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2016 TIC West Champion Bulldogs

**Thanks for a great
season Bulldogs!**



Kneeling in front: Coach Jim Boehmer, Asst. Coaches Cassie Johnson, Donna Ellingson and Brook Christianson. Middle row: Emma Naser (asst. mgr.), Audrey Casperson, Ashley Groe, Jady Joynt, Syndey Dahl, Hailey Bormeyer, Rylee Bowman, Mallory Wilhelm, Lydia Knudtson and Hannah Evenson (asst. mgr.). On truck: Emerald Gau, Lexi Groe, Robyn Bowman, Laura Knudtson, Teah Kesler, Hannah Hanson and Dana Baumann.

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Stellar season comes to an end

“The loss the girls experienced, makes me sick to my stomach,” said a disappointed Coach Jim Boehmer after the hard-fought match, in which his squad rallied from down 2-0 to tie the match at two sets apiece, before succumbing in the deciding fifth set.

It was the Bulldogs first loss of the season, and came at the worst possible time—one win away from making an appearance at the state tournament.

“All I can think of is how hard this group worked and how dedicated they were,” Boehmer praised. “I am so grateful to be able to work with such a great group of kids.”

Based on the comeback attempt in the regional final match, the hard work and dedication mentioned carried through to the bitter end. “Down 0-2, what do many do?” Boehmer asked. “This group responded.”

Although down 2-0, the first two sets could have gone either way, and Columbus ended up on top due to some late runs. “I thought we started strong in set one,” he noted. “We hung in there and built some three point leads, but Columbus always made runs late in sets.” In fact, the Bulldogs led 23-22 in the opening set before a late run sealed their fate. “We needed to get that first set,” Boehmer reflected.

The second set was nearly identical, although it was Lake Mills playing from behind and looking for that late run to put them over the top.

In set three, the Bulldogs built a lead and this time were able to withstand the Sailor charge to hang on for a 26-24 win that really looked to shift the momentum in the Bulldogs favor.

Riding the momentum built up in set three Lake Mills controlled the entirety of set four, did not allow a late run, and evened the match at 2 sets apiece.

The momentum quickly disappeared in the deciding fifth set. “That set to 15 is fast and it doesn’t take long,” Boehmer noted. “If you get down, against a great team, it is just hard to stop sometimes.”

Despite the loss, the Bulldogs outscored their opponent through four sets.

“The girls played well and we adjusted well. I am so pleased with how we battled back from an 0-2 deficit. That was amazing and very pressure filled. This group of 15 girls were solid and came together as one cohesive group.” He added, “We stayed aggressive through the front row. We knew we had to. I thought we played excellent defense. Columbus just kept coming. Robyn (Bowman) and Hailey (Borgmeyer) never left the floor through five sets. Dana (Baumann) only got little breaks when Mallory (Wilhelm) serves, and for them to suck it up and play through that was amazing. Our front row blocked well and forced the ball where we wanted Columbus to go, and Dana played as well as I could have imagined as our libero.”

Boehmer concluded the match, tournament and season, while also looking ahead to next year., “I am an educator and volleyball is one tool I love using to teach these girls. I told them after the match, we learn more—or at least can learn more—from the hardships we face. I love to win, but where we go from here as young people, is far more important than where we have been. This group of kids ‘get’s it.’ They know how to work, how to commit to something bigger than themselves and how to come together as a group. The whole world can look to our young people as role models, certainly in this case. Lake Mills volleyball has some weapons coming back and overlooking Lake Mills would be a mistake in 2017. The seniors taught the sophomores and juniors some valuable lessons, I think they can build on.”

