

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Marshall takes down St. Peter to clinch Big South title

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MARSHALL — With a Big South Championship trophy hanging in the balance, the Marshall Tigers put together a dominant straight-sets victory over the St. Peter Saints to capture their fifth consecutive title and remain the only team in the conference's five-year history to have won a conference championship in volleyball. Head Coach Dan Westby attributes the sustained success of his teams to the hard work of his players.

"We've been real fortunate," said Westby. "We've had kids who have been willing to put in the time and work hard. We've been in this match five years in a row and I don't think we've lost a set. (It's) so tough to

maintain, but we're glad to have another one."

Slow to get rolling but nearly unstoppable the rest of the way through, the Tigers took some time to find their rhythm in the early goings of the first set with both team's battling to establish momentum. In response, Westby made some defensive adjustments that would prove highly effective midway through the first set and into the remaining two sets.

"I thought we made some adjustments defensively and our kids adjusted well to those things," said Westby. "I think that gave them some problems, and (I) thought we picked some balls up and converted those into points. So that was a good start for us in set one and I thought we maintained that throughout the match."

After being tied at 6-6, the Tigers used the adjustments to their advantage and began to hit their stride, highlighted by a nine-point run that would help them cruise to a comfortable 25-14 win to take a 1-0 lead.

Continuing to fire on all cylinders, the Tigers did not let up in the second set and kept the Saints on their heels with a strong tempo in spite of their opponent making it difficult at times to do so.

"It was tough at times," said Westby. "This team we played tonight sets the ball a little bit higher so that has a tendency to slow things down a little bit, but I thought overall we were able to push the pace and keep it at the fast pace that we try to play."

Holding a nine-point
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Photo by Jake Przytarski

The Marshall girls volleyball team poses with their trophy after winning the Big South Conference championship by defeating St. Peter 3-0 on Tuesday. It's the fifth consecutive Big South title for the Tigers and 33rd overall as a program.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Chasing a championship

Marshall boys and girls cross country battle for top spots at BSC championships



Photo by Sam Thiel

Marshall's Zach Matzner runs in the lead group during their Big South Conference championship meet on Tuesday at the Redwood Falls Golf Club. Matzner took first in the race as the Marshall boys team took second overall while the girls team took first overall.

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REDWOOD FALLS — The Marshall boys and girls cross country teams headed into their regular season finale looking to post a strong finish. The Tigers quickly

set the pace at the Big South Conference championships on Tuesday, with the girls team taking home first place in the big schools division with a score of 27 while the boys team placing second with a score of 50.

On the girls side, the

Tigers finished in the Top 20 with all seven of their runners, led by a second-place finish from Jersey Leysen at 18:55.6. Bellamy Sukalski took third with a time of 18:57.5 followed by Natalee Sample in fourth at 19:01.4 and Kate Bucher in

sixth at 19:30.6.

Allyson Sample took 12th with a time of 20:23.2 while Miracle Tucker took 16th with a time of 20:46.8 and Cameen McFarquhar

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Area teams compete at Camden championships

COTTONWOOD — It was a clean sweep for Lac qui Parle Valley/Dawson-Boyd, as both its boys and girls teams won Camden Conference championships on Tuesday.

LQPV/DB won the girls title with a team score of 28 points. Isabel Schirm was the first runner to finish for the Eagles, placing

second with a time of 20:51.50. Grace Hegland added a third-place time of 21:12.90, while Anika Fernholz finished with a time of 21:20.60 for fourth place. Taylor Shelstad placed ninth at 22:09.40, while Alex Stitt added an

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Top: A Lac qui Parle Valley/Dawson-Boyd runner competes in the Camden Conference championship meet on Tuesday at Cottonwood Golf Club. **Bottom:** A Canby/Minneota runner competes in the Camden Conference championship meet on Tuesday.



AMATEUR BASEBALL

Ryan Schwagel hired as A's manager

MARSHALL - The Marshall Baseball Association (MBA) is excited to announce the hiring of Ryan Schwagel as manager of the Marshall A's. Schwagel brings a wealth of baseball knowledge to the table and is tasked with helping lead the A's back to prominence.

Schwagel has played a total of twelve amateur baseball seasons, eight with the Dumont Saints and the last four with the Pipestone A's. He was a part of three state tournament teams with the Dumont Saints, including one

Final 16 appearance.

The A's 2018 roster was relatively young in their first season in Class C and that inexperience will be among Schwagel's top challenges.

"When the MBA board set out to hire our next manager, we were looking for someone with plenty of amateur baseball experience in the area. With the changes over the past year with the A's reclassification, we're excited to have a manager that has been active in Class C baseball his entire career," MBA President Kelly Loft said. "Ryan

understands the importance of continuing to have our local players, both young and veterans, to play for the A's and help build a team that Marshall can continue to be proud of."

"My short term goals for the A's include ending next season with a .500 record or better in the Corn Belt League and making a good run at playoffs," Schwagel said.

Loft added, "The Corn Belt League is one of the best leagues in the state and the Marshall A's look forward to helping the league continue its strong

tradition of play."

"Long term goals," Schwagel continued, "would be helping the A's continue to recruit strong athletes that are great leaders on and off the field. I also hope to consistently make us one of the top teams in the league and to hopefully make some appearances in the state tournament."

Schwagel understands the importance of local support, "The Marshall A's has been fortunate to have

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