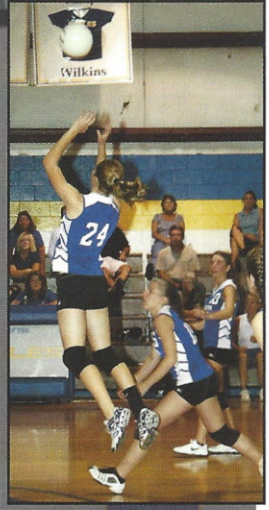


# We Are Family

The 2008 varsity volleyball team was not without their fair share of challenges this season. However, this close-knit team pulled through and finished out with a 14-10 record, despite losing two very talented seniors from the previous season. Leading the lady Eagles through their roles as co-captains were seniors Julie Locklair and Lauren Pendergrass. In the previous two seasons, Coach Patrick's varsity team has made it to the State play-offs only to get knocked out in the semi-finals. This season unfortunately made it a third. When asked about challenges the team faced, senior

Lauren Pendergrass said, "Throughout the year we had our problems, but in the end we were able to talk them out and work through them, and I think that made us a better team. It really felt like being part of a family because everyone contributed, whether they played or not. I am truly proud to have been a part of this team." According to junior Reagan Railey, encouragement was a major part of what guided them through the season; "There was a real sense of family. We always encouraged each other and kept each other up, and at the end of the year that's all that really matters."



**Sitting** (l-r): Lauren Pendergrass, and Julie Locklair.  
**Kneeling** (r-r): Catina Gibson, Lacey Clack, and Brittany Speagle  
**Standing** (l-r): Coach Patrick, Whitney Muller, Katherine Matthews, Reagan Railey, Alex Maass, Grace Wilkins, and Tanner Cantrell.