Columbus 25 25 24 18 15

Lake Mills 23 22 26 25 7

Kills

Borgmeyer	15
L. Groe	13
Wilhelm	13
Kesler	5
A. Groe	3
Ro. Bowman	3
Dahl	1

Assists

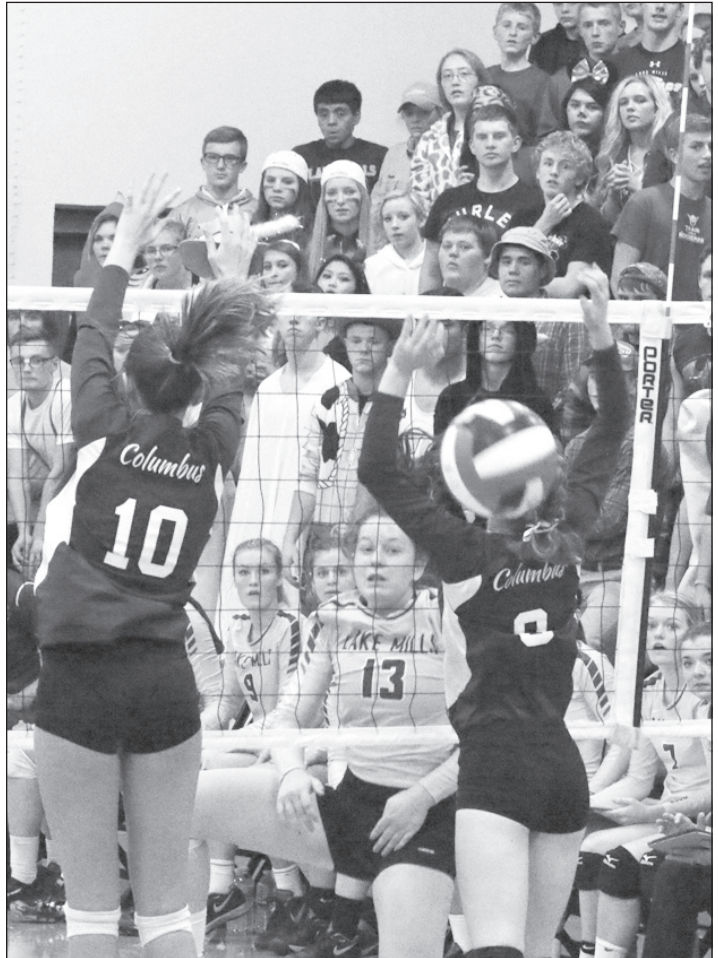
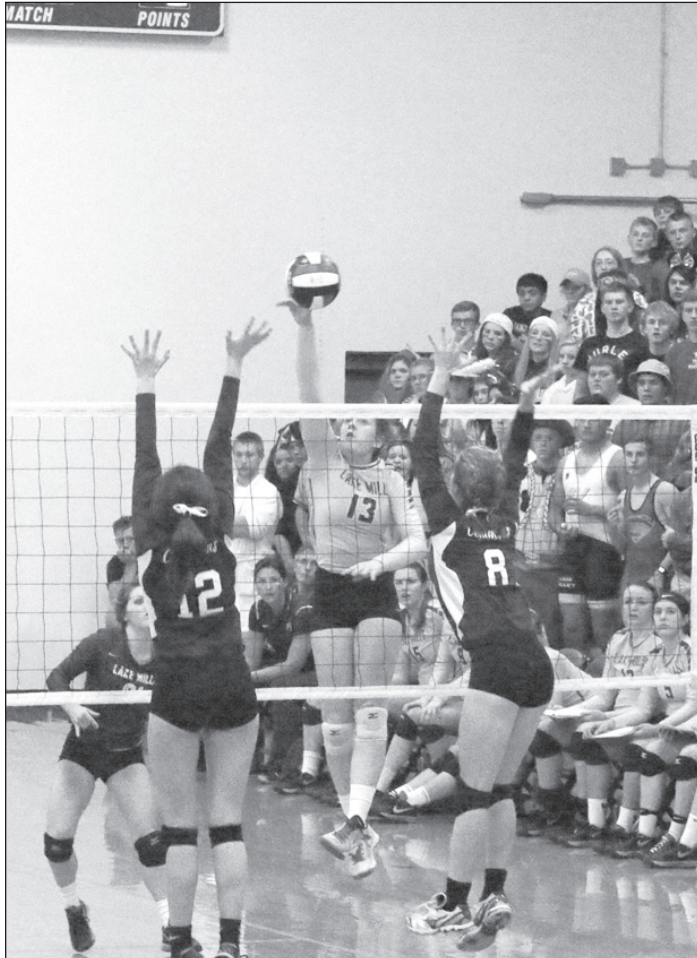
Ro. Bowman	41
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Digs

Baumann	27
Ro Bowman	12
Borgmeyer	9
Dahl	9
Knudtson	8
L. Groe	7

Blocks

Wilhelm	6
L. Groe	5
Borgmeyer	4
A. Groe	4



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Clockwise from top left:

Ashley Groe (No. 16) looks to split the two Sailor defenders with her kill shot. Groe finished the night with 3 Kills.

