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RIGHT Freshman Sara Gomperts spikes a ball towards the other team's side of the court during a varsity match. In Gomperts's first season at PT, she had 61 kills. **BELOW** The varsity squad huddles prior to a conference match. The girls won the conference for the first time since 2009.



HITTING NEW HEIGHTS VOLLEYBALL

Reporting by DAVID WOLFE BENDER, '20

From senior Dia Moore-Freeman's first year the girls volleyball team, the squad has made dramatic improvements. Only posting a 2-21 record in her freshman season, the future did not look bright. "We know what it feels like to lose so terribly," Moore-Freeman said. "We decided that we wanted to change." This year, something about the team changed.

"Our grind was a lot harder than previous years," junior Lily Sumner said. "We had grit when we stepped on the court so we didn't give up."

As summer break practices came to a close, the team focused on the season ahead of them. Two weeks into the school year, they had won all seven of their matches, already posting a better record than two years before. In those seven matches, they only lost five total sets and secured three shutouts.

By the midpoint of the season, they were 12-3, with big wins against 4A powerhouse North Central and conference rival Scecina Memorial.

In the Marion County tournament, the team took down 4A-ranked Warren Central by a 3-0 score. Freshman varsity standout Cate Rettig had five kills during that match.

During the course of the season, they won two invitational tournaments. During the first, at North Central, they posted a 2-1 record. At Eastern Hancock, they went undefeated.

Despite their impressive regular season record, their campaign ended in the first round of sectionals, where they lost to Heritage Christian 3-0.

1 Freshman Morgan Emerson taps the ball just over the net to score a crucial point. **2** The junior varsity squad huddles together before their next set. **3** Junior setter Zoë Franz looks up after bumping the ball to a teammate in the Eastern Hancock Invitational. Franz reached a milestone in her junior season, hitting 2,000 career assists. **4** Senior Dia Moore-Freeman high fives Franz, while they prepare for the next serve. **5** Almost colliding with a teammate, Freshman Vanessa Xiao bumps the ball in a junior varsity match. **6** Junior Lily Sumner spikes a ball over the net. Sumner was a top performer this season, with a team-leading 541 kills and a kill percentage of 43.1%.



FAR RIGHT Junior Lily Sumner and Senior Dia Moore-Freeman block a spike in a game against Covenant Christian. Two of the tallest players on the varsity squad, they combined for over 700 kills this season. Sumner was named "Conference Player of the Year" and to the 2A all-state team. Moore-Freeman made the 2A all-star game. **RIGHT** Junior Caroline Smith touches the ball over the net. Smith played 47 sets for the varsity squad. **BELOW** The varsity squad and coaches pose for a photo after winning their final conference match, which secured the conference championship. **BOTTOM** The junior varsity squad huddles before a match.



SEVEN STRAIGHT

PT WINS CONFERENCE

On October 4th, the PT girls volleyball team walked into the Monrovia High School gym with the opportunity to make history. Monrovia was sitting at a 1-5 record, but the 2A-ranked school had a strong force in senior Claire Johnson, who had over 200 kills.

PT had won their first six conference matches in dominating fashion, losing only five sets along the way. This match would be critical. A win would guarantee them their first conference championship

since 2009, while a loss would create a situation with a tie atop the standings.

But the extreme pressure didn't phase the team. They downed Monrovia 3-0, celebrating their big win with t-shirts labeled "Conference Champions." On the back, it read "yeah, yeah...that's us!"

The team did not receive one vote in the preseason coaches' poll. Two months later, they were crowned conference champions.



"SHE'S A FRESHMAN!"

FRESHMAN CATE RETTIG SHINES ON VARSITY

LEFT Freshman Cate Rettig prepares to make a serve. Despite not being one of the tallest players on the team, Rettig's ability to spike helped the team with their passing targets at the net. For this reason, she became a significant threat while on the court. When Rettig would score on a powerful spike, the fans would turn to the opposing team and chant, "she's a freshman!" "The cheering made me feel good and motivated to keep playing well and cheer on my other teammates," Rettig said.



WORKING TOGETHER

PT PLAYERS TALK ABOUT TEAM CHEMISTRY

TOP LEFT Juniors Zoë Franz and Lily Sumner jump to block a ball in a win against Covenant Christian. "There is only 30' by 30' room on the court for six people," Sumner said. "You have to trust your teammates to do their job in their own space or things go wrong." **BOTTOM LEFT** The squad reorganizes their formation in a tournament match. "Teamwork is the absolute #1 thing in volleyball," sophomore Karina Bohyer said. "There are five other players on the court and if you can't work with them then you can't play."

"It's a great opportunity to be part of a community. We have a similar interest that we can all get behind. It's just a great way to meet friends, even if you're not good at the sport." — Kara Clouse, '20



"Through support from my team and my coaches, the improvement that I've seen in myself continues to make me want to play. I find it so rewarding." — Karina Bohyer, '21

TELL US WHY YOU PLAY

RIGHT Prior to the first regular season game at Lebanon High School, a referee overhears the pregame talk at center field, and warns them that any swearing will not be tolerated and will be met with a yellow card. During the match, the team received two yellow cards for misconduct offenses. They lost the match 1-0, despite having many first half chances in front of the goal. PT captains Logan Mobasser and Elijah Sutton frequently led these talks with the team, discussing a game plan.



