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Morgantown Knocks Off Creek to Claim 5A Title

Mohigans rally to win
 OVAC championship

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STEUBENVILLE — The champions have been dethroned.

The Indian Creek volleyball team led Morgantown 2-1, but the Mohigans came back to win the final two games en route to a 25-19, 23-25, 12-25, 25-19, 15-12, victo-

ry against the Redskins in the OVAC Class 5A Final Saturday inside the Crimson Center in Steubenville.

"This was our first time playing for a championship here," Morgantown (19-2) coach Jason White said. "It is pretty special. This is the first time we have won it. It feels great to win it, especially with the way we did today. We were down and we battled back. It is really special."

The Redskins rallied to win two straight games to take the lead in the match, but Indian Creek could not hold on to it.

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"We had the momentum, and then it swung back against us," Indian Creek (16-5) coach Crystal Hammack said. "Once it swung, we could not get ahead of it."

Individually for top-seeded Morgantown,

Rachel Gantzer recorded two points, eight kills, one assist, one ace, one block and three digs, Lydia Adrian delivered 17 points, 13 kills, five aces, 2.5 blocks and eight digs and

Cassie Parks produced six points, six kills, 25 assists, two aces and three digs.

Also, Christina White tallied eight points, six kills, one ace and 11 blocks, Haley Montoro contributed seven points, one assists, one ace and 13 digs and Sammie Parks picked up six points, two kills, 28 assists, one ace and three digs.

Next, Rachel Laskody netted 19 kills, three blocks and one dig, Danielle Wassick chipped in with eight kills, 4.5 blocks and

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one dig and Nikki Derrico added three points and 11 digs.

Finally, Kaylee Anderson finished with three kills and five digs, and Bradlee Hartman totaled eight digs.

"We knew they were strong in the middle," Hammack said. They play hard. They have a nice coach. They have done a good job this season."

Individually for Indian Creek, the No. 2 seed, Savannah Shanley ended up with one kill, 36 assists, one ace and four digs, Bethany Davis delivered three kills, one ace, one block and five digs and Martina Marko recorded eight kills, nine blocks and two digs.

Also, Brooke Spence collected two kills, two aces and six digs, Renee Antonelli tallied 11 kills and three digs and Bre Berryman netted 10 kills and six blocks.

Finally, Kaylee LaRue finished with two

added six digs.

"We only saw them one time, and that was Tuesday night in the semifinals," White said about the Redskins. "We knew they were a very-good team. We knew they had a good record. They have size on the front line, especially with Bre. She is a good hitter.

"We had to adjust our game plan so we could defend against her. It is tough going against size like that."

The Mohigans played well in Game 1 as Morgantown built a 13-6 advantage. The victors led by as many as nine points (19-10) in the game. The Redskins got as close as 24-19, but the next point belonged to the Mohigans as Morgantown won the game and took a 1-0 lead in the match.

Game 2 was close early, but Indian Creek began to pull away. The Redskins built a 19-12 advantage, but the Mohigans fought back to pull within one point, but Indian Creek

Crusaders Win Ninth Straight Title

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STEUBENVILLE —
Champions rise to the occasion.

Though challenged, the Steubenville Catholic volleyball team captured its ninth conference championship after defeating Jefferson County rival Toronto, 25-22, 25-14, 25-23, in the OVAC Class 2A Final on Saturday afternoon inside the Crimson Center in Steubenville.

"It feels wonderful," Steubenville Catholic (11-9) coach Sherri Barber said. "I'm so happy for the girls."

The Red Knights had chances in the first and third sets, but the girls from the Gem City were unable to capitalize on their opportunities down the stretch in either game.

"In the first set, our serving blew that set," Toronto (11-11) coach Chelsey Fletcher said. "We had six missed serves. That definitely cost us."

"In the second set, we were down. We lost our confidence. It was our youthfulness. We have zero seniors on the team. For some teams, that is a negative, but for us it is a positive. We made the championship game with a group of young ladies. Some of our juniors are real young."

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Individually for top-seeded Steubenville Catholic, Anne Fischer recorded 18 points, four kills, two aces, one block and one dig, Brittany Bertoia tallied seven points, six kills, one ace, one block and two digs and

Suzu Thibault contributed 16 points, one ace, one block and two digs.

Also, Megan Lloyd collected 12 points, eight kills, four assists and one ace, Ashlyne Daley ended up with nine points, 11 kills, two blocks and one dig and Fran Capaldi delivered 13 points, one kill and six assists.