Bulldog players, coaches and fans celebrate a hard-fought point.

Hailey Borgmeyer (No. 13) watches her kill shot sail between two defenders, while in the previous image, she lines up another kill shot.

Mallory Wilhelm (No. 15) uses a soft touch to return the ball, looking to place it just over the outstretched hands of the blockers.

Dana Baumann (No. 21) chases down a ball near the end line to keep it alive for her team. Baumann had a team-high 27 digs on the night.



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GHV	12	OH	Mackenzie	Van Gerpen	*
LM	12	MH	Lexi	Groe	*
LM	12	OH	Hailey	Borgmeyer	*
FC	11	S	Brea	Dillavou	
FC	12	OH	Josilin	Dillavou	
NU	12	OH	Olivia	Marlow	
FC	11	OH	Hannah	Anderson	
LM	12	S	Robyn	Bowman	
GHV	12	MH	Hannah	Lau	
Second Team					
Sch	Yr	Pos	First Name	Last Name	
BG	11	OH	Whitney	Hovey	
FC	12	MH	Ryleigh	Lillquist	
BK	12	MH	Jackee	Meyer	
LM	11	MH	Mallory	Wilhelm	
LM	11	L	Dana	Baumann	
GHV	11	S	Bailee	Frayne	
NU	12	L	Anna	Ingalls	
NI	11	MH	Krista	Schutter	
FC	10	Opp	Kelsey	Koch	
Honorable Mention					
Sch	Yr	Pos	First Name	Last Name	
BK	12		Natalee	Dippel	
BG	11	S/RH	Jenna	Boelter	
EG	12		Maci	Pickering	
FC	10		Cora	Holland	
GHV	12	OH	Carlie	Knutson	
LM	11	Opp	Ashley	Groe	
NI	12	OH	Rachel	Hassebroek	
NU	11	OH	Kate	Anderson	
WH	9	MH	Amanda	Chizek	
Player of the Year			Lexi Groe - Lake Mills		
Coach of the Year			Jim Boehmer - Lake Mills		

Groe and Boehmer lead All-Conference Picks

Capping off an undefeated regular season, and a ninth consecutive trip to the regional final game, the Lake Mills Bulldogs were rewarded for their efforts last week, by placing six players and one coach on the All-Conference team, led by Conference Player of the Year, Lexi Groe, and Coach of the Year, Jim Boehmer.

Joining Groe on the first team were Hailey Borgmeyer and Robyn Bowman. Getting second team recognition were Mallory Wilhelm and Dana Baumann, while Ashley Groe received honorable mention.

Groe led her team this year with 290 kills, while also leading in hitting efficiency at .35. She was second on the team in total blocks with 63.

Borgmeyer, was second in kills, with 232, and a .306 efficiency rating. Borgmeyer tied for third on the team with 36 service aces, was second in digs with 208, and had a hand in 35 blocks, good for third on the team.

Bowman made her mark as a setter, dishing out 830 assists for the year. She also had 154 digs, 26 blocks and 38 service aces.

Wilhelm, a junior, recorded 183 kills, 36 service aces, 65 blocks and 49 digs in her first season as a starter. Earlier in the season, Wilhelm served all 21 points in a tournament win for the Bulldogs.

