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Volleyball *Fights* to the Finish

From new positions, to new leadership roles, to a new coach, the Scotus volleyball team experienced many changes this season. With all of the modifications, the team managed to end with a 11-19 record.

After 9 years, **Joe Held** returned to the head coaching position for the Shamrocks this rebuilding season.

"I just want to keep on building the tradition we have here; it means a lot being an alumni here at this school and coaching here before, to put a really good volleyball team out there," **Held** said.

The season started out slow for the Shamrocks with a record of 0-4 leading up to their win against Cedar Catholic at the Scotus Invite.

Senior **Sophia Langan** played as libero and defensive specialist this year.

"The team really just relied on each person to play the best they could. We would all do our part and knew it would all come together," **Langan** said.

The wins against Lincoln Christian, Aquinas Catholic, and Battle Creek were some of the biggest upsets for the Shamrock's season. These wins also helped boost the confidence for the Scotus team and their fans.

"I think we did a good job of coming back to practice with energy and a willingness to work hard and get better," junior defensive specialist **Brooke Krienke** said.

Senior **Kayla Hoffman** came back in September from an ACL injury and earned the libero jersey. Through her own struggle and determination, she set an example for the rest of the team after tough losses.

"Since the beginning of the summer to the end of October, our team faced a lot of adversity. Positions were switched, injuries happened, and rotations were moved. Even through all of that, we promised to each other to work hard and believe in the process," **Hoffman** said.

The Shamrocks ended their season in a 5 set rally in the second round of subdistricts against Battle Creek.



1. Sophomore **Bella Hutchinson** converses with new head coach **Joe Held** before the game against the David City Scouts in the Dowd Activity Center. The Shamrocks went 1-2 at the Scotus Invite. 2. **Held** coaches the team from the sidelines during a game against the Kearney Catholic Stars. This was the first game of the season for the Shamrocks.

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Which teammate made the biggest impact on you this year?

"The teammate who had the biggest impact on me was Mya because she just brought so much joy and fun to the team and was always great at hyping people up. We also play the same position so we got to know each other really well through that."

Grace Hamling, 11



"Kate Hendricks had the biggest impact on me. When I was struggling learning my new role, Kate always had faith in me, and every time I subbed out in a game, she gave me tips about blocking and hitting, which built my confidence for the next time I went in."

Alivia Kreikemeier, 9



"My sister Sophia had the biggest impact on me because she pushed me even harder to get on the team with her. For it being her last season, I pushed my hardest so that we could spend it together."

Mya Langan, 9



"Sydney had the biggest impact on me as a teammate because she was always smiling and made sure everyone had their head up when it was tough."

Emma Splittgerber, 11



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