

Paden City topples Beallsville in OVAC 1A volleyball title match

By CODY TOMER
For The Times Leader

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Price made her presence felt one last time as she dove to the floor to collect a dig and fellow senior captain Aubrey Neff provided the match-winning kill to give Paden City its first OVAC title since 2011.

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BEALLSVILLE'S
Mackenzie Perkins delivers a return during Saturday evening's OVAC Class 1A championship match against Paden City at Union Local High School. The Blue Devils fell in five games.

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"They have been fighters all season long," Fluharty said. "They are scrappers, they hustle and they don't give up."

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Beallsville's only lead of the second set came at 2-1 but once the Wildcats took control, they did not let up. Paden City secured a 10-5 advantage, extended its lead to 20-13 and cruised to victory, taking all of the momentum into the third set.

Paden City held a narrow 8-7 edge in the third but the Blue Devils knotted the score at 8-8, before taking the lead. The Wildcats kept the pressure on its opponent and eventually tied the contest at 20-20 but Beallsville's Ashlie Loudon came up clutch and provided the game-ending kill to extend the match.

The fourth set was a battle of two teams fighting with everything they had. The score was even at 24-24 when Loudon supplied the go-ahead kill and Dagan Hossman tallied the game-winning point to force a fifth set.

Beallsville captured an early 3-2 lead but Paden City regrouped behind three consecutive points from Hope Weber, to take a 9-5 advantage. Moments later, the game changed with the overturned call and Paden City was on its way to victory.

"Overall, I am pleased with the resiliency," King said. "We got knocked down a bit but we got back up. We took a few punches and we gave off a few of our own."

The victory gives Paden City its fourth OVAC title in school history.



OVAC VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

John Marshall Earns First Title in 29 Years

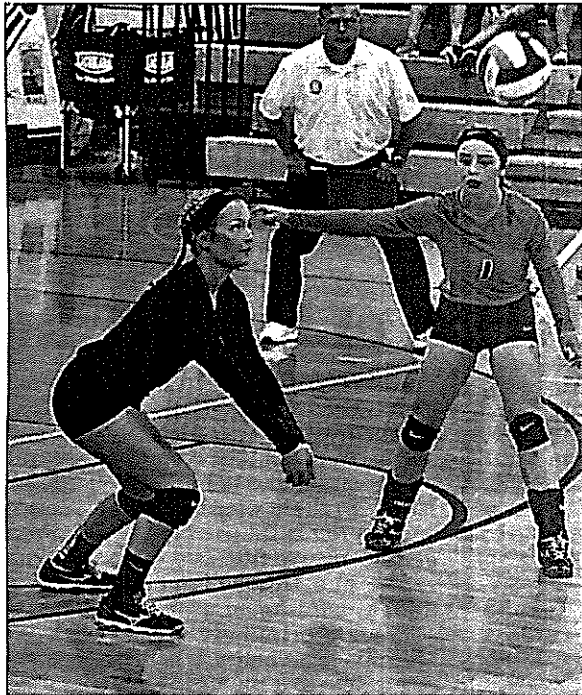


Photo by Cody Tomer
Paden City's Kameron McClain, left, delivers a hit, while teammate Malayna Price looks on during Saturday's OVAC Class A Championship.

