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Lindsey Wang (No. 4) is at the center of most of her team's success. The 5-foot-4 Wang hopes for a second straight state title.

Wang is the ultimate gamer

I looked up "gamer" in a dictionary Tuesday. Not only was I surprised to find the actual word defined, but there was the picture of Castilleja-Palo Alto's do-it-all volleyball player Lindsey Wang.

Gamer: (Slang) 1. an athlete who is game; one who is highly competitive, steadfast and reliable, etc., esp. in difficult situations.

While that describes this sophomore, it hardly covers her persona on the court, nor does it nearly describe what she does for the Gators. She's an outside hitter, defensive specialist, all-world hand-slayer, champion ball-chaser, vocal and



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smile leader and head optimist. And she's only 5-foot-4. How can a girl that diminutive contribute so much in a sport where height matters so much?

"A lot of it is my mentality," Wang said. "I'm my harshest critic, so I have to keep positive. If I bring a positive attitude, it helps bring up my team. It's a win-win situation."

"Lindsey is always upbeat and stays positive," Castilleja coach Tracie Meskell said. "She's mentally tough. She has that drive. She is captain material. The players respect her and feed off her energy."

In Monday's West Bay Athletic League Foothill Division victory at Menlo School-Atherton, Wang was her usual self — all over the floor. Wang had time for 18 digs and four aces while celebrating her 15th birthday. Every pass she made from the back row was right to the setter, as if it were warm-ups. Fearless at the net despite her stature, Wang took her share of whacks and was rarely blocked.

"Lindsey is only 5-4, but she hits like she's 5-10," Meskell said. "She has an incredible approach. She gets up high and can hit on top of it."

When Wang spotted the block, she

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