

WANG

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was smart enough to dink over it. Most importantly, she had only two hitting errors. She hit two balls into the net, one when she was standing about 5 yards out of bounds.

"Wang plays smart and has all the tools," Menlo coach Chris Crader said. "She's one of those players that doesn't beat Castilleja. She doesn't have too many hitting errors. It's great to have a player like that."

In Game 2, Wang had a run of 10 straight serving points as the Gators surged to a 20-6 lead. She ended the game with a kill, the Gators winning 25-12.

"Lindsey is a strong server," Meszell said. "Seems like every match she has a long run for us. They're not necessarily aces, but she knows how to move the ball around."

Wang obviously doesn't like to waste time during matches. She wisely let a Menlo serve go out at the last second, then rushed to retrieve the ball, then rushed it back. She does this retrieving thing a lot.

Wang has a great sense of timing. It's so great she plays percussion instruments for the Palo Alto-based El Camino Youth Symphony. Playing mostly the timpani, Wang was part of a classical music performance at De Anza College's Flint Center on Sunday. On the docket were Beethoven's Symphony No. 5, Tchaikovsky's Variations on a Rococo Theme, Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2, Mvt. I and Tchaikovsky's Capriccio Italien.

Child's play.

An "A" student, Wang has taken private piano lessons since she was in the first grade. Is there anything this super-charged Gator can't do? Wang's timing was good last year as the Gators won the CIF Div. V state championship, despite a 1-9 record in the WBAL.

"No one expected us to win state," Wang said. "No one is expecting us to win state this year, so I don't see why we can't do it again."

Wang got turned on to volleyball when she went to a volleyball camp in the fifth grade. Someone saw her play and encouraged her to play club volleyball, which she did the following year.

"I had played a lot of different sports when I was younger," Wang said. "But, when I first played volleyball, I knew it was the sport I wanted to focus on. I love volleyball. I don't know why. I'm not looking to be recruited. I'm not even thinking about where I'm going to college."

That's refreshing to hear from the ultimate gamer — Castilleja's Lindsey Wang, who wears No. 4.

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