ABOVE RIGHT Junior Kevin O'Neill and senior Elijah Sutton congratulate Gavin Murphy on his third goal of the season at an away game against Monrovia High School. Two of Murphy's four goals this season came during that 9-1 win, where seven different players scored. After taking a sizable lead, Murphy and O'Neill were taken out of the match in order to avoid a risk of injury. Both players typically played at least 70 minutes per game.

LEFT Sophomore Andrés de Dios Molina touches the ball towards net, looking up to the goal to prepare for a shot. De Dios Molina had a successful campaign during his sophomore return to the varsity squad, netting three goals. He draws his soccer inspiration from "watching Spanish soccer players when he was younger," he said.



ABOVE Junior David Wolfe Bender, while being shoved from behind, holds off a University forward to allow sophomore goalkeeper Tate Surtani to grab the ball at the top of 18 yard box.

ABOVE RIGHT Junior Kevin O'Neill watches his shot hit the back of the net during a 4-1 loss at Roncalli High School. O'Neill was the team's leading scorer for the first time in his PT career, netting 18 goals this season.

RIGHT Sophomore Gavin Murphy takes a touch on the ball to make a pass up the field. Murphy made a name for himself not only for his impressive statistics, but for his strong underclassmen leadership on the varsity squad. "It's important for sophomores to become leaders," Murphy said. "It prepares them."



RIGHT Junior center back David McWilliams beats his opponent. After starting on the JV, head coach Peter Baah tried him on the Varsity squad. "Being on the team was like having a second family," McWilliams said. "Soon after the call up, I was starting and I found myself as a somewhat valuable player to the team." Baah retained him on the Varsity squad for the remainder of the season.

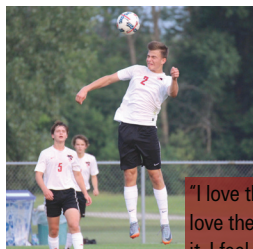
HERE WE GO AGAIN For the fifth year in a row, the team fought their way to the sectional championship, meeting rival Heritage Christian in the final. In 2015 and 2016, the team fell to Heritage Christian in their final match, both in penalty shootouts. Last year, they made their way to the final, only to fall to University High School. On the face of it, this year looked better. With new freshman additions Peter Dubie and Raiden Miyamoto, as well as Senior Chris Wilson returning after a year hiatus, the team looked built to win a sectional championship.

Then, the team drew a tough sectional. Assuming no upsets, they would need to beat both University High School and Heritage Christian to lift the trophy. In a sectional quarterfinal against Shortridge, sophomore Varsity call-up Jake Perine scored two goals, making a name for himself on the squad. The next game, they shut out University High School 2-0. After a long rain delay, Heritage Christian came out strong, and by the end of the first half, it seemed that the squad's fighting spirit was gone, resulting in a 4-1 loss for the team, ending their season.



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MENS SOCCER **HERE WE GO AGAIN**



"I love the game and I love the kids who play it. I feel like the kids who play [soccer] all have great work ethic and all really like to have fun."
— Logan Mobasser, '19



"It's a fun game and it brings people together. It's a sport I truly love, and playing for [Coach] Peter Baah has been a fun adventure."
— Chris Wilson, '19



"Fútbol has given me some of the best moments of my life and everytime I play, it ignites my passion for it."
— Gayheart Dodoh, '20

TELL US, WHY SOCCER?

STORM THE FIELD

A HISTORIC WOMENS SOCCER SEASON

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JUST A NUMBER

FRESHMEN STANDOUTS PRODUCE

It's very typical to watch seniors deliver the strongest performances for their teams. But this year, size or grade level did not seem to matter. Every class had strong performers. The freshman class typically comes into the season on a slight learning curve, as the level of competition is different from middle school and club sports. That clearly wasn't the case this season.

"It's clear that some of the freshmen have some skill that really benefited our team," sophomore defender Lucy Crossin said.

The statistics of freshmen Colina Miroff, Emma Miller, Jenny

Walker, and Gracie Whitacre supported that assessment. Miroff scored 31 times during the season, breaking the school's record for most goals scored in a season. Walker and Whitacre added 12 and 6 goals, respectively.

One could argue the reason for their early success would be the chemistry all four girls had already established prior to the start of the season. They all play for the same club team during the Spring season, and have been for many years.

With such a strong group of freshmen, the team's ability to compete for a state championship in future years seems secure.