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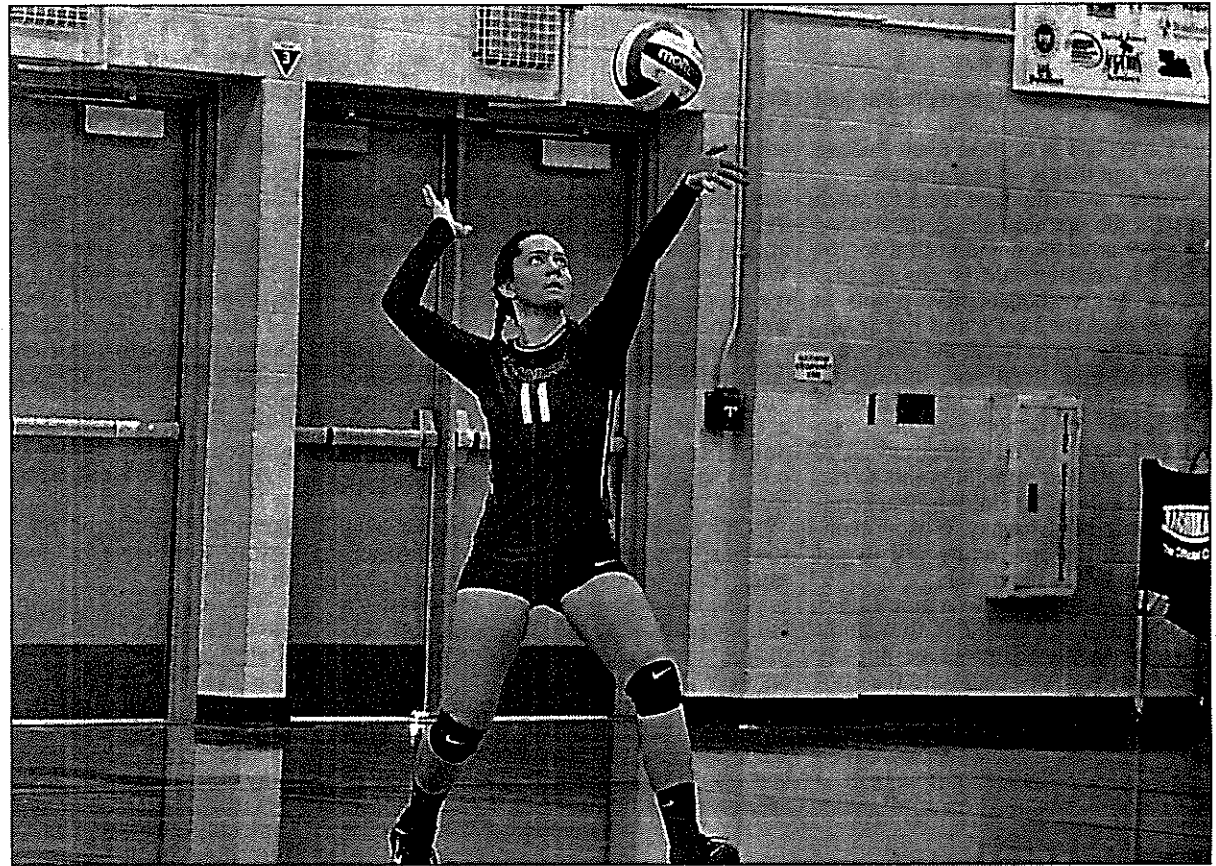


Photo by Cody Tomer
John Marshall's Kori Blake serves during the OVAC 5A Championship on Saturday at Union Local.

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MORRISTOWN — John Marshall has put together a stellar season but was at its best on Saturday, claiming its first OVAC championship since 1988.

The Monarchs swept Morgantown 25-18, 25-21 and 25-19 in the OVAC Class 5A title match at Union Local to secure its first OVAC trophy in 29 years.

"I am so happy for the girls," John Marshall coach Chelsea Eikleberry said. "It is a big deal but this week we just approached it as a regular game. I didn't want to put too much in their heads."

"I wanted them to go have fun because that is when we play at our best. They played great (Saturday), they played as a team and they had fun. Their serves were in, their passes were perfect, we were aggressive at the net and that is what won us the

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game.

"I am so happy for our five seniors and the rest of the team. It is a great group of girls."

One of those seniors, Lauren Garcia, dished out 30 assists to her teammates in a total team effort.

"I've been playing with the other seniors for seven years and to be able to play at OVACs and win it is a great feeling," Garcia said. "We had a goal at the beginning of the season to get here and win. It is awesome."

The loss gives Morgantown back-to-back losses in the OVAC final but head coach Art Manantan is looking at the positives.

"Winning the conference championship is something we always want to do," Manantan said. "But if you look at the big picture, it doesn't do anything for sectionals or regionals. As a coach, I have to get them to move on and find a silver lining."

Morgantown grabbed the lead first in all three sets but was unable to hold on. In the first set, it was 3-0 in favor of the Mohigans but John Marshall rallied to secure a 9-4 advantage behind six consecutive points from Kori Blake and it never looked back.

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Potters Go Back to Back

East Liverpool Sweeps Oak Glen in 4A Final

By **CODY TOMER**
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MORRISTOWN — The talent on the East Liverpool volleyball team is easy to see, but just in case there was any doubt, the Potters proved it on Saturday.

