

Agate Volleyball Season Underway

By John Sandstrom

The Two Harbors Agates volleyball team started the season with the challenging and lengthy bus ride to International Falls to face the Broncos.

The Agates lost the match 3-0, but Coach Amy Nelson was pleased with the effort and the performance of her team. "The Broncos are a good team, with more height than I expected, but our team played them tough in each game. There is great improvement already this year and we are making good progress. They are excited to be playing and are always ready to go."

Early in the first game, senior co-captain Brette Peterson rolled her ankle. Coach Nelson commented, "When Brette had to come out of the game, it kind of set us back for a bit."

For her part, Peterson said, "I was afraid it was hurt worse than it was. Someone was nice enough to lend me an ankle brace, and I was able to

stretch it out and eventually I was happy to return. It was fun even though we lost the match. I thought we played well. Even though we are a young team, I think we have come a long way already this season."

Sophomore Natalie Larson began playing volleyball last season. According to her coach, her hard work and positive outlook have moved her to a point where she is getting the opportunity to play some varsity volleyball along with the junior varsity. I asked what she does to help her team. "I like to talk with people and pull them up and encourage them. We have a fun team that is close and fun to be around. We get along well."

The Agates have twenty-four girls in grades 9-12 and entertain Barnum September 2nd. Coach Nelson finished our discussion by saying, "This is a great group of girls. I am confident we will have a successful season."



Agate volleyball opened their season against I-Falls last week. Pictured: Jenna Marxhausen, Harper Powell, Brette Peterson, Rachel Bopp, Kennedy Hurd, Kendal Radle, Brooklyn Nelson, Hattie Edlund and Natalie Larson. (Photo by Sue Powell)

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