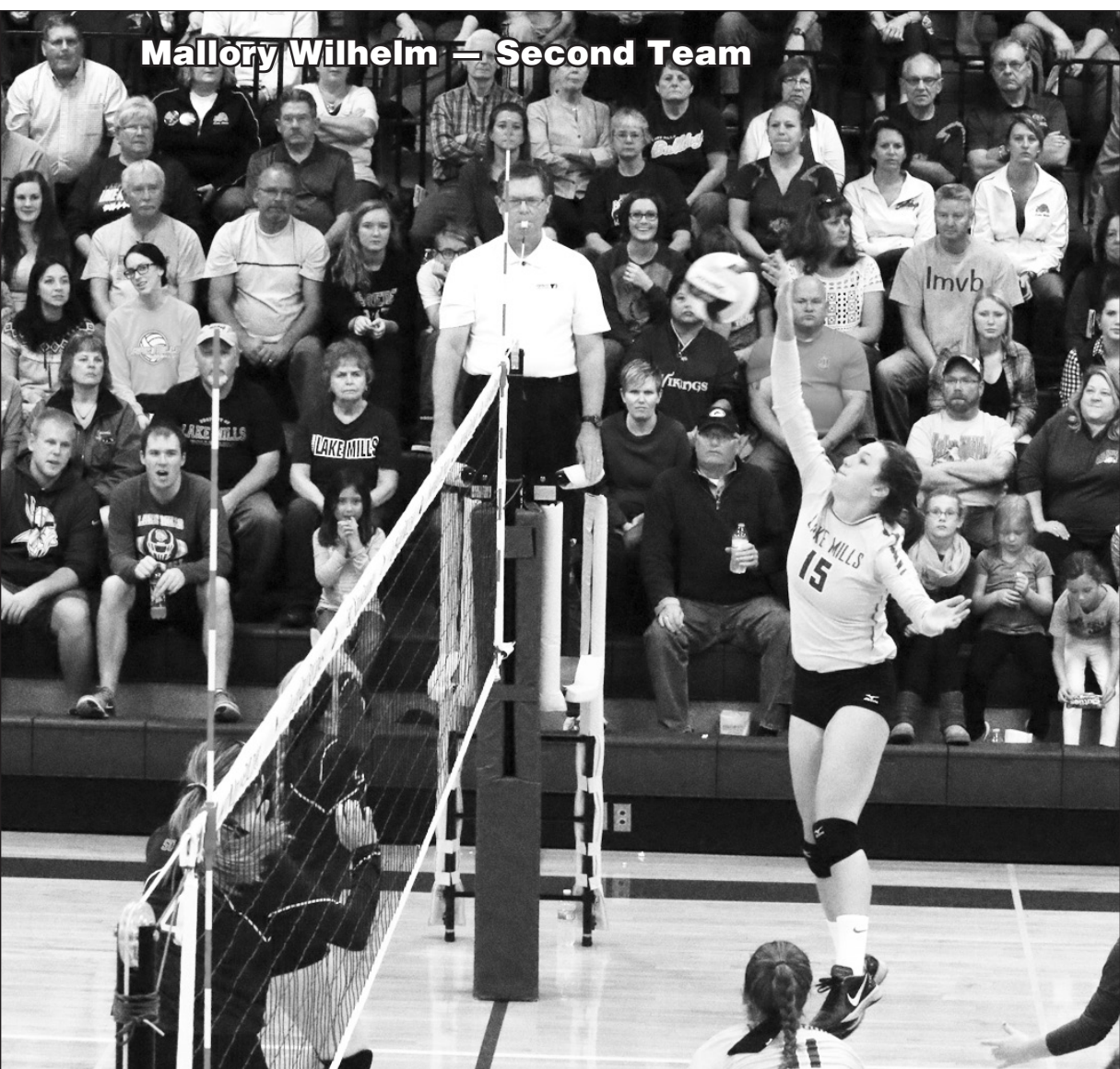
Baumann, also a junior, player libero and led the team in two categories: digs (257) and service aces (40). She also chipped in 35 assists.

The final junior to be recognized is Ashley Groe, receiving honorable mention. Groe had much success in her first year starting, with 38 assists, 97 kills, took part in 34 blocks and had 35 digs.

For his efforts in guiding this team to an undefeated conference and regular season, Jim Boehmer was honored by being named Coach of the Year by his peers.