East Liverpool swept Oak Glen 25-14, 25-20 and 25-22 in the OVAC 4A Championship at Union Local to complete back-to-back titles.

"Winning back-to-back championships means a lot," East Liverpool coach

Jonathan Stokes said. "This is my second year and we have a young team, so we are coming after it again next year, too. Our girls are still hungry and we want to get through sectionals and districts. The sky is the limit and they believe in themselves, we believe in them and we think we can go far."

Oak Glen battled to the end but came up just short of extending the match to a fourth set.

"We started out a little slow in the first game," Oak Glen coach Ethel Riser said. "We came back in the second game doing OK and I thought we were going to win

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East Liverpool's Skye Stokes jumps during a serve in Saturday's OVAC 4A title match with Oak Glen at Union Local.

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Cody Tomer

continued through Johnny Schumacher in 1998.

Here is a capsule look at the Habig Six:

1. Chuck Habig: Played

teams went 28-11. He played in the 1982 OVAC All-Star Game.

6. Brent Habig: Played from 1981-84. His teams

26. He earned first-team all-state honors, played in the 1988 OVAC All-Star Game and played at West Liberty.

OVAC All-Star Game. He went on to play for Jim Tressel at Youngstown State, helping the Penguins win the 1997 national

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"East Liverpool is a good team but we played well and that is all that matters."

The Potters were the first team to reach 15 points in the opening set as they raced out to a 15-9 advantage and built it to 20-13 as Emily Recktenwald began serving. She reeled off five consecutive points to expand the lead to 24-13 and her teammates picked her up to finish the first set.

There were nine deadlocks during the second set and Oak Glen held the lead seven different times but with the score knotted at 14-14, Potters standout Skye Stokes delivered four straight points to run the score to 18-14. The Golden Bears continued to battle but Sharnay Wilson eventually supplied the set-ending kill to put the Potters up 2-0 in the match.

The Potters jumped out to a quick 11-5 edge in the third set behind a four-point streak from Madalyn Betteridge but the Bears clawed their way back into the contest and tied it at 20-20.

The Bears rode the momentum to a narrow 22-21 edge but Jonathan Stokes called a timeout to refocus his squad. It worked.

East Liverpool bounced back to gather

the final four points of the match and walk away with its 12th OVAC trophy in school history.

"This team really gets along and they just click," Jonathan Stokes said. "When they are down, they bring each other back up and that is what makes them so strong. We rally around each other and we keep the energy high. Even when we got down, we came back."

Betteridge turned in 16 points to lead the scoring attack, while Skye Stokes provided seven points, 11 kills and four assists, Recktenwald recorded seven points and Kiandria Cowart added five points, eight kills and seven blocks in the victory.

"Our covering was great and our back row really stepped it up," Jonathan Stokes said. "Our setter Terran Stacey was putting the ball where it needed to be and our blocking was key, too. Our back row was picking up all of the scraps that our blockers were knocking down."

Oak Glen was led by Hannah Rogers with five points, 10 kills and seven digs, while Alexa Andrews tallied four points and 10 digs and Jaedyn Hissam added 16 assists and four digs for the Golden Bears.

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The Mohigans did cut the deficit to just 19-16 but Lauren Rose turned in four points in a row to give the Monarchs a solid 23-16 advantage. Garcia set up Emily Harr for the game-ending kill.

Manantan's squad raced out to a 14-9 cushion in the second set but Maddy Mayle took control and brought the Monarchs back to a 14-14 deadlock with four straight points.

John Marshall reeled off a 10-7 run to garner a 24-21 advantage and Harr crushed another game-ending spike over the net to extend the lead to 2-0, heading to the third.

The final Morgantown lead was short lived. After a 2-1 start to the set, John Marshall's quickly regained the lead and never relinquished it. The Monarchs' lead got up to 14-9 until Rozlind Russell accounted for four straight points to cut the margin to just one.

The Monarchs had one final burst in them as they went on a 9-4 run to claim a 23-17 edge and at the match-point, Sydney Zimla collected the match-winning point and the long-awaited celebration was on.

"This was one of our better matches of the season," Eikleberry said. "That is what I asked of them. We have had OK games and great games but I wanted the best (Sat-

urday) and they certainly brought it."

