

Sr. Focus: chelsea Hendrix enjoys volleyball at SHS

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Athletes play different sports for different reasons, and Chelsea Hendrix says the reason she plays volleyball is because of the strategy it takes to win a game and a match.

"I like teamwork," she said. "I like working with your team and stuff like that.

"You're pretty much like sisters out on the court, and you're not really like that in a bunch of other sports."

Hendrix is a back row specialist, and she will play libero. She was also the Owls' libero last fall, and she is on the court five of the six rotations. "I'm a senior and this is my second year of doing this (libero) role. You have to be quick and you have to know where the holes are so you can tell the hitters."

She said she enjoys playing defense. "I love it because when the attacker on the other side tries to hit it really hard I like digging it up." Hendrix said when she makes a save or dig, and the Owls score a point it is a big momentum swing.

"The first pass is definitely important, because if you don't have the first pass it screws everything else up," she said. "I love serving because you have control on the other side, and you can place it wherever you want." Hendrix said she likes to jump serve. "You have to get the first serve in. That's our main policy, then after that you can do whatever you want."

She began playing volleyball in fifth grade, and said she went in some rotations on varsity her sophomore year.

Hendrix said she felt like the Owls had a good scrimmage last week at Columbus, and she is looking forward to the home opener Thursday against Whiteland.

Chelsea Hendrix file

Parents: Leonard and Tamara Hendrix
Siblings: Tyler

Sports: volleyball 4 years, track 1 year

Outlook for season: "I feel like we should be really strong this year because we've had past experiences, and we all get along. There is not drama with our team. We have a lot of people stepping up this year, too."

Playing at home: "I like playing indoors because you can't ever get rained out. I like the home matches. They resurfaced the floor. The (old) volleyball lines were tan and you really couldn't see them. Now they are purple to that will help a lot."

Being chosen a captain: "It felt really cool. It makes you feel like you've got a bigger role."
Schedule: "Floyd Central and New Albany are both ranked in the top 10. I think playing those teams helps the players a lot."

Away matches: "I like our bus rides. I kind of study, kind of get pumped for the game."
Being a SHS student: "It's very nice. It's a clean school, and everybody is nice and you pretty much know everybody else."

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