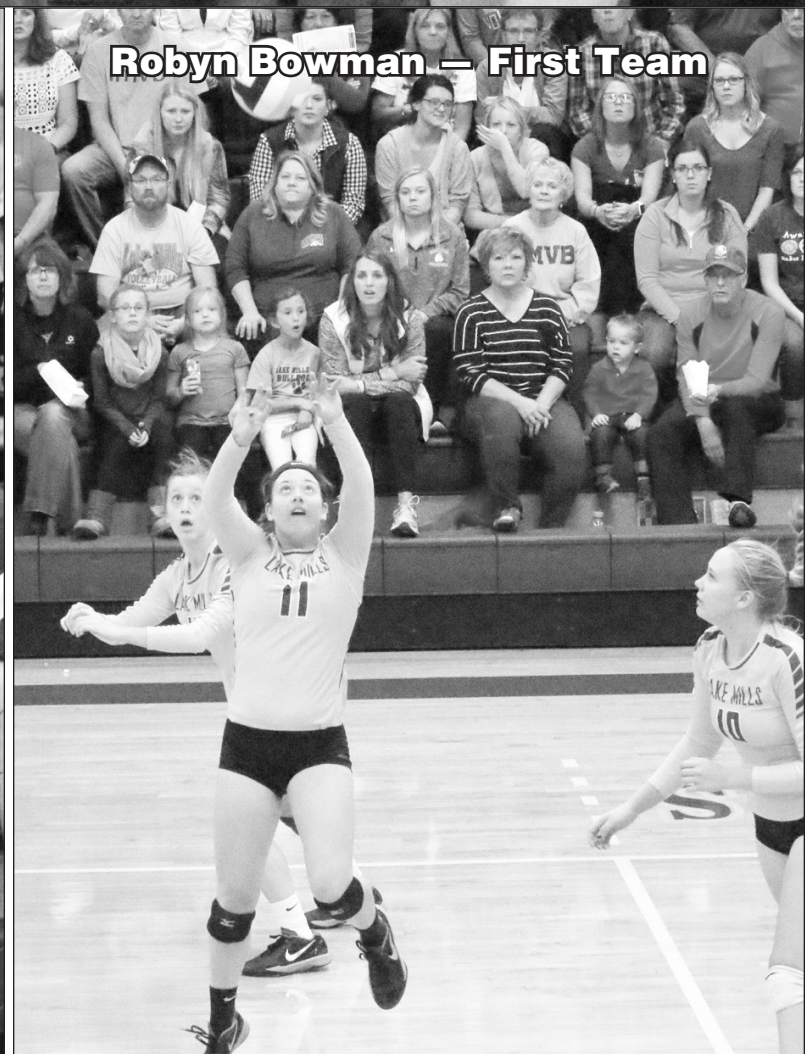
2016 TIC West Player of the Year - Lexi Groe