Mayle led the attack as she has all year with 18 points, 14 kills and six digs, while Harr was very effective at the net with seven kills. She also tallied eight points and five digs.

Zimla produced six points and six kills, while Lydia Knutsen gathered 20 digs and Kameryn Skrzynecki added 11 digs in the victory.

Madison McDonald paced the Mohigans with 13 points, 13 kills and nine digs, Anecia Miller chalked up seven points and six kills and Hailee Hammerquist handed out 16 assists.

"John Marshall played really well but I think we beat ourselves more than anything," Manantan said. "I thought we weren't in position all the time to make clean passes and our sets were hit or miss. I thought we had a good gameplan but we just didn't execute it."

The Monarchs edged the Mohigans earlier in the season in a five-set match and could face off in the postseason.

"They weren't as aggressive at the net (Saturday) as they usually are," Eikleberry said. "But they are a good team and we are probably going to play them again in the regionals."

St. C. Unveils Hall of Fame

By SETH STASKEY
For the News-Register

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — A trio of athletes took their rightful place in the St. Clairsville High School Athletic Hall of Fame Friday night.

The school's hall of fame inducted its 13th class at halftime of the game against rival Union Local.

Inducted were Dr. John Hughes, Dominic Prezzia and Gina Twardoski-Reitter. This trio brings the total of honorees to 48.

Here's a capsule look at Class of 2017 honorees:

DR. JOHN HUGHES, Class of 1960

— This Red Devils legend wears the distinction of being the first male in school history to win an individual state championship.

Hughes turned the trick as a senior when he won the Class AA half mile in a blistering time of 1:59, which was an Ohio Valley record at the time. During that same spring, Hughes set three meet records in the half mile and also competed at the state meet as part of the mile relay team.

Along with his track and field exploits, Hughes was also a four-year letterman in cross country. He helped lead St. Clairsville to its first state meet berth as a team. While the squad finished 20th out of 26 schools, Hughes represented the Devils quite well, placing 33rd out of 205 competitors. During his senior season, the Red Devils returned to the state meet. He placed 17th.

After his prep career, Hughes accepted a scholarship to run both track and cross country at Ohio State University. He competed in both sports for two seasons, but gave up sports to concentrate on academics.

Dr. Hughes spent more than 40 years on the faculty at the OSU School of Medicine.

Dr. Hughes and his wife, Laura Jo, are the parents of four children and have 13 grandchildren.

DOMINIC PREZZIA, Class of 2011

— This four-year wrestling standout is arguably the best grappler in the history of the Red Devils' illustrious program.

Prezzia racked up 166 career victories during his career, which included four trips to the OHSAA Division III State Tournament. As a senior, Prezzia reached the 152-pound state championship match.

He fell in sudden victory, 9-5, to finish as a state runnerup. Prezzia posted a 46-1 record as a senior.

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Photo by Wayne Maris
Wheeling Central's Julie Padden tries to keep the ball in play during Tuesday's match against Crestview.

Central Ousted At Crestview

Rebels are too much for Maroon Knights

By CHRIS RAMBO
For The Intelligencer

COLUMBIANA — The Crestview volleyball team's first Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tournament match went off without a hitch.

The top-seeded Rebels took command early and maintained control the rest of the way as they dispatched fourth-seeded Wheeling Central Catholic 25-8, 25-17, 25-8 in an OVAC 3A semifinal Tuesday at Crestview High School.

"Overall I was pretty happy with how we played," Crestview coach Alisha Auer said. "We started out strong, Wheeling played better in the second set, but we picked it back up in the third."

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JMI ROLLS INTO FINAL

Monarchs have date with Morgantown on Saturday at UL

By CODY TOMER
Staff Writer

MOUNDSVILLE — John Marshall seemed to get stronger and stronger as Tuesday's OVAC 5A semifinal match went on.

The Monarchs (18-3) hosted the first round of the tournament and used the homecourt to their advantage on the way to a 25-21, 25-18 and a dominating 25-10 sweep of University, sending the Monarchs to the OVAC championship on Saturday at Union Local, where they will take on Morgantown.

"I told them that we were doing stuff right in the first and second sets but we were still waiting on our game," John Marshall coach Chelsea Eikleberry said. "We bring our best toward the end of the match, which has been a theme for us this season. Once we do a few things, our momentum gets going, they push and we end up winning."