Finally, Sam Simmons finished with eight kills and 13 blocks, and Michaela Torrance netted one kill and one block.

Individually for third-seeded Toronto, Delaney Meredith tallied 10 points, eight kills, five blocks and one dig, Jenna Leasure scored eight points to go along with six kills, one ace and four blocks and Miranda Robinson recorded seven points, five assists and one dig.

Also, Josey Jones netted 16 points and three kills, Emily Anderson delivered 14 points and one assist and Serena Burkey added four points.

Finally, Elyse Price finished with one assist.

The victory was the Crusaders third against the Red Knights this season. Steubenville Catholic swept Toronto at home, and then the Crusaders defeated the Red Knights in five games at Toronto.

"We played them two times prior to today," Barber said. "I think any coverage of volleyball is great. The kids like to read their name in the paper. We always read in the paper about how Toronto has a young program and how far the team has come."

"We are young too. We lost every single starter. We are in the same boat they are in. We had a brand new team this year. It just boils down to if you want to work hard. Our girls work hard."

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Paden City

25-27, 25-6, 23-25

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STEUBENVILLE -
Aubrey Neff scored 12 points, one kill, one dig, 126 sets, and 30 assists for Paden City (22-5) as they fell to Connotton Valley in the OVAC 1A Championship game on Saturday. Graeson Baker had 17 points, ace, three kills, one dig, 60 sets, and 11 assists while Taylor Cosper had 10 points, two kills, 10 digs, three sets, and one assist in the loss



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Colts Capture 4A Title Against Potters

By AARON PETCHAL
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STEUBENVILLE — It was a perfect end to a perfect regular season.

The Meadowbrook volleyball team played well down the stretch in all three games en route to a 25-17, 25-17, 25-23, victory against East Liverpool in the OVAC Class 4A Final Saturday morning inside the Crimson Center in Steubenville.

The Colts, the No. 1 seed in the tournament, also captured the regular season crown.

"It means a lot to me to be undefeated and to be OVAC champions," Meadowbrook (22-0) coach Kelly Zehnder said. "It was an excellent match. We enjoy coming down here and playing quality teams.

"East Liverpool did an

excellent job defensively."

In Game 1, the Colts scored the final four points of the game to take a 1-0 advantage in the match. In Game 2, Meadowbrook scored four of the final points of the game to take a 2-0 lead in the match. In Game 3, the victors scored the final two points of the game to win the game and the match, 3-0.

"We were unable to wake up in the first game," East Liverpool (16-6) coach Bob Shansky said. "Our passing was not there. In the second set, we played better.

"The third set was the best set we have played in a while. We had some good hits. We made some great plays.

"There is a reason they are undefeated, but we played well in the third set."

OVAC volleyball champions crowned

STEUBENVILLE — Lydia Adrian had 17 points, 13 kills and eight digs to lead Morgantown past Indian Creek, 25-19, 23-25, 12-25, 5-19, 15-12 in the OVAC Class 5A championship game Saturday inside The Crimson Center at Steubenville High School.

Bre Berryman recorded 10 points and six blocks for Indian Creek (16-5). Renee Antonelli added 11 kills, while Savannah Shanley

had 36 assists.

Class 4A

Meadowbrook d. East Liverpool

25-17, 25-17, 25-23

Miranda Marsinek scored 10 points and had 13 assists as Meadowbrook finished the regular season 22-0 with the sweep of East Liverpool.

Sydney Black added eight points and 13 kills for the Colts. Jessica Cottle had six points and 11 kills, and Morgan Modroand Delaney

Singleton each had nine kills

Class 2A

Steub. Catholic d. Toronto

25-22, 25-14, 25-23

Anne Fischer scored 18 points, Suzy Thibault had 16 and Fran Capaldi scored 13 as Steubenville Catholic claimed the crown with a sweep of Toronto.

Megan Lloyd added 12 points and eight kills for the Crusaders (-9), while Ashlynn Daley had nine

points and 11 kills.

Class 1A

Conotton d. Paden C
25-27, 25-6, 23-25, 25-15-9

Samantha Malcolmistsred 20 points and kills as Conotton rallied to win the Class crown against Paden Ci

Morgan Barnett p the Rockets (18-4) with points, while Char Collins added 12 po Olivia Bower had e points, 25 kills and s blocks.