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**Bernie, Missouri** - After winning their home opener against the Richland Rebels, the Lady Mules stepped onto the court once again just one night later in an exciting match up against the Lady Bulldogs of Sikeston.

The junior varsity Lady Mules won both of their sets against Sikeston 25-10, 25-10 and are now 2-0 on the season going into the Bernie Junior Varsity Tournament which begins on Thursday, August 25th.

Cassidy Freed had a great night with 5 aces, 3 kills, and 4 digs. Nia Walker had 3 aces. Ryleigh Foster had 2 aces and Emily Sheehan finished the night with 1 ace.

Makayla Turner led the team with 7 kills. Ryleigh Foster completed 2 kills.

The varsity Lady Mules (2-0) won both of their sets against the Sikeston Lady Dogs 25-13, 25-19.

The team had a total of 6 aces. Kayli Tanner and Taylor Lovelady each had 2 aces. Morgan Baker and Cymber Arnold each added one ace.

Mabree Stone led in kills with 7 followed closely by Kayli Tanner with 5 kills. Cymber Arnold had 4 kills and Morgan Baker had 3 kills.

Kayli Tanner also had 3 solo blocks and 2 block assists. Cymber Arnold had 1 block assist.

"The varsity came out strong in the first set with at one point the score being 19-7," commented Bernie head volleyball coach Monica Collier. "Sikeston gained some momentum and was able to score 6 straight points. We finally took charge and made the last 6 points to win the first set 25-13."

"In the second set we struggled a bit with some personal errors and the score went back and forth making it an exciting game," continued Collier. "At one point Sikeston was ahead in points with a lead of 16-14, but we did a great job of getting their mind set to gain control of the game and fix their errors. We dominated the latter half to win 25-19."

"I am very proud of them, especially when I saw a determination rise in them to stop making mistakes and play volleyball the way they are capable of playing."

The junior varsity will host a tournament beginning on Thursday, August 24th. The varsity will be back in action on Monday, August 29th traveling to Notre Dame High School. Game time 6:00 p.m.

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