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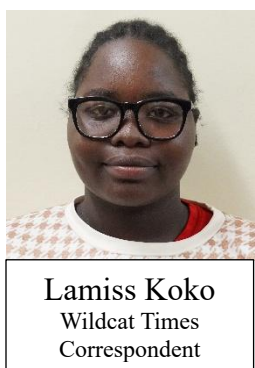
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Wilson's Volleyball Team

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Unlike many other sports, where a single star player can dominate the entire game, volleyball requires every single point to be a group effort.

A successful play depends on a fluid chain reaction: one teammate digs or passes the ball, another sets it up precisely, and a third finishes with a powerful spike. This mandatory three-touch rule forces players to constantly communicate, build trust, and move as one unified organism.

The fast-paced nature of the sport means momentum can swing instantly, creating an exciting, high-energy environment filled with suspense and celebration.

Because success is shared, the joy of a hard-fought rally or a stunning block is felt collectively by the entire group.

Gay Doh Htoo, Wilson's volleyball coach said, “I joined the volleyball team because it felt like home, like I was free every time I played with my teammates, and I felt like I was not alone.”

Beyond the intense action on the court, being part of a volleyball team offers a warm and welcoming social atmosphere.

The tight-knit community encourages deep friendships and camaraderie that easily extend far beyond the gym doors.

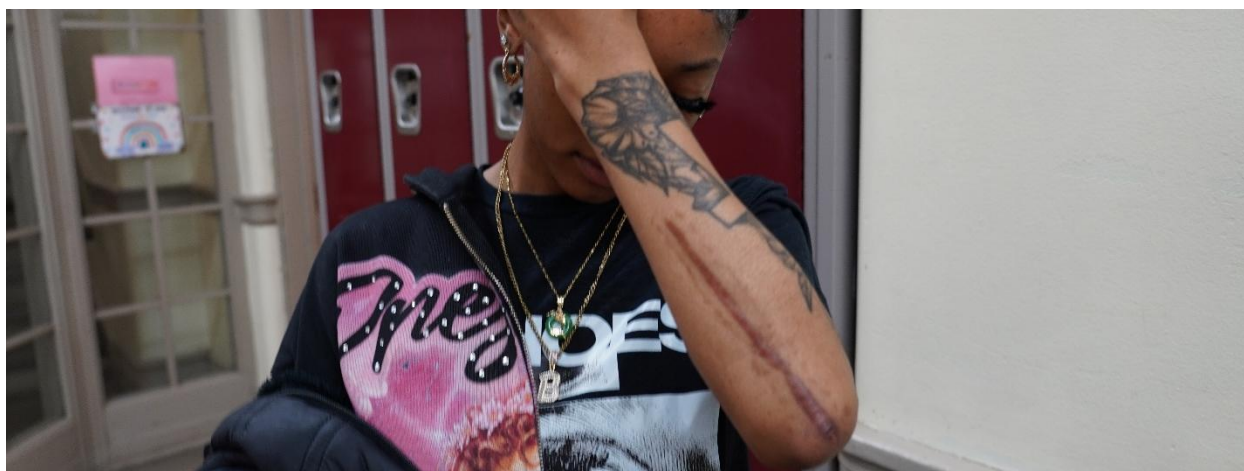
Practices and matches are filled with shared laughter, mutual encouragement, and energetic high-fives after every single play.

Royalty Harvey, Wilson Volleyball player, said, “Two of my teammates helped me with my development as a player by helping and supporting me with what I need to improve.”

Staying active becomes effortless when you are exercising alongside close friends in a positive, supportive environment.

The volleyball team is not just focusing on the match and being serious all the time, it's about having fun with friends. It's about the memories you make with your teammates.

Ultimately, the combination of physical movement, collective problem-solving, and genuine human connection makes the volleyball team a uniquely joyful and rewarding experience for everyone involved.



The Night That Changed Everything

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On February 28th, around 11:08 p.m., a young 16-year-old girl was at a party with her friends.

Everything seemed normal. She was having fun, talking and enjoying herself, not knowing that her life was about to change.

Nobody ever thinks about that.
Everything felt like one second.
Or more like a blink.

Before she could understand what was happening, she was on the floor, confused, and unaware of what had just happened to her.

Everyone ran so she ran too.

Once she hit the cold air, she suddenly felt tired and collapsed to the ground. She was still confused as people rushed to her.

Even when they told her, “You’ve been shot,” she still didn’t understand.

She was picked up and taken to the hospital where she finally realized what was happening. That everything that happened to her was real.

What started as a normal night with friends had suddenly become an experience she would never forget.

According to everytownresearch.org, “Every day, nearly 130 people in the US are killed with guns and more than 200 are shot and wounded.”

People in America turn to guns to solve problems that could be fixed otherwise.

People live as if they have no other choice but to hurt someone before they get hurt themselves. The world on the streets has become “kill or be killed.”

But those actions have consequences – that should never have to be the way people live.

A simple night out could have ended with her never making it home... life is more valuable than people treat it.

Her experience shows that gun violence is more than a statistic. There is a person behind every story. There’s also friends, family, and people who care about them.

The effects of violence stay with someone long after the actual event is over.

February 28th became more than just another date on the calendar: it became a reminder that life can get all turned-around in a moment.

Nothing can alter what happened that night, but she can choose what she takes from it.

Her story is a reminder of how quickly a life can change due to gun violence.



Silenced Roar



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Back in 2017 Wilson Magnet High School was known for football.

But, overtime, things started to go low, the 9-2 record disappeared and the football team started to lose a lot.

This is the first year that Wilson does not have a football team, as far as anyone can remember, because the student athletes stopped participating. The football officially had to shut down due to players not consistently showing up.

This is a far cry from 2017 when Wilson was a top five in Section V.

Coach Clay, assistant coach of the Wilson's Varsity Football Team said, "It's disappointing and frustrating because we could've actually been something this year and made a change."

But Wilson students do not share that optimism.

Demarion Lott, a student-athlete here at Wilson, says, "There would still be a losing streak and nothing would've changed."

Lott, along with the few Wilson athletes that would still like to play football, go to Edison Tech to play for their varsity team, the Inventors.

The feeling is that Wilson kept on losing. Multiply the losses with nobody showing-up for practices equals games where everyone is confused, the players couldn't play together, and even more losses followed.

Even with the losses, Wilson's coaches have so much love for football. Unfortunately the players didn't attend practices to learn the game from them and they are disappointed.

Coach Randall, last year's head football coach, wanted to make changes. He said, "I would've made practices fun, but not too fun. Make learning experiences for the team. I can't force anyone to show up but, if people want to play football, I would gladly coach them into the dreams they deserve."

These coaches want what's best for their athletes, not the worst.

With Wilson's student-athletes travelling to Edison Tech to play, the Wildcat red and black jerseys are missing in the school's halls and Wilson's field is quiet.