"This was Step 1 of our goal. We have played great all season and the girls bring their best game most of the time. They are such a good group of girls and they have really bonded. They get along great and I think that shows on the court. I am really excited for them."

After taking the first two sets by narrow victories, the Monarchs hit their stride in the third and final set.

With the Monarchs clinging to a 12-10 edge, libero Lydia Knutsen took over serving duties. She quickly delivered back-to-back aces to build the momentum and never looked back. Knutsen and the Monarchs reeled off 13 consecutive points to end the match as Lauren Garcia removed all doubt with the match-winning kill.

"The first two sets, we played really hard," University coach Don Godfrey said. "The third set, we started off decent but fell apart and it just snowballed and we couldn't get ourselves back into it."

The Monarchs looked strong in the first two sets, as well. In a 4-4 tie in the first set, John Marshall grabbed a 5-4 lead and handed the ball to Maddy Mayle, who strung together a trio of points to create an 8-4 cushion.

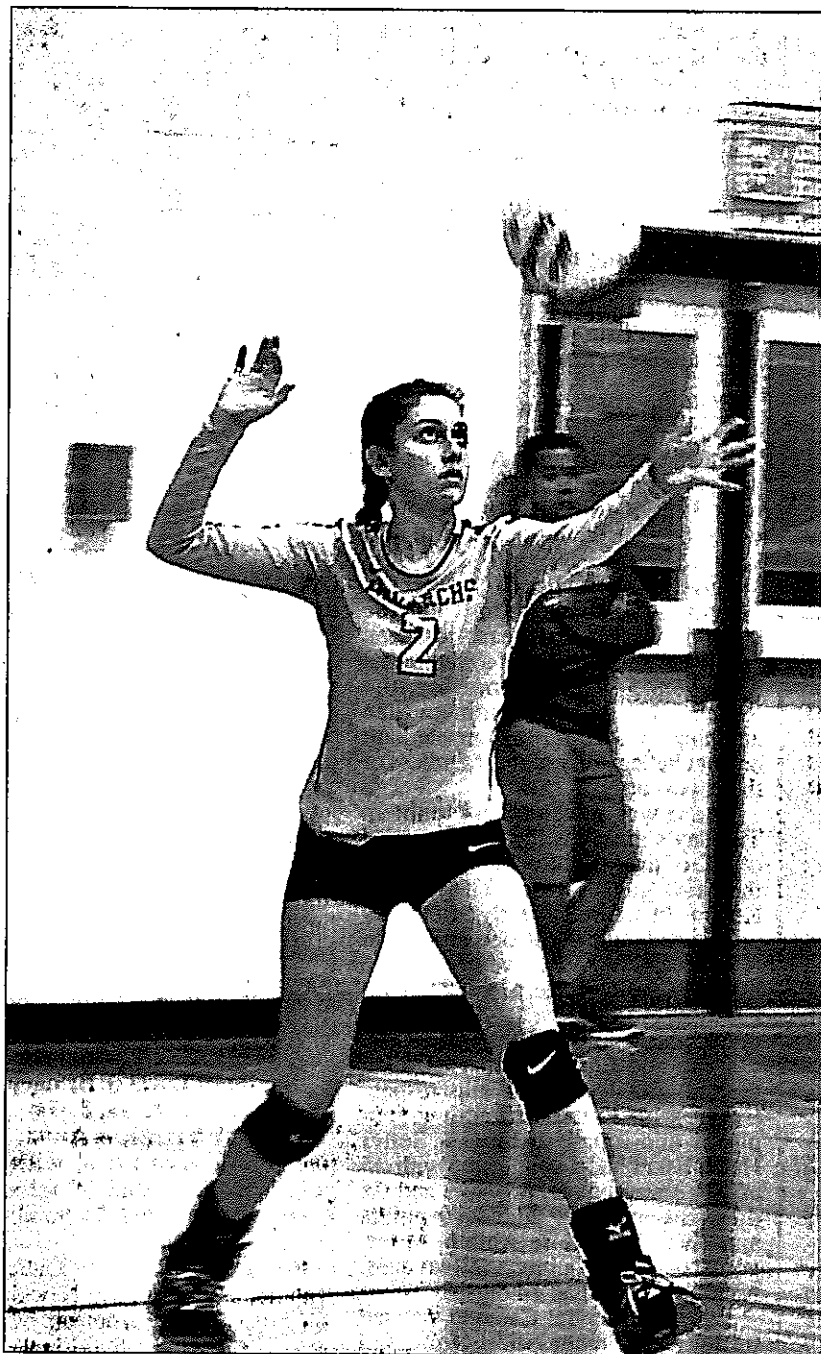


Photo by Cody Tomer
John Marshall's Lydia Knutsen serves during the OVAC semifinals at John Marshall on Tuesday.

