



Lady Devils Want It Back

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“We want it back!” can be heard echoing throughout the gym as the Richmond High School Lady Devil cheerleaders take the mat to compete.

Coming into 2015 more powerful than ever, 16 girls are ready to show the judges what their new and improved team is made of.

Lauren Riggs, senior team co-captain, said, “Building a new team, that is pretty solid, is definitely a big difference from last year.” With half of the new girls on the team being freshmen, the team had a lot of their work cut out for them.

Winning States is on everyone’s to-do list this season, and the team is doing everything in their power to make that happen. At the first competition of the year, the team came in second, and feeling a bit defeated, they came back to the next competition more powerful than ever and grabbed the first place spot.

The Lady Devils believe they have what it takes to reclaim the State title.

“We have made many improvements; I feel that we are a very strong team,” Sarahanne Marshall, senior said. The girls all have the same goal and the preparations don’t stop when they walk off the mat.

They are constantly preparing themselves and bettering themselves to be the best they can be. Before every competition they run through all the rounds in their heads to make sure they do the best they can.

“We visualize all the rounds and make sure the little imperfections are perfected,” Megan Showers, freshman, said.

The seniors this year, previously winning states their freshman year, want the title back and have every intention doing it. “Being a senior, my role on the team is to be a positive leader and make sure everyone is confident in themselves,” Riggs said.

The girls have already faced many

obstacles this season, with a sophomore, Kari Olsen, becoming sick and another sophomore, Kaycee Blish, breaking her hand at a competition.

The girls had to completely re-block Round Three and add new athletes in to make up for the lost girls.

Showers, being in Blish’s stunt group, said, “We couldn’t do all the stunts we wanted to but we learned to fight to get what we wanted.” Blish, getting her cast off this past Monday, will help the team return to normalcy.

“I hope that I will be able to help my team again, so we can perform our best,” Blish said.

Looking back on the first two competitions, junior, Jessica Hatcher, believes that they will get stronger as the season progresses. “The team is strong but I think we will get stronger. We’ll get stronger with every competition we do,” Hatcher said.

Riggs, Marshall, and Angel Deal

to carry on the success from the girls last year, but I know for sure that we will get there.

Through her long experience with bowling, Conner has learned various skills and techniques.

For example, she has learned how to curve the ball when she throws it and to always follow through with the ball. She has also learned how to hit her mark and pick up her spares.

One of the most important things they do at practices is how to get corner pins down, Conner said. In order to do that, they need to know how to do a cross ally.

To help with a cross ally, the girls need to know how to find their spot so the ball curves just right to hit the correct pocket.

Sometimes these techniques can build up and create pressure on the girls.

“To help with when I get nervous, I calm down by singing a song in my head,” Conner said. “Also, I like to talk with my team mates at times when I’m stressed out.”

These students work really hard in order to gain success in the things they do. Their passion for the sport helps them stay motivated to keep

going, even when it gets rough.

They must work together in order to prosper as a team.

Conner said, “Every week we improve as a team and even as individuals.”

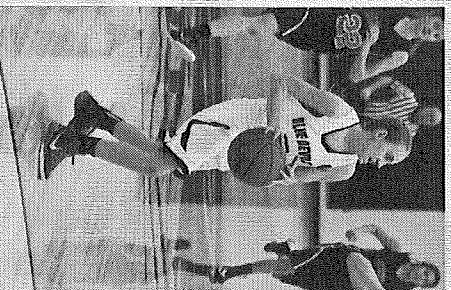
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skills. They have all been improving since the day they tried out for the team.

Her sister, who graduated from RHS, was also on the bowling team for her high school experience. Conner wanted to continue what her other sisters had done.

Also, last year, the girls bowling team lost some very important players such as Heather Bruci and Noelle Scheuer.

Conner said, “It will take awhile



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Future Goals: Earn a scholarship

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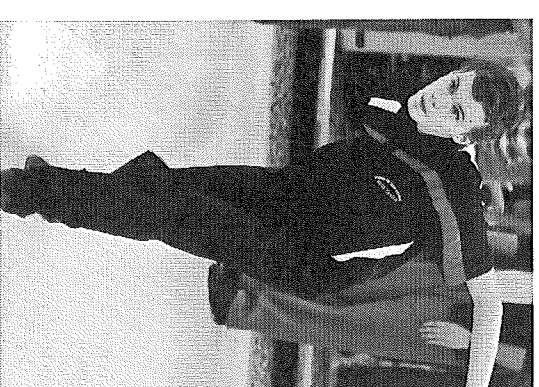
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Future goals: Go to college for sports



Sophomore Jessica Niebauer takes her turn for the Lady Devils’ bowling team.
(Photo courtesy of RHS Yearbook.)



Matthew Graves starts his approach during competition.
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