

Wabasso rolls past WWG in three sets



Photo by Emily Daniels
Members of the Wabasso volleyball team celebrate after scoring a point during their match against Westbrook-Walnut Grove on Monday. The Rabbits defeated the Chargers 3-0.

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WABASSO - With the final week of regular season play among both the Wabasso Rabbits and the Westbrook-Walnut Grove Chargers, both teams are putting in final tuneups as they get ready for section play. The Rabbits continued to show their strengths on the court Tuesday night as they swept the Chargers, 25-7, 25-14, 25-14. With it being senior night for the Rabbits, the

whole team showed a lot of heart and passion according to Rabbits coach Barb Johnson. "I thought we played really well tonight on senior night," said Johnson. "All five of our seniors came out with a lot of passion and they all played really hard and that showed in all of the other players as well." The first set of the night started off with a fast 2-2 tie but the Rabbits saw their opportunity to hit the Chargers' weaknesses and start pulling away with a

steady lead. Wabasso went on a six-point run before WWG saw a chance to score a point. The Rabbits took the lead at 16-5 and only let the Chargers score two more points in the set. Wabasso took the first set in 25-7 and looked to carry that offensive strength into the second set. The second set started much different then the first set when WWG stepped up its play on the court and kept a tie with the Rabbits at 3-3 until Wabasso pulled away with a 8-3 lead. Although the Rabbits had been seeing a strong night offensively, WWG's Emma Wahl was a big asset to the Chargers offense, staying positive and aggressive on the court kept WWG's mind on the game. The Rabbits continued to grow their lead and found themselves with a nine-point lead at 19-10 and let the Chargers score four more points, but took Set 2 at 25-14. Going into the third set, the Rabbits needed one more win to securely grasp their sweep over the Chargers and went into the set with a positive mindset and ready to dominate the court. Not only did the Rabbits come on to the court with that attitude but WWG did as well and



Photo by Emily Daniels
WWG's Brittany Erickson goes up for a kill during their match against Wabasso on Tuesday.

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took 20th with a time of 21:12.7 to round out Marshall's times. On the boys side, the Tigers were led by Zach Matzner, who took home the top time at 16:36.9. Quentin Blomme took fourth with a time of 16:59.7 while Jenson Meyer took ninth with a time of 17:27.6 and Karter Wasberg took 13th with a time of 17:39.7. Damian Caron took 23rd with a time of 18:27.0 while Landon Wherry took 29th with a time of 18:46.4 and Nicholas Dunn took 30th with a time of 18:52.7 to round out Marshall's times. Marshall will compete on Oct. 25 in the Section 2AA meet at the Gale Woods Farm in Minnetrista. Marshall boys coach Brian Leibfried knew it was going to be a challenging race and felt his runners did a great job against tough competition. "Overall, I thought we ran well. We knew it was going to be a tight race all

around today with a few teams from both the Big Schools and Small Schools battling for positions. With 35 total runners in our division, the team scores are often separated by single digits. We have to tip our caps to Worthington for their race today, edging us by eight points," Leibfried said. "Leading the way for us today was Zach Matzner who won the overall race with a time of 16:36. Zach ran a very smart and controlled race and was able to put the deciding difference on the field in the last half mile to seal the victory. Quentin Blomme was also able to dip under the 17 minute mark for the second time this season and finished in fourth place. Both Zach and Quentin earned All-Conference honors for finishing in the Top 7. Jenson Meyer and Karter Wasberg finished in ninth and 13th respectively to earn All-Conference honorable mention."

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cushion late with a 19-10 lead, the Tigers pressed on and took the second set 25-15. Needing only one more set win to hoist the trophy, the Tigers put together what may have been their best performance of the three - combining the up-tempo pace with stout defense and

great serving that included back to back aces by Jordyn Hilgemann - to finish the match with a dominant 25-13 set victory and earn the match win. In total, Hilgemann would finish with a game-high four serving aces to go along with four blocks. Logan Sherman and Bria

Morris each paced the team in kills with eight each, and Mia Schnaible led the way in digs with six on the night. The Tigers will close out the regular season on Thursday when they travel to Tracy to take on the Tracy-Milroy-Balaton Panthers looking to improve to 22-6 before the start of sections. Westby is looking to finish the regular season on a high note against an ever-dangerous Panthers squad. "We've got a big match on Thursday," said Westby. "We go to Tracy (and) that'll be a tough match. (It) always is down there, and then we've got a week to get ready for sections."

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Marshall prepares for final regular season game against Jordan today

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MARSHALL - The Marshall football team wrapped up its regular season home schedule last week with a strong second half to defeat Tri-City United 54-7. Now the Tigers will hit the road one final time as they close out the regular season against Jordan. Coming off last week's win, Marshall coach Terry Bahlmann felt they were able to play well and take advantage of TCU's mistakes. "I thought we played pretty well; they made a couple of plays on fourth down, but I believe they went for seven of them during the game and every time they didn't make it, we got great field position and got a short field," Bahlmann said. "We scored 27 points in the first half and 27 in the second half, so I felt we were pretty balanced there. Defensively we were strong all night, got put in some bad field position because of a penalty but otherwise we played well." Jordan enters the final week with a 6-1 record and are coming off a 64-6 victory last week against New Ulm. Bahlmann said they're an up-tempo offense that likes to score, so they need to come prepared on the defensive end. "They're a great offense, they've got a lot of speed and are an up-tempo team that's scored



Independent file photo
Marshall's Yayha Black closes in on Tri-City United quarterback Peyton Collins during their game on Friday. The Tigers will close out the regular season today against Jordan.

a lot of points this year," Bahlmann said. "We need to be prepared, they're going to go no-huddle on us and we need to get lined up and still be aggressive with it." On the offensive end, the Tigers are coming off a game that saw the ground game account for six of Marshall's eight touchdowns on the night. Bahlmann said their main focus on offense is to continue that physicality and play their style of football. "We want to be physical; we want to continue to run the football and play our style and make them match us," Bahlmann said. Defensively, Marshall shut down Tri-City United last week, including holding TCU to 196 yards of total offense and just 47 yards in the second half.