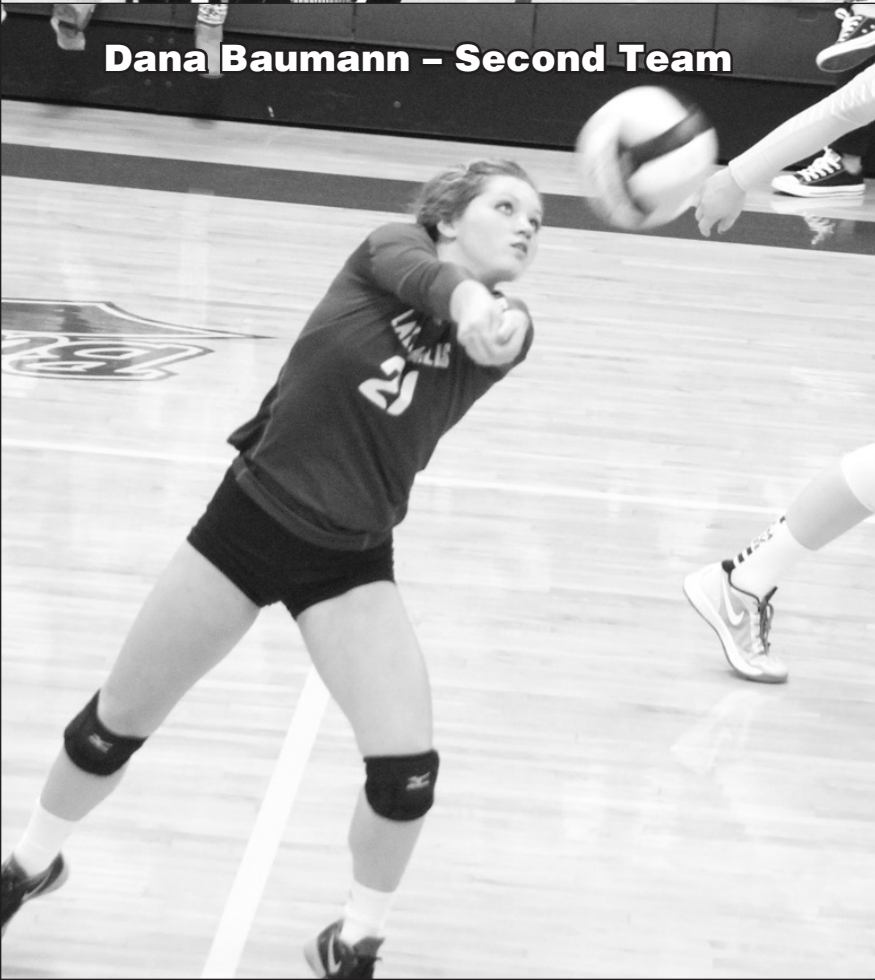
Mallory Wilhelm - Second Team



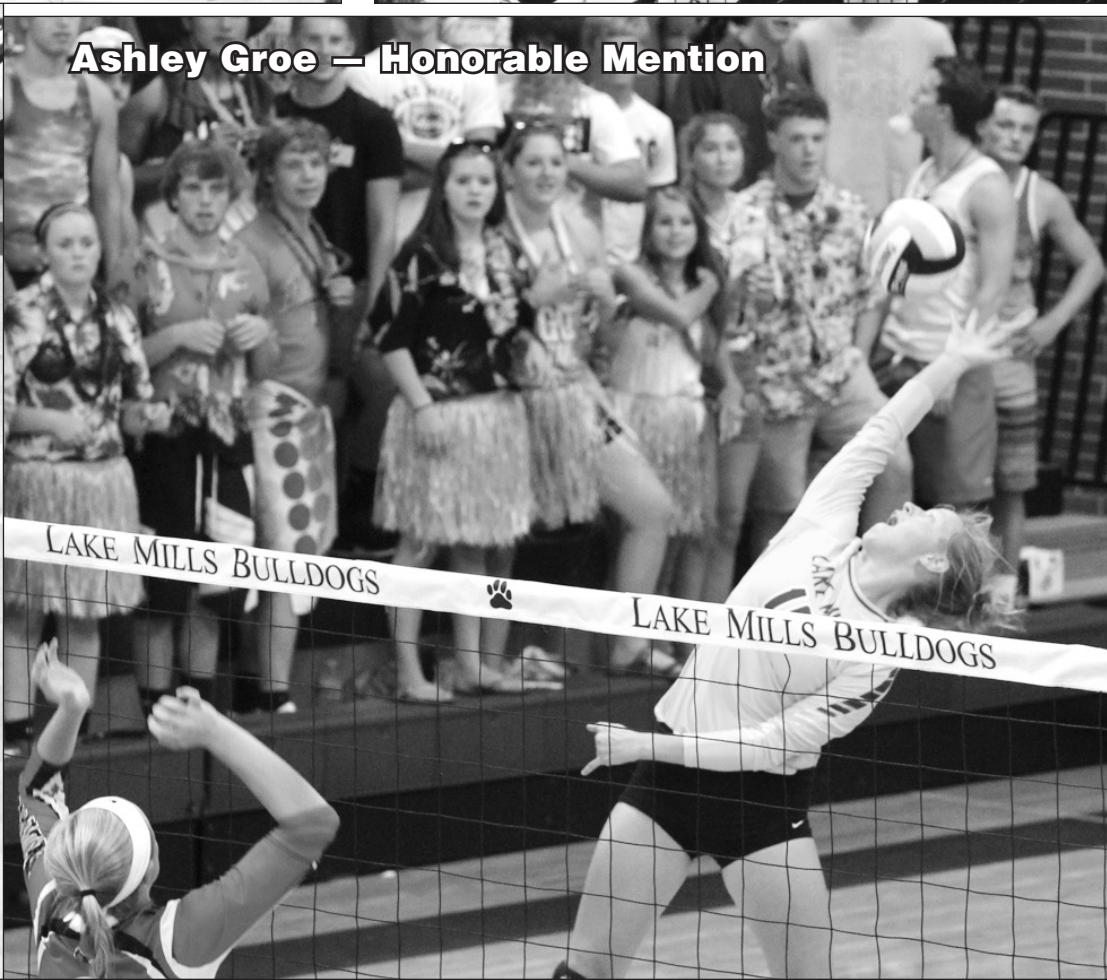
Hailey Borgmeyer - First Team



Robyn Bowman - First Team



Dana Baumann - Second Team



Ashley Groe - Honorable Mention



TIC West Coach of the Year - Jim Boehmer

Thanks for the fun
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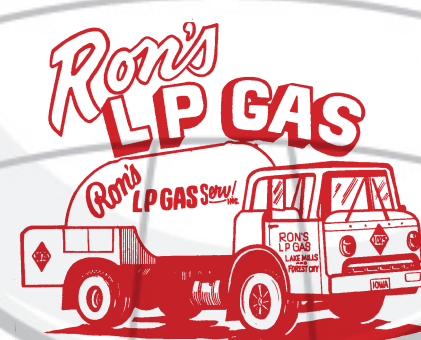
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