

Dominican Volleyball Greatly Improved Under New Coach

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Positive, fun, motivating...all words that could be used to describe Dominican's head volleyball coach Brock Cameron. Although he was hired just three weeks ago, Coach Brock is no stranger to Dominican High School. He graduated from DHS in 1993 and then went on to coach boys' teams at Pius and MSOE.

Since Coach Brock arrived, the Dominican volleyball team has been steadily improving each day. Fundamentals have especially been stressed since tryouts and players are starting to notice the difference in play.

"It's really nice to finally have a good coach who's teaching us something," middle blocker Jolene Luther commented.

"I train this team the way I would train anyone," Coach Brock said. "Whether you're 14, 18 or on the national team, I'm going to teach you how to play volleyball the right way. Our team needs to learn more about the sport. I need to change the way they watch the game."

He explained that with girls especially, his coaching style is a lot more positive and encouraging. And his players appreciate Coach Brock's "you can do it" attitude.

"I think Brock's an excellent coach and I love his enthusiasm," outside hitter Leslie Marshall-Mahlik commented. "He teaches us lessons we can not only use on the volleyball court but in life as well."

As far as this year's team is concerned, Coach Brock has been impressed with what he has seen so far. He described his squad as having "very good, raw talent" and his goal is to "improve to a point where we are competitive at a state finals match."

But for now, the Dominican volleyball team is just enjoying playing together and learning from an excellent, caring coach.

"I'm having the time of my life," Coach told his players. The girls definitely agree.

