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The DMS Volleyball team opened the season with a pair of massive wins over the Sikeston Lady Bulldogs on Thursday night. The Lady 'Cats held Sikeston to single digits in all four sets.

In the seventh grade contest, the 'Cats posted 25-6 and 25-8 wins. Madison McConnell and Sydney Rodgers accounted for 17 points in the first set, while Zoe Schumer served up 12 points in the second.

The lopsided scoring continued in the eighth grade contest, where DMS put up 25-5 and 25-3 decisions. Madison Bishop scored 13 points for the Lady 'Cats in the first set, and Mary Kate Miller was good for 16 in the second set.

Head coach Melissa Hahn was pleased with her team's preparedness and aggressiveness at the net throughout the game.

"Overall I was pleased with my girls' intensity throughout the game. I was very happy with the power and especially the consistency of our serves," she said. "We had some big streaks, led by Mary Kate Miller who served 16 straight points in the 8th grade game."

"I thought we were ready for the ball to come back over the net and made some nice

passes which resulted in some big hits," Hahn continued. "Matney Davis did a great job at the net tonight. She's been hitting the ball hard in practice and it was good to see that in a game."

The Lady Bearcats expect some more competitive games next week; they play host to Scott City on Monday night, and face off against SCAA rival Bernie on Tuesday in the *Hits for Hope* game.

"We are preparing for some tough games with Scott City and Bernie this week which both have great programs. We sure hope to use our home court advantage and encourage our community to come out to see some great games and support our girls."

Both games next week are scheduled to get underway with seventh grade action at 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday night's *Hits for Hope* game will feature fundraising activities to benefit **18 FORE Life** and area families battling cancer.

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