

DA vs ISD

On Monday, October 28th, Dakar Academy fans were given a special treat: a double header of guy's and girl's games against the visiting teams of ISD.

The guys played their games first. Instead of playing the usual best of 5 the games were shortened to best of 3 because of time limitations. The Lions were given first serve and the starting team, after being pumped up by a loud "What are we?! Lions!" cheer, moved into their positions ready to play. The volleyball court was thronged with fans for the first time all year. On one end the girl's team and the other fans set up. On the opposite end the ISD girl's team and the fans that came with them set up. The first game, after a bit of a rough start, was dominated by the Lions, who made a decisive victory, aided by the vigor of lots of fans. The second game was not as decisive, but the Lions once again pulled out on top. Eric Bill, back in after missing several practices and a game due to an ankle injury, was back in and boosted the moral of the Lions. The guys encouraged the dissapointed ISD team by doing their cheer after the game was over. It was a fun afternoon for the DA guys.

The Lady Lions were pumped up and ready to play after cheering for the guys and watching them beat the visiting ISD team. It was their turn. They walked on to the court amidst the cheers of their fans and the victorious men. And then the destruction began. The first game was a blow-out! The final score was 25 - 5 for the girls! They did not even complete a full rotation, which may be a first in the history of DA volleyball. And the fans loved it. The guys especially were cheering for the girls and could be heard chanting the names of the girls that spiked and made good plays. ISD was very discouraged during and after this game. Their coach was overheard calling them "mopes" and proceeding to give the definition of the word. Whatever the rest of her speech contained, it was obviously not motivational. Coach JP Shultz put in many of the players that had sat the bench, and the girls proceeded to thrash ISD again. The second game's final score somewhere around 25 - 7. ISD went home sad, the Lady Lions came back very happy.

DA is now looking forward to playing more practiced ISD teams at SIPS in 2008.

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