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NEIGHBORHOOD HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

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### Bellaire spikers turn around

A few weeks ago, Bellaire volleyball coach Ap Clarke didn't like what she saw from her Cardinals. Bellaire took its lumps in the Pearland Classic and Dickinson Tournament, causing Clarke to question her team's fortitude.

"I think the Pearland and Dickinson tournaments were eye-opening for us," Clarke said. "We played some ranked teams, and we learned that we weren't as good as we thought we were. It showed us a few things that we needed to work on."

The top-level competition has more than prepared Bellaire for District 20-5A play. The Cardinals 16-7 overall, ran their league mark to 8-0, blasting Sam Houston 25-9, 25-3, 25-7 and Westside 25-5, 25-5, 25-14 last week.

Against Sam Houston, right side hitter Ariana Chinn racked up a team-high 11 kills. However, it was the serve that propelled Bellaire as setter Kara Febles served 22 points in the match. Joeha Garcia and Lindsey Febles also provided a spark off the bench.

Unbelievably, Bellaire served even better against Westside as Vivian Hu and Kara Febles tallied six aces apiece. Collectively, the Cardinals had a whopping 23 aces.

"We've been serving really well," Clarke said. "We're able to dictate play with our serve, which makes it easier for our hitters."

Chinn equaled her season average, delivering 10 kills against the Wolves. Liz Grubb added nine kills.

Bellaire, owners of a 47-match winning streak in league play, hope to stay on a roll when the Cardinals face Westbury at 5:15 p.m. Friday at Butler Sports Complex. Bellaire also is the No. 1 seed in the Houston ISD Invitational today and Saturday.