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## Lady Vipers open volleyball season



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Sophomore Jasmine Mobley makes a hit during Vandegrift's inaugural season opener against Lago Vista. Mobley led the team with 8 kills.

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*Vandegrift falls to Lago Vista in three*

Their school hasn't officially opened its doors yet. When it does, it won't even be in the high school facility. But, that hasn't stopped the ladies of the Vandegrift High School volleyball team from getting their season started.

The Lady Vipers participated in the school's first-ever varsity event Monday night, when they traveled to Lago Vista for the season opener against the Lady Vikings.

"I was very excited to coach in the inaugural game," said head volleyball coach Julie Schier. "We've been looking forward to this."

For the players, it was a whole new experience as the freshmen and sophomores stepped into their first varsity game, amid a sea of cheering parents and fans yelling "Go Vipers!"

Though some players like freshmen Mollie Bailey have played in the club atmosphere, being in a high school varsity game still has a different feel - but all the excitement.

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"It was a great experience and I was really excited," Bailey said of making her first varsity appearance.

Despite being swept in three by the Lady Vikings, the team had fun and improved as the night wore on.

"I thought it was great for our first time," said sophomore Jasmine Mobley, who led the team with 8 kills. "We've got a lot of improving to do, but I expect for us to win."

The Lady Vipers (0-1) saw bumps along the road in their three losses (19-25, 15-25, 23-25) against the Lady Vikings (1-0). Missed serves is one area the team plans to work on, but that didn't stop the enthusiasm of their first time out.

In fact, they had several good rallies and held onto the lead for most of game three, which came down to the wire. Vandegrift couldn't hold on in the end as they dropped the game, 25-23.

"We communicated more and understood each other more" as the night progressed, said Bailey, who finished with 4 kills.

"They fought hard and gave tons of effort," Schier said. "We have some skills to refine, but every time they step on the court they do better. That's our success."

Sophomore Kayla Chatlosh had a good first run with 4 blocks and 2 kills on the night, while sophomore Katy Gallien also had 2 kills.

The Lady Vipers will participate in the Copperas Cove tournament this weekend and will then travel to Cedar Park next Thursday, Aug. 20, to take on the Lady T'wolves' JV.

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