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Q&A: Cali Estes, Brebeuf Jesuit volleyball

Star reporter Patrick Dorsey catches up with Cali Estes, a 6-foot junior right-side hitter who recently helped her Brebeuf Jesuit volleyball squad to its second consecutive regional title. The Class 3A No. 6 Braves (25-7) face No. 1 Delta (31-6) Saturday in a state semifinal at Muncie Central. A win puts Brebeuf in the state championship match at Worthen Arena in Muncie later that day.

Question: How'd you get into volleyball?

Answer: I actually was in seventh grade my first year I tried out, and I didn't want to go. My parents were all big on, "We have to push you to try new things and make you broaden your horizons" and all this stuff. So they forced me to go to a tryout for a club team. And I didn't go willingly. They literally forced me. I was kicking, crying and screaming. They forced me into the car.

Q: Good choice, though?

A: Yes. I'm thankful now. Even though we joke about how I was miserable the first few days. But I love it now.

Q: Your dad's Bill Estes (of Bill Estes Chevrolet and Bill Estes Ford). What's that like, having a locally well-known father?

A: There's pros and cons to (it). Like, this season there (were) a few games that, toward the middle of the season, we weren't playing very well. And I had my bad games every once in a while, and there's some comments that -- "That's the only reason you play (or) whatever, is your dad being Bill Estes." And I just ignore it. Honestly, there's nothing that really affects me because I've kind of grown up with it.

Q: Ever go down to the dealership and try to sell a few cars?

A: No, no. I haven't. I don't think I'd be very good at it. I let him take care of that.

Q: You have a dream car out there?

A: No, actually I just got my license a month ago. I've been 16 since February, but he didn't want me to get my license because he didn't think I was responsible enough. But I just got my first car like a month ago.

Q: What are you driving?

A: A black (Chevrolet) Equinox. No crashes yet -- knock on wood.
