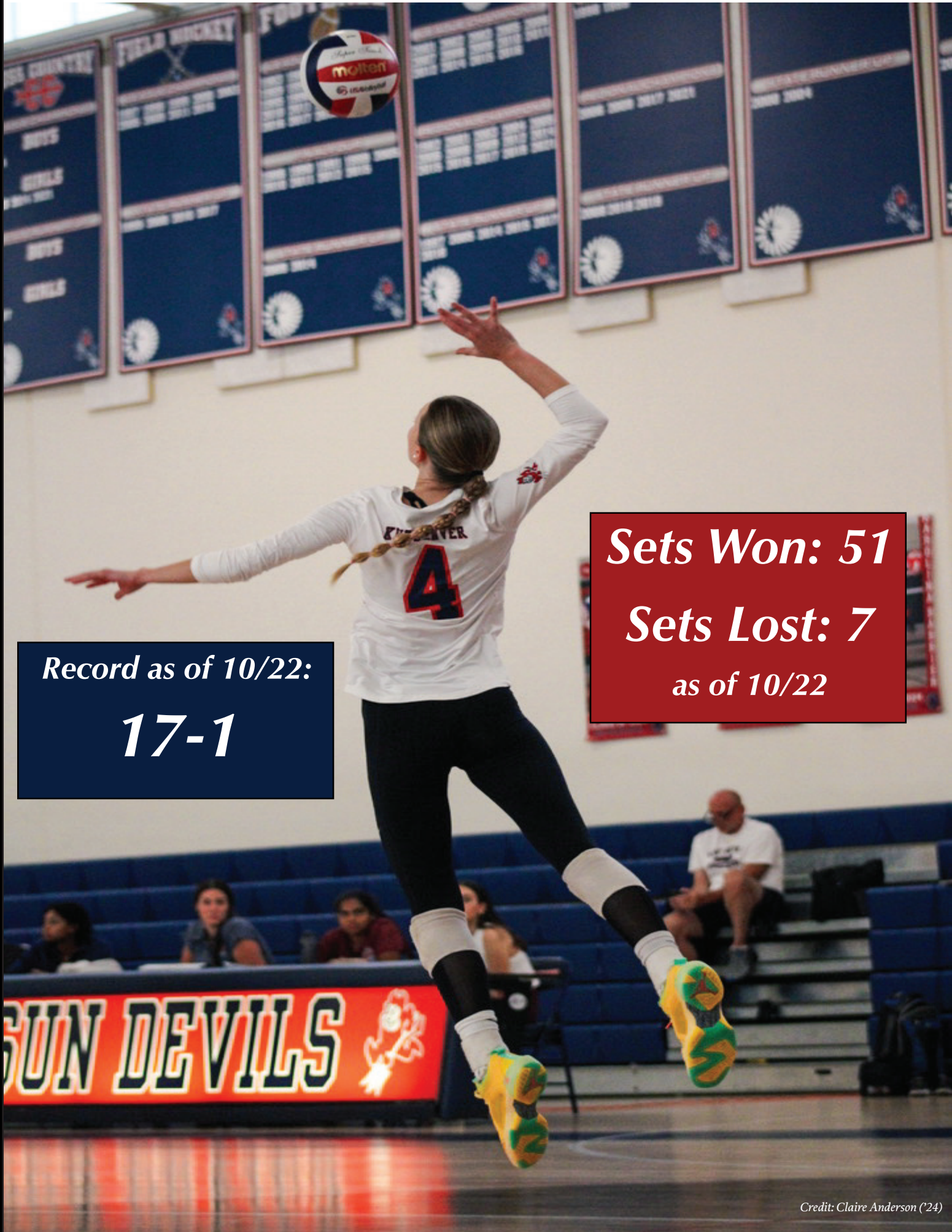
Her coaching experience even roots back to her own high school volleyball coach.

She said “He really made you work hard, but he also was just so good at teaching the sport that I just soaked it all in and I just learned so much from him.”

Coach says in the two seasons she had him she grew a lot as a volleyball player.

“I think he was probably the most influential [coach] in terms of my growth in volleyball.”

Coach Danitz believes “If you love it [volleyball], you should find the joy in it.”



Record as of 10/22:

17-1

Sets Won: 51

Sets Lost: 7

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