

# FIRST ROUND OF MATCHES FOR CADETTE VOLLEYBALL TEAM

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Well done to the Cadette A (U16) volleyballers for their wins in their first round of matches on the 7th of November 2024. They have brought home two wins against St. Mary's (Naas) and against Portlaoise College, but an unfortunate loss to Rockford Manor (Blackrock), placing second on the Pool B table, with a total of 6 points.

## HFSS vs Rockford Manor

Although this match was an unfortunate loss, there were some great rallies to never be forgotten. During the 2 sets, we witnessed some great overhand serving by Emily Nolan and Alba Ardila and diving and chasing after the ball by Audreyhanna Romero and Patricia Neagu. The first set of this match ended 17-25 and the second set ended 23-25, putting Rockford Manor in the lead with a score of 0-2.

## HFSS vs St. Mary's College

Even if the previous match ended in a loss, the girls did not give up and displayed great perseverance throughout this match. Not only were the 6 on court focused and dedicated to the game, but the bench players also made the atmosphere electric by constantly chanting and cheering for their team. During the first set, we witnessed some great underhand serving by Miriam Delgado, which the opposing team struggled to keep under control. We also saw some spikes by Emily and Alba which you just can't stop watching! The first set ends on a score of 28-26 to Holy Family SS, giving the team hopes for a win in the next set. In the second set, Patricia and Millie gave some brilliant sets, which set up the wing players for some amazing spikes that their opponents were unable to control. Millie gets a great serving streak with her overhand serve that is unbeatable and unmatched. Patricia also gets some brilliant blocks and tips, catching the opposing team by surprise when they least expect it. The set ends with a score of 25-14, declaring victory for HFSS against their Naas opponents!!

## HFSS vs Portlaoise College

During this match, the girls all displayed great qualities of dedication to the game and perseverance, which is something that aided in their claiming of victory in this match. In the first set, we witnessed some brilliant serving by Anastazja and Jenna, which managed to fake out the opposing team on multiple occasions!! Rosheen and Ruby also do a great job in the back court receiving, setting the whole team up to win many points. The first set ended in a HFSS win of 25-23, and the girls are ecstatic over this win. In the second set, there is some great teamwork between Millie and Emily, as a setter-wing player dynamic. Lola and Patricia also do a great job blocking any volleyball coming their way!! The second set ends in a 25-9 win for HFSS, putting them in second place on the Pool B table!!

