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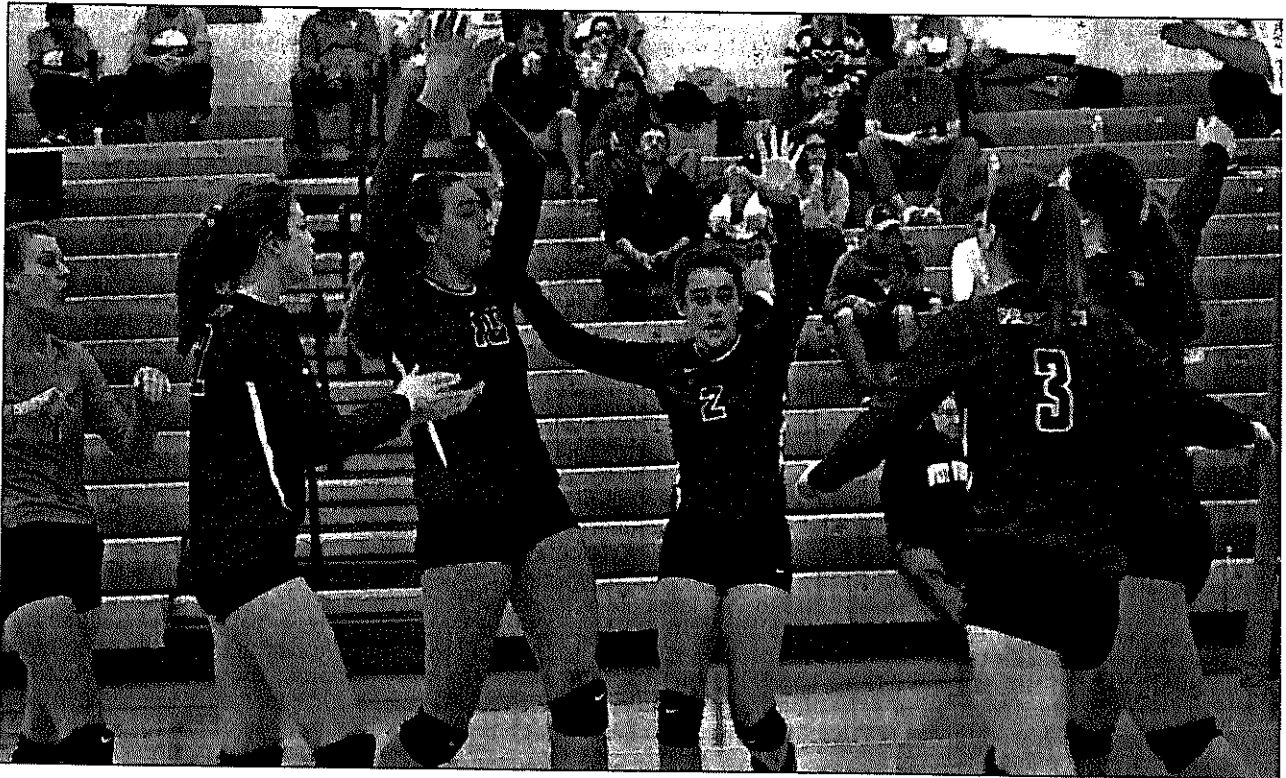


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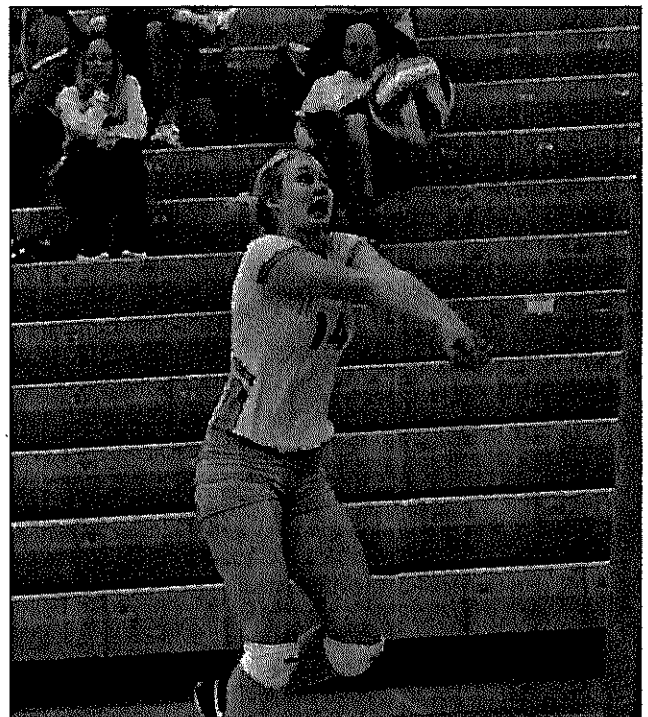


