

2011 LADY COUGARS VOLLEYBALL



Cougar Volleyball Dominates

The Lady Cougars volleyball team completed its best season in recent memory by winning their division title and reaching the Final Four at the Bay Area Volleyball Championships. A year after missing the playoffs by just one game, the 2011 team rallied from a slow start to win their final 6 matches, finishing the regular season with an 8-3 overall record. The team won a dramatic first round playoff match against Tabernacle and before losing two tough Final Four matches, both of which went the full three games. Overall, the team finished 4th out of 20 Bay Area schools. The successful season was the culmination of 3 years of hard work for an 8th grade class who first took their lumps with a 1-11 season in 2009 when most of the team's starters were 6th graders.

Co-Captains Lauren Esakson and Destiny Gaitan were named the team's Most Valuable Players for their outstanding play. Setter Kristin Brown was the key to much of the Cougars success with hitters Jesenia Albert, Mary Hildeburn and Cati Krutilla also being important contributors. The team returns a core of solid players including Brown and super subs: Ashlyn Norris, Claire Toth and Deana Vander Meulen. With those players and the success of the JV team, the Cougars look to be in great shape for 2012. Nice work ladies!