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A journey of friends

Juniors Kellie Conahan and Allison Huss have been teammates on various volleyball teams for the past 11 years. Now, with two seasons left in their Millersville careers, the pair can look back at the long journey they have traveled together.

Conahan and Huss began playing together in fifth grade for St. Joseph in Downingtown, Pa. Ron Conahan (Kellie's father) and Kathy Huss (Allison's mother) coached the youth squad.

That same year the pair joined a club volleyball team. Despite being 10 and 11 years old, the girls played for the 12-and-over Valley Forge team. That year they attended their first national competition in Salt Lake City, Utah. They continued to experience success, winning the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Championship in eighth grade and

capturing a District 1 Championship and state semifinals appearance for Bishop Shanahan High School.

When it came time to pick a college, Conahan and Huss knew they each had to make a personal choice. It just so happened that both picked Millersville.

Now competing for the Marauders, it's obvious the two have formed a close relationship.

"It's clear that Kellie and Ali share a special bond," said interim head coach Brian Smith '87. "It's almost seamless how they function and communicate on the court together."

"Teammates form a certain kind of trust that I think has impacted our relationship both on and off the court," Conahan said. "She is the one who I go to for advice because I trust her judgment."

Conahan and Huss are among

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only three upperclassmen on the roster. Huss led the team in kills in 2009, and Conahan has performed a high level defensively each of the last two seasons.



Childhood friends (l to r) Allison Huss and Kellie Conahan have been volleyball teammates for most of their young lives.