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Crestview (18-3) will take on second-seeded Buckeye Trail (14-4) in the 3A championship match at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Union Local High School. Wheeling Central Catholic falls to 14-7.

The Rebels are in their first season in the OVAC and are playing an independent schedule following the breakup of the Inter-Tri County League. Coming into the season, they had scheduled just the minimum of six games to qualify for the tournament. They weren't sure they would be able to accumulate enough points to make it.

"This is all so new to us," Auer said. "We weren't even sure we would make the tournament. As far as the points system went, I had no idea if we would have enough. But now that we're here, it would be great to win it."

Any way you slice it, it's been a very different year from what the Crestview volleyball team has been accustomed to. Without a traditional conference title to shoot for, the Rebels have been driven more than anything by a desire to compete hard and get better every night regardless of the opponent.

There was never much doubt in Tuesday's match as the Rebels rattled off 12 of the first 14 points en route to their first game victory. The Maroon Knights hung around early in the second game before the Rebels utilized an 8-2 run (powered by five MacKenzie Daub kills) to take a 19-13 lead. Crestview surged to a 10-3 lead in the third game and sailed home from there.

Daub and Emily Emch controlled the net with 15 and 11 kills respectively, with Emch also adding four points and a pair of blocks. Setter Haley Eskra had a solid game with 25 assists, seven points, two aces and six digs. Brenna Auer added 10 points and five kills, while Amelia Montgomery had 13 points and two aces. Natasha Salmen had 14 digs.

Wheeling Central Catholic was led by four kills from Nikki Nolte and four blocks from Kayla Gilligan.

The Maroon Knights were making their first OVAC tournament appearance since 2011.

Despite the lopsided score, Maroon Knights coach Michelle Runkle was pleased with how her team competed.

"Crestview's a good all-around team and I think we showed that we can compete with competitive teams like them," Runkle said. "I felt we were a lot closer to them than the scores showed. We just had a hard time getting our offense going in the first and third sets."

OVAC 1A Semifinal

Paden City d. Madonna
25-11, 25-11, 25-21

PADEN CITY – Paden City swept



Photo by Bruce Crawford

Paden City's Malayna Price is preparing to make a pass to a teammate to set up a spike attempt.

visiting Madonna to advance to the 1A OVAC championship on Saturday at Union Local, to take on Beallsville.

Aubrey Neff tallied 18 points for the Wildcats, while Mallory Yeater finished with 17 points and 18 assists, Jenna Ferree supplied 13 kills and seven points and Malayna Price turned in eight points and 13 digs for Paden City (20-5).

OVAC 2A Semifinal

Southern Local d. Bridgeport
25-13, 25-11, 25-14

SALINEVILLE – Anna Sevek paced Southern Local with seven points, five aces and 20 kills, while Lizzie Wells added 24 points, eight assists and 12 kills.

Bridgeport was led by Lauren Neer with 13 assists. Taylor Newkirk supplied seven points in defeat.

OVAC 4A Semifinal

East Liverpool d. Harrison Central
25-10, 25-17, 25-21

EAST LIVERPOOL – Skye Stokes led East Liverpool with 11 kills, eight assists and four aces as the Potters topped Harrison Central to advance to the OVAC title match.

Lyndsey Hennis tallied eight digs and Shelbie Mitchell added five assists and four digs.

Regular Season

Monroe Central d. St. Clairsville
25-19, 25-16, 23-25, 25-10

WOODSFIELD – Olivia Gauding paced Monroe Central with 11 kills and four blocks, while McKinzey Dierkes tallied 10 points, six kills and six assists and Monroe Central edged

St. Clairsville.

Elaina Swallow turned in 25 assists for the Seminoles, while Ari Reager led the Red Devils with eight kills and 24 assists.