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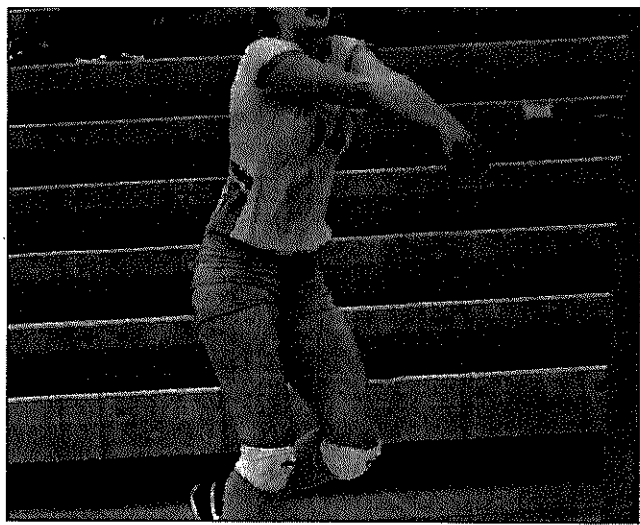


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"I think they'll be hungry," Tigers coach Cindy Archer said of her squad. "I think this will make them hungrier because it was a tough loss. They'll be ready."

Shadyside certainly looked ready Saturday as the LTs built on their sweep of Steubenville Catholic in last Tuesday's semifinal match with a convincing 25-16 victory in the first set.

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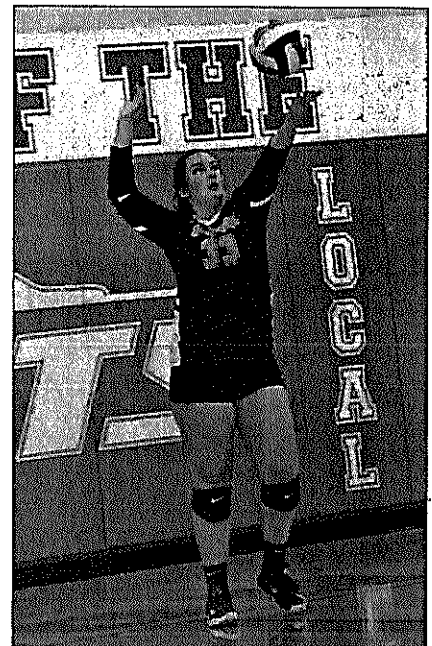


Photo by Rick Thorp

Shadyside's Riley Brown delivers a serve during Saturday's OVAC 2A Championship at Union Local High School. The Tigers fell to Southern Local for the title.

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With the score at 7-2 in favor of the Warriors, the Wildcats went on an 11-0 run to take a comfortable lead. Paden City then scored eight of the next 11 points as the score read 21-10.

We take one point at a time. We fight for every point as it was the last point," Jennifer Yeater said. "We always struggle in our second set. We need to change things up. We need to come out attacking. Our game was we need to swing. Our hitters came out big (Saturday). It was a matter of we got to dig ourselves out right here, right now. One point at a time and move forward.

Over the next eight serves, both teams exchanged points as Paden City delivered a 25-15 win to take a 2-0 lead.

The big run gave the Wildcats a huge boost as they turned they rushed out to a 6-1 lead of their own at the beginning of the third set.

"We need to learn show up ready to play," Trinity coach Sarah Lasher said. "In terms of the normalcy routine, this was completely out of our routine. This far away, we don't play in Ohio. We're a West Virginia team. There's a lot of new factors, but we still need to adapt to those factors and play our game and show up ready to play."

Trinity, though was able to score eight of the next 10 points to take a 9-8 lead. However, Paden City responded as it scored six of the next eight points. After three consecutive points by Trinity to put the score at 14-14, the Wildcats opened the flood gates as they scored nine of the next ten points including seven straight to put the score at 23-15 to all by wrap up the match.

Mallory Yeater was solid for Paden City with 6 points, 14 kills, 17 assists and 14 digs while Weber had 18 kills, eight blocks and three digs.

"It means so much," Weber said on winning another OVAC title. "Last year losing all of our six seniors, that was a big loss. This year we came in wanting to win and prove people wrong thinking we weren't going to get it. So we just wanted to play as hard as we can to get the win for the second year in a row."

Abbe Stackpole had four points, three kills and 11 digs for the Wildcats while Maggi Still stuffed the stat sheet with eight points, three kills, 22 assists and three digs.

Cora Anderson had 15 points and 23 digs and Madison Kline secured four points six kills.

