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In a hit-and-miss year, the Washington volleyball team has always had the parts for a peak performance.

At last, on Senior Night in their home gym Tuesday, the Warriors put all the pieces together and closed out the regular season with a decisive three-set thumping of Linn-Mar.

By winning 25-21, 25-20, 25-19, they overcame a couple of bugaboos that have plagued them all year: When they grabbed a lead, they didn't let go. And when they fell behind, they rallied back.

"We've been so close in so many games," said senior co-captain Dani Franklin. "We've been right there.

"Tonight, we were finally able to get over the hill. We stayed calm and just kept pushing."

Fellow co-captain Aleena Hobbs felt there was extra adrenaline for the final regular-season home game for the squad's 10 seniors.

"We came out excited and with a lot of energy," she said. "We had the mentality that we were not going to lose."

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