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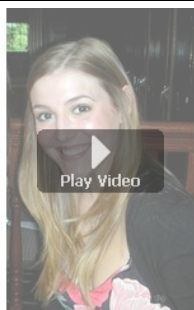
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Battling Cancer Doesn't Bring Down Local Athlete

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NORMAL- The captain of Illinois State University's Club Volleyball team is gearing up for the fight of her life. The junior student is taking action not just for her team, but for thousands of others.

Redbird Casey Patton is prepping her team for their big tournament in Indiana this weekend, as the setter, she calls the plays, and calls herself the motivator.

"We're not expected to do well, but to me, I just feel like I always root for the underdog anyway, and I feel like we definitely have a chance," says Patton. Casey is crossing her fingers for a win this weekend...

And shortly thereafter, she'll head to Boston to receive treatment for her brain tumor.

"It can cause headaches...mood things like behavior problems, eating changes," she says.

Casey was diagnosed with optic pathway glioma in 2006, and was hit with a relapse just six weeks ago, accompanied with a flood of reminders from the hardest time of her life.

"Chemo therapy is like bringing you to the brink of death without actually killing you," Patton describes.

A harsh blow for the 21 year old, and as if loosing her immune system from the chemo wasn't enough, "Mainly it will effect your vision which is exhibit a for me, because it's in my optic nerves, so it restricts my vision," she explains.

But the cancer doesn't restrict this young woman's sense of humor...

"If I'll go to pass a ball, or set a ball, I'll completely miss it, the ball is here and I will go here because I have really large blind spot in my peripherals," says Patton.

Or her heart...
Casey's taking action for kids like her, so far, she's raised \$80,000 for the Children's Memorial Hospital through her "Be the Cure" organization.

"Originally, something that I had planned to be a coping mechanism for me, became something that was a lot bigger than me," says Patton.

Casey says her condition was her motivator to help others, she's studying to become a nurse at ISU.

Because, even though there's a lot being thrown at this young woman, she says feeling sorry for herself just isn't an option.

"Where I have been hasn't been too promising. Where I'm going, I dunno where that's gonna take me. But right now, right now everything's OK," says Patton.

To find out how you can take action and help Casey's cause, click [here](#).

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