Caldwell d. River

25-17, 25-18, 25-18

CALDWELL – Katie Straub paced River with seven points and five aces, while Allison Bennett added 18 assists and five points in a loss to host Caldwell.

Late Monday

Frontier d. River

25-23, 17-25, 25-23, 25-17

NEW MATAMORAS – Despite the loss, Katie Straub delivered 16 points and eight kills to lead River. Allison Bennett garnered eight points, six aces and 31 assists and Lauren Flannery added seven kills for the Pilots.

College

Hilltopper Spikers Breeze Past
Glenville State

GLENVILLE – The West Liberty University women's volleyball team breezed to a 3-0 shutout of winless Glenville State at the Waco Center.

Raimey Benson led all players with a dozen kills and 4 blocks while Olivia Baumhoer had 8 kills, Morgan Farley weighed in with 7 kills and 4 blocks and Stephanie Leonard contributed 6 kills, 3 blocks and a service ace.

Chatham d. Bethany

18-25, 25-17, 20-25, 25-20, 15-13

BETHANY – Katie Sparks turned in 16 kills, 17.5 points, 42 assists and 10 digs but it wasn't enough as Bethany fell to Chatham.

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University's Anna Tretheway brought her squad back with three straight points to later knot the set at 10-10. The tug-of-war battle continued as Knutsen led a three-point scoring run to give the hosts a 14-10 advantage but University's Lindsey Warden answered with four consecutive points to cut the deficit to just 16-15. However, John Marshall's Lauren Rose generated a three-point scoring streak to give the Monarchs some breathing room and Emily Harr secured the game-ending kill on an assist

from Garcia.

Lauren Huggins gave the Hawks an early 4-0 lead to start the second set but behind a ruckus crowd, John Marshall's Sydney Zimla brought her team back to take the lead by an 8-6 count. University continued to battle and brought the set to even at 10-10, until Knutsen made her presence felt once again by collecting four straight points to secure a 14-10 lead.

University (13-4) outscored John Marshall 7-3 during the next 10 volleys to tie the game at 17-17 but Mayle turned in six consecutive points to

put the game on ice. Garcia delivered an assist to Harr for another game-ending kill.

Mayle also accounted for a four-point scoring streak to early in the third set to help set the table for Knutsen's 13-point streak.

"Our coverage was phenomenal and our defense was there every time we needed to be," Eikleberry said. "That is something we worked really hard on in practice, along with getting our serves in."

"Our serves were not good against Wheeling Park last week. I said that we cannot win a game if that happens but we really

improved on that (Tuesday)."

Mayle accumulated 16 kills, 13 blocks and four digs, while Garcia handed out 33 assists, gathered four digs and provided two blocks in the win.

Knutsen tallied 22 digs and five aces and Megan Denning recorded 15 digs for the Monarchs.

"John Marshall is a good team," Godfrey said. "We didn't hit our spots, we were hitting the ball out of bounds and we were missing our serves and you cannot make mistakes against a team like that. They will take advantage of it."

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"That was a big point," Price said. "That was my responsibility. I knew we had to win and it was our time to take it home."

Price made her presence felt one last time as she dove to the floor to collect a dig and fellow senior captain Aubrey Neff provided the match-winning kill to give Paden City its first OVAC title since 2011.

"As a captain, Price and Neff did not let these kids down," King said. "Malayna was keeping our players jacked up all night and we stayed focused for all five sets."

After falling behind 2-0 in the first two sets, coach Jeff

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advantage, extended its lead to 20-13 and cruised to victory, taking all of the momentum into the third set.

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Potters oust Huskies from OVAC Volleyball

• Beallsville moves on in Class 1A action

By **ANDREW GRIMM**
For The Times Leader

EAST LIVERPOOL — East Liverpool entered the OVAC Class 4A volleyball tournament as the top seed and looked like it Tuesday night with a sweep of fourth-seeded Harrison Central, 25-10, 25-17, 25-21.

"I'm very happy with the win," East Liverpool coach Jonathan Stokes said. "The first two sets we really played our game."

For the Huskies (13-7), just

being in the tournament was an accomplishment in itself.

"Coming in as the No. 4 and playing the No. 1 on their home court, it was definitely a big battle for us," Harrison Central coach Sarah Hawthorne said. "It was just nice and good to make it into the OVAC tournament. It had been quite a few years since we've gotten here, so it's a good turnaround for the program."