With the Hubmen averaging roughly 320 passing yards and 155 rushing yards per game, Bahlmann said they need to make sure they're adjusting to the right formations and make the necessary plays on defense. "We need to get lined up correctly and make plays when we get the opportunity," Bahlmann said. Bahlmann said they're looking forward to the challenges that Jordan will bring and want to cap off the regular season with an undefeated record. "We want to finish off a perfect regular season," Bahlmann said. "Every time you get that chance it's a special situation and we want to finish off the year."

Marshall swimming defeats Montevideo



Photo courtesy of Glenn Bader
Marshall's Mansi Bell competes against Montevideo during their meet on Tuesday. The Tigers defeated the Thunderhawks 94-80.

MONTEVIDEO - The Marshall swimming and diving team defeated Montevideo 94-80 on Tuesday. Marshall swept the top-three finishes in the 200 individual medley. Emma Beavers won at 2:37.60, followed by Paige Milstead (2:40.26) and Reagan Brandt (2:43.53). Nyssa Bentz won the 50-yard freestyle in 24.62 seconds. Kaylie Stucke (27.59 seconds) and Elsa Black (28.69 seconds) finished second and third, respectively. Reagan Brandt also finished first in diving with a score of 154.95 points. Lydia Hurst won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:09.89. Hailey Brandt placed second in the 100 freestyle at 57.89 seconds, followed by Hurst in third at 59.13 seconds. Hailey Brandt added a win in the 500 freestyle (5:43.03), followed by Alli Kopitski (5:57.33) in second and Holly Netzley (6:30.02) in third. Marshall's 200-yard medley relay team (Stucke, Hailey Brandt, Bentz and Hurst) won with a time of 2:02.00. The same four swimmers also won the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:44.37.

sell-Tyler-Ruthton ended its regular season with a 3-0 (25-18, 25-17, 25-11) sweep over Edgerton. Haley Muenchow and Kylea Baartman led RTR with eight kills apiece. Mckinley Schreurs added 10 digs and 27 set assists in the win. RTR (16-9) opens Section 3A Tournament action hosting Lac qui Parle Valley on Monday.

RTR 25 25 25
Edg 18 17 11
KILLS: RTR (H. Muenchow 8, Baartman 8, Carr 6, Hess 6),
SERVING (aces): RTR (Carr 6),
DIGS: RTR (Christianson 12, Schreurs 10, Carr 9),
SET ASSISTS: RTR (Schreurs 27),
BLOCKS: RTR (H. Muenchow 2).

YME 3, Ortonville 0

ORTONVILLE - Yellow Medicine East defeated Ortonville 3-0 (25-18, 25-12, 25-11) on Tuesday. Meeghen Dahlager led YME with 12 kills and eight digs. Mackenzie Dyrdahl added 11 kills in the win, while Alli Steffen recorded six kills and 11 digs. YME (19-5) will host either Russell-Tyler-Ruthton or Lac qui Parle Valley on Oct. 26 in Section 3A Tournament action.

YME 25 25 25
Ort 18 12 11
KILLS: YME (Dahlager 12, Dyrdahl 11, Steffen 6),
SERVING: YME (Dyrdahl 13-15-4, Hinz 12-12-3, Steffen 13-17-3),
DIGS: YME (Steffen 11, Dahlager 8, Sakry 5),
SET ASSISTS: YME (Hinz 30),
BLOCKS: YME (Hinz 2, Flores 2).

VOLLEYBALL RTR 3, Edgerton 0

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THE WEEK AHEAD...

A look at what's on tap in area high school and college sports this week:



TUESDAY'S RESULTS...

- PREP VOLLEYBALL**
RTR 3, Edgerton 0
Wabasso 3, WWG 0
YME 3, Ortonville 0
Big South Championship
Marshall 3, St. Peter 0
- PREP CROSS COUNTRY**
Big South Championships (see Page 1B)
Camden Conference Championships (see Page 1B)
Tomahawk Championships (NR)
- PREP SWIMMING**
Marshall 94, Montevideo 80

TODAY

- PREP FOOTBALL**
Marshall at Jordan, 7 p.m.
Canby at YME, 7 p.m.
DB at Ortonville, 7 p.m.
Sleepy Eye at Lakeview, 7 p.m.
LQPV at Minneota, 7 p.m.
MCC at TMB, 7 p.m.
RTR at HBC, 7 p.m.
Adrian at Wabasso, 7 p.m.
CM/C at WWG, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

- PREP VOLLEYBALL**
Marshall at TMB, 7:15 p.m.
Canby at Worthington, 7:15 p.m.
Wabasso at Lakeview, 7:15 p.m.
Windom Area at Minneota, 6:15 p.m.

FRIDAY

- NCAA VOLLEYBALL**
MSU-Moorhead at SMSU, 6 p.m.
NCAA SOCCER
SMSU at UM-Duluth, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY

- NCAA FOOTBALL**
Northern State at SMSU, 5 p.m.
NCAA VOLLEYBALL
Northern State at SMSU, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

- NCAA SOCCER**
SMSU at St. Cloud State, 1 p.m.