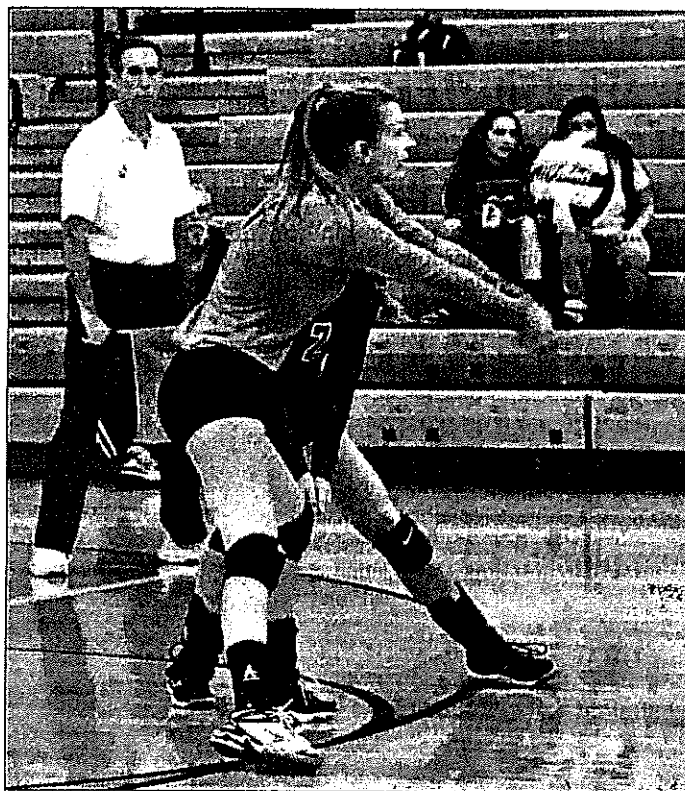
"It feels great to win two in a row," Mallory Yeater said. "We just have to keep pushing and go to sectionals and win," Mallory Yeater said.

For Trinity, Morgan Mullens had 11 points, three kills, 13 assists and 12 digs while Jaclyn Smith secured four points and 12 digs. Caitlyn Nine had three points while Kate Dlugos secured seven points, four kills and seven digs.

Rachel Rosen also stuffed the stat sheet for the Warriors with 10 points, 12 kills, three aces and eight digs while Paige Dixon had seven points, five assists and 15 digs.

During the first set, Paden City never trailed set as they scored seven of the first 10 points.

"These girls are real good friends outside of volleyball," Jennifer Yeater said. "I'm just super proud of them. They do what I ask of them. I set high expectations on these young



Paden City's Cora Anderson bumps the ball during the OVAC 1A championship match against Trinity on Saturday at Unlon Local High School. The Wildcats emerged victorious for their second straight title.

Photo by Kyle Lutz

freshmen and they delivered."

3A
Crestview d. Fort Frye
19-25, 25-20, 19-25
25-19, 15-5

MORRISTOWN — Haly Eskra stuffed the stat sheet with four points, 22 assists and 25 digs as Crestview defeated Fort Frye. Amelia Montgomery had 20 points, three aces and 11 digs for the Rebels while Brenna Auer had 10 points, 15 kills and seven digs.

For the Cadets, Maddie Webb secured nine points, seven kills and 15 digs while Kasey Buchanan tallied 13

points, 21 kills, five aces, nine blocks and four digs.

5A
Morgantown d. Warren
17-25, 25-14, 25-20, 25-16

MORRISTOWN — Emily Laskody had 5 points and 12 kills while Abbey Paczek secured 16 points, 13 kills and three aces as Morgantown defeated Warren. Madison McDonald had 15 points, 11 kills and four aces for the Mohigans while Alayna Corwin had 40 assists.

For the Warriors, Victoria Lewis had 22 assists and 13 digs while Diamond Decker had 23 digs.

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Skye Stokes secured 19 kills and three aces for the Potters while Emma Ludewig compiled 10 kills and six blocks.

Naudia Willaims totaled three aces and Sharnae Wilson had three kills and five blocks.

For Oak Glen, Hannah Rogers had three points, five kills, and six digs while Hanna Tice had three points, five kills and three digs.

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Alayna Kranis gathered six kills and three digs while Jaedyn Hissam had three points and 22 assists.

Jadyn Smith also had seven points and three aces while Brittney Giorgini had three digs.

Gracie Tice rounded out the Oak Glen scoring with four kills.

"We just need to move our feet in the back row a little quicker," Great-house said. "They're (East Liverpool) really the hardest team we've seen the entire year.

"So we do like to see them to know what we're going to have to work on."

East Liverpool raced out to a 11-5 lead in the first set.

After Oak Glen scored the next two points, the Potters ripped off five consecutive points to take a commanding 16-7 lead.

From there, the lead did not get below six.

The Potters started off strong again in the second set as they scored the first five points and 15 of the first 20.

East Liverpool lead by as many as 11 and did not let the margin get below eight.

"It was a good match," Stokes said. "It's a good rivalry between us and Oak Glen.

"Oak Glen has a great team too. One of our strategies was to jump on them real quick...

"Take the wind out of their sails really fast.

"We knew if we could get in their head and rattle them, we could let them make a lot more mistakes too."

SOUTHERN

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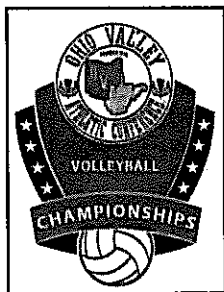
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