Harrison Central took awhile to get going, something Hawthorne wishes could have went differently.

"That was one of, if not the best teams we've played all year," she said. "Seeing some

different competition we haven't seen all season, it was a bit of shock at first for our girls. Once we realized we can play with them, we turned around our mentality. If they realized that a little sooner it might have been different."

The Potters (19-2) turned a 4-2 Huskies lead into a 13-4 advantage with an 11-0 run to put some distance between the sides. They would not look back, finishing the first set on a 9-2 run for a 1-0 advantage in the semifinal match.

After some early back and

forth play in the second set, it was yet another East Liverpool run that put them on top for good.

The Potters went on a 7-0 run that turned a 5-3 Harrison Central lead into a 10-5 lead for the Potters. The

Huskies attempted to battle back but were never able to get closer than within two the rest of the way. East Liverpool pulled away for a 25-17 set win and a 2-0 lead.

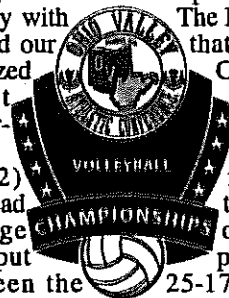
The third set was a much closer battle all the way through. The Huskies led the majority of the way, even forcing a Potters timeout with a 4-1 run that put them

on top 13-9. The score was tied four times including late at 20-20. East Liverpool became too much for the Huskies to handle late in the set, however, closing out the sweep with a 25-21 third set.

"We played a slow third set, and I'm not happy with that," Stokes said. "The first two sets I'm happy with; we played the way we play."

For the Huskies, Lyndsey Hennis had eight digs and a kill. Shelle Mitchell had five assists and four digs. Emily Moore had a kill, an ace and three digs. Sarah Fink had 12 digs and two kills.

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For the Potters, Skye Stokes had 11 kills, eight assists, two digs and four aces. Terran Stacey had four kills, 17 assists, two digs and three aces. Kian-dra Rowart had six kills. Mariah Peachey recorded five kills, two assists and a block.

Harrison Central is back in action against Shenandoah on Thursday at home.

CLASS 1A

Beallsville Tops Trinity

AT PADEN CITY, Rachel Campbell had five points and 13 assists as Beallsville defeated Trinity Christian, 25-14, 25-22, 25-21 in an OVAC Class 1A semifinal.

The Blue Devils will face Paden City for the championship at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Union Local High School. The Wildcats swept Madonna in their semifinal tilt.

Ashlie Loudon added 13 assists and eight kills for Beallsville, while Ashley Howell had 11 kills and six

points; Olivia Muncy had 13 points; and Dagan Hossman collected nine points and seven aces.

CLASS 2A

Southern Sweeps Bridgeport

AT SALINEVILLE, Southern earned a date in Saturday's OVAC championship match opposite Shenandoah by remaining undefeated at 20-0 with a 25-13, 25-11, 25-14 victory against Bridgeport.

Shelby Matheny scored eight points for the Bulldogs (12-9), while Kamden Dulesky had eight kills. Lauren Neer added 13 assists, while Jaren Tucker and Taylor Newkirk each had seven digs.

CLASS 3A

Trail Downs Barnesville

AT COLUMBIANA, Abbi Kerns registered 36 assists, nine points and 10 digs to help Buckeye Trail sweep Barnesville, 25-11, 25-15, 25-13.

The Warriors will face top-seeded Crestview on

Saturday at UL.

Jenni Carmichael added nine points, nine kills and seven blocks for Trail, while Sam Canner had 16 kills and six blocks.

Mya McEndree had 11 digs and eight assists for the Shamrocks, while Erin Hannahs had 14 digs.

REGULAR SEASON

Seminoles Defeat

Red Devils

AT ST. CLAIRSVILLE, McKinzey Dierkes scored 10 points to go along with six kills and six assists as Monroe Central defeated St. Clairsville, 25-19, 25-16, 23-25, 25-10.

Kirsten Friday added nine points for the Seminole, while Sydney Yoho had eight points and 17 digs. Elaina Swallow had 25 assists and Shyla Schneider had 13 digs.

Ari Reager produced eight kills and 24 assists for St. Clairsville, while Madison Vickers and Keri Klinkoski had 14 digs and six kills, respectively.