



Lady Stingray's

record (13-4-1 overall / 9-0 Mulholland League)

Volleyball Weekly Recap

Week #8 - Mon-Oct 26 vs Summit View-W / Wed-Oct 28 vs Shalhevet / Thr-Oct 29 vs Summit View

Summit View West – as the regular season entered its last two weeks of competition the **Lady Stingrays** were looking for ways to prepare for the CIF playoffs. Knowing this weeks opponents would not help to that end, they began a routine of practicing for ½ hour after each game. Some of the girls have also been attending clinics taught by AVP and UCLA alumnus Sinjin Smith - showing strong dedication on their part. But all of the girls have made strides toward improving their skill sets during the course of the season. Most notably of late has been the ability of **Hannah Klobuchar** and **Karina Tangari** to serve with greater consistency, and rack-up a few aces along the way. Both girls went from having zero aces on the season, to 6 and 15 aces respectively in the past week. Playing the **Wildcats** on Monday meant the opportunity for more was there for the taking, and **Karina** stole 6 aces on the day - a personal best. That said – no one in the gym managed to out pace soph **Bridgette Kielhack** from the back line, as she broke a **Rays** record with 21 aces in a 3-set match. That was enough to elicit a well deserved... “Wow!” from the **Daily Breeze** sports desk staffer. Along the net **Chrissy Hessing** got hot from the middle attack and put 6 balls on the hardwood, many to the deep corner – an area coach has been emphasizing to all our hitters. The **Rays** 3-0 win kept them atop the **Mulholland League** (25-11; 25-16; 25-2) as they approach their big match vs Wildwood next week.

Shalhevet – set #1 of Wednesdays match vs the **Firehawks** saw one unforced error after another from the **Rays**. To say our offense looked flat would be an understatement. The girls were looking at each other, looking to the bench, even staring at their hands. It was almost comical. In fact, it took 'til late into the 2nd set before the negative stats were overcome by positives. The players know how hitting stats work. You take the number of kills, subtract the hitting errors, then divide by total attempts to get your hitting average. Much like baseball - a good hitting avg is upwards of .300. By the end of the 1st set the **Stingrays**, as a team, were hitting well under a buck! Fortunately for the **Rays** their opponent was no Goliath, and it's a good thing, because we left our slingshots home this particular day. Yet the end result against another so-so league team remained inevitable, with **PacLu** winning 3-0 (25-10; 25-13; 25-21).

Summit View – coming into **Walteria Hall** with an 0-6 record meant the **Stingrays** would have to find new ways to challenge themselves against **Summit View**. And, as the **Eagles** don't get the ball over the net much, the bulk of the **Rays** offense would come from the back line. **Bridgette Kielhack** tallied 10 aces to raise her season total above the 100 mark. **Alex Tangari** filled-in at setter and had 5 aces and 7 assists on the day. **Betsy Hungate** broke a personal record with 6 aces and 13 service pts in the 2nd set alone. And soph- **Karina Tangari** played full rotation at the outside hitter, adding 3 kills and 2 aces for the team. The **Stingrays** looked better than the day before – as it were - and had fun trying some new offensive tactics. The quick-set is rarely seen in lower division play, but the girls are learning the concept. Wait until next year! **PacLu** won 3-0 (25-4; 25-6; 25-11). Our record is 13-4-1 overall, and 9-0 in league. We have one week to get ready for playoffs, and possibly some far away games. **Dads - get the cars ready.**

Next Week –the **Stingrays** wrap-up the regular season at home vs **South Bay Lutheran** for 'Senior Night' on Mon-Nov 2nd – 6:00pm. Then we travel to **Wildwood** Thr-Nov 5th, and **Summit View** on Fri-Nov 6th. The playoffs begin Tue-Nov 10th - time and site to be determined.