TOP PT fans and players storm the field after the team's sectional championship. **1** Freshman Emma Miller passes the ball up the field in a match against Lawrence North High School. **2** In a match against Cardinal Ritter, freshman Jenna Walker lobs the ball up the field. **3** At Bishop Chatard High School, freshman Gracie Whitacre looks to cross to a teammate. PT lost the match 6-2. "This team was one of the closest teams I've ever been a part of," Whitacre said. "It made my transition to the Upper School easier." **4** Freshman Colina Miroff dribbles the ball against Heritage Christian. "I love how close the team was and how we maintained our close relationship," Miroff said.

DOWN BY TWO

PT Defeats Heritage 3-2 (7-6 PKs)

The team's sectional final against Heritage Christian looked to be a game full of strong competition. Considering that they tied 3-3 in the second game of the season, both teams were unsure of their post-season fate.

The game started relatively slowly, with possession remaining fairly equal between the two. And then the pace changed quickly. Heritage threw a ball into play, turned a defender, and took the lead 1-0. Heritage took control of the game, and they controlled possession. A few minutes later, a defensive miscommunication led to another Heritage goal, putting them ahead by two.

It wasn't until the 2nd half that PT started to climb back. With less than 10 minutes remaining, both freshman Colina Miroff and senior Shea Aquilano scored, tying the game and sending it to an overtime period. The overtime period went scoreless, leaving it to penalty shots.

After six goals for each side in the shootout, junior goalkeeper Alicia Aaholm stepped up to the spot to make her kick, which is extremely rare for a goalkeeper. She made the shot, and then saved the next one, notching the victory. Fans and teammates stormed the field to celebrate the win. By making it to the semi-state

championship game, they went farther in the state tournament than any other PT soccer team in history. The girls fell to Evansville Mater Dei in semi-state to end their season.



TOP The team poses for a photo after winning the regional championship. **UPPER LEFT** Sophomore Margaret McClain beats her defender. **UPPER RIGHT** Sophomore Lucy Crossin races to the ball. "This year made us more determined than ever to come back next year and win it all," Crossin said. "We like to call it unfinished business."



TOP LEFT Senior Shea Aquilano dribbles the ball in the middle of the field. Aquilano, a co-captain, was a key player for the team, scoring an important goal in the Marion County semifinal. **TOP MIDDLE** Senior and co-captain Sarah Enkema prepares to challenge a defender for the ball. Enkema wore a protective face mask for the season due to a nose injury last year. **TOP RIGHT** Junior goalkeeper Alicia Aaholm saves a shot during a warm-up. Aaholm saved the final shot of the penalty shootout in the sectional final, winning the match. **BOTTOM LEFT** In a match against Lawrence North High School, senior Rebecca Bamforth attempts to beat her opponent. Bamforth scored three goals during the season. "This was the perfect team to finish my high school soccer career with," Bamforth said. **BOTTOM MIDDLE** Sophomore Lily Freihofer looks up to make a pass. "I'm so thankful to be a part of such a fun group," Freihofer said. "It's more than just a team, it's a family." **BOTTOM RIGHT** Senior and co-captain Alexandra Miyamoto (#7) leads a pre-game discussion with the team.

SAMPLE #1

This spread covers Park Tudor School's 2018 volleyball team. It was published in the 2019 edition of Park Tudor School's *Chronicle*. The headline, "HITTING NEW HEIGHTS," refers to a drastic four-year improvement in their team record, rebounding from a 2-21 record in the 2015 season to a 23-7 winning record. In addition to the design being designed by **DAVID WOLFE BENDER**, the copy and captions were also written by him as well. Interviews were conducted by **DAVID WOLFE BENDER** and Zoë Franz, another member of the *Chronicle*'s editorial staff. Photos were obtained through permission by the *Chronicle*'s editorial team, who should be addressed with copyright questions.

SAMPLE #2

The coverage on this spread is entirely dedicated to Park Tudor School's 2018 mens soccer season. Published in the 2019 edition of Park Tudor School's *Chronicle*, it aims to display the message of "HERE WE GO AGAIN," in reference to the team's fifth consecutive sectional championship loss. The spread was designed by **DAVID WOLFE BENDER**, who also wrote the copy and captions. Additionally, he also interviewed the players and coaching staff to complete the coverage plan. Photos were obtained through permission by the *Chronicle*'s editorial team, who should be addressed with copyright questions.

SAMPLE #3

This spread is dedicated to covering Park Tudor School's womens soccer team, specifically their 2018 season. It was published in 2019 edition of Park Tudor School's *Chronicle* yearbook. The team made it farther than any other womens soccer team in the history of the school, winning the regional championship and making the Semi-State championship game. The headline "STORM THE FIELD" refers to their sectional championship victory, where PT fans rushed the field after the team scored two goals in the final ten minutes to tie the match. In the penalty shootout, the team's goalkeeper saved the final shot to win the game. Immediately, fans rushed the field. The spread was designed by **DAVID WOLFE BENDER**. He also wrote the copy and captions. Interviews were conducted by **DAVID WOLFE BENDER**, as well as another member of the *Chronicle*'s staff. Photos were taken by Michael Hoffbauer and were obtained with permission by the *Chronicle*'s editorial team, who should be addressed with copyright questions.

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