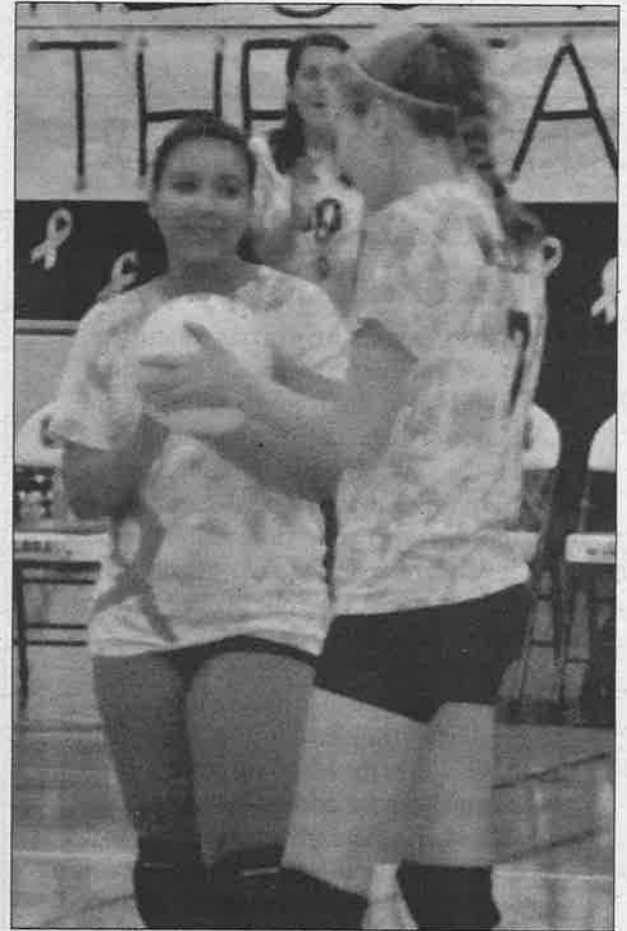
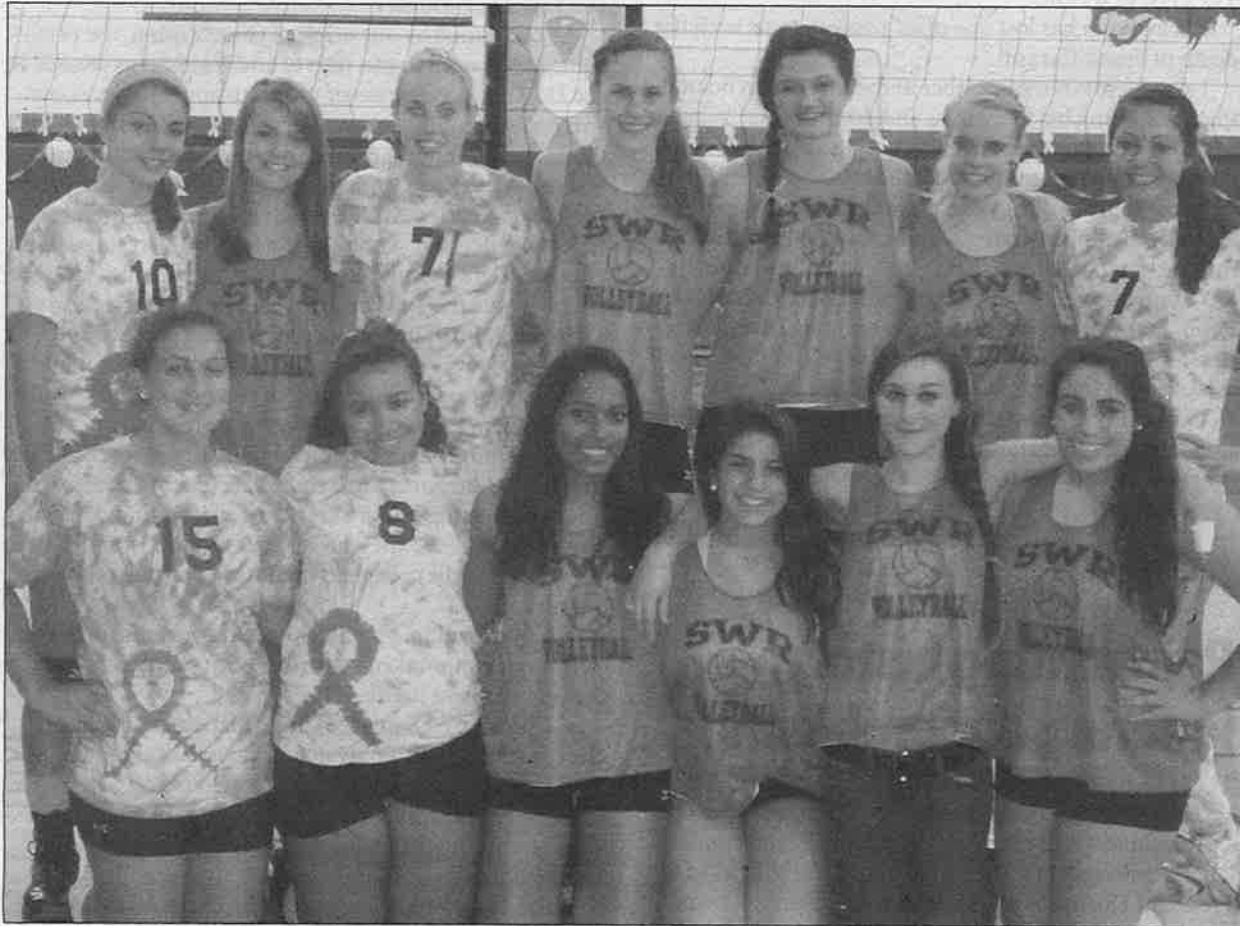


# SPORTS



Courtesy Katherine Winkler, left, photo by John Westermann, above  
The girls volleyball team, left, consists of (top, l-r) Maddie Massa, Jess Filangeri, Emma Houlihan, Kelly Dillon, Chelsea Hughes, Anne Marie Taggart, Holly Maillard; (bottom, l-r) Loren Keith, Tori Robinson, Christine Joseph, Leighann Bentiwegna, Bobbie Ferentinos and Alyssa Stalzer. Houlihan, above, receives the game ball after hitting her 600th career kill. Robinson, standing beside her, has been setting her for three years now.

## Shoreham raises \$3,000 at dig pink game

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### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

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The Wildcats were too tall, too fast and too good for visiting Babylon as the two teams clashed in League VII action during dig pink week in Suffolk County volleyball. The Wildcats dispatched their opponents 3-0 (25-12, 25-13, 25-15) in under an hour.

The dig pink charity was started four years ago by Ward Melville head coach Charlie Fernandes to honor the

family of a Rocky Point player, and has so far raised over \$80,000 to fight breast cancer. "We just got it started," said Fernandes. "What each school and their head coach has done with it is up to them and it's turned out great. The individual communities have been fantastic."

Shoreham-Wading River head coach Katherine Winkler said, "Dig pink was such a great success. Our goal was to raise \$2,000 and we raised \$3,000 so I'm really proud of all the girls. Both JV and varsity teams did such a great job decorating the gym and raising money for

breast cancer research. We also couldn't have done it without the support of the parents and the community."

Wildcat senior outside hitter Emma Houlihan scored the first point of the third game with an H-bomb from the stratosphere off a set from senior Tori Robinson (21 assists) and play was stopped for a brief courtside ceremony where coach Winkler advised the appreciative dig pink crowd that Houlihan had just landed the 600th kill of her four-year Wildcat career. "I'm so proud of what Emma has accomplished," said Winkler. "I've been coaching her since

eighth grade and it has been a privilege to watch her develop as a player."

Houlihan, who will play volleyball and lacrosse at Southern New Hampshire University next year, said, "We're doing so much better than we've done in the past. I've been on this team since ninth grade and I've watched people really improve. Chelsea Hughes has become a really good player and Kelly Dillon, who is only a sophomore, is really helping this year. We're excited about what we're doing."

Middle blocker Anne Marie Taggart, libero Maddie Massa and setter Robinson have also been standout performers, according to Winkler, as the Wildcats fight

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## Mustangs, Bayport battle at dig pink

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

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A playoff atmosphere surrounded the League VII girls volleyball matchup between Mount Sinai (7-2) and Bayport/Blue Point (6-2) on Monday afternoon. The Mustangs squandered an opportunity to remain alone atop the league standings, on a day they raised money for breast cancer research, known in the

volleyball community as dig pink. An impressive win by Bayport has created a crowd atop the league VII standings. Mount Sinai, Bayport and Hampton Bays are all tied with two losses, while Shoreham-Wading River is still very much alive with a 5-3 record.

While Mount Sinai does not have sole possession of first place, they still have

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Photo by Andrew Winkler

The Mount Sinai girls volleyball team celebrate their dig pink game on Oct. 17.