After opening the week with a three ame loss to MVL, the Nicollet girls ebounded for two strong 3-1 wins later

The Raiders struggled with serve receive when the MVL Chargers came to Nicollet Monday, Sept. 30.
"We just didn't attack the ball like we

needed to against a good team," said coach Nicollet got back into the win column with a 3-1 victory at Mankato Loyola the

evening.

We played well most of the night,"

See said. "Jill (Thompson) had another

strong night for us."

She added, "We do need to be more co

Sne adoed, we do need to be more con-sistent. Seven matches in six days is tough. I appreciated having a day for practice." The girls played a "barn burner" against Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial Thursday evening, Oct. 4. The Raiders dug themselves into an early

hole, down by as many as eight points — 5-13. But they fought back to 19-20. That's when libero Ruby Hoffman stepped to the serving line. She rattled off six straight

when notes outly rollman stepped to the serving line. She rattled off six straight points for a 25-20 win. The momentum of that game win didn't last long, as LCWM took a small lead early in the second set, then began to pull away midway through. The Crusaders went on to -25 16 min.

Nicollet led all the way in the third game before taking that one, 25-15. That brought up the exciting fourth games

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That brought up the excitting fourth game that finally landed in the Raiders' win column. After a 2-2 tie, Nicollet held one- to four-point leads through 15-11. But LCWM fought back for an 18-18 tie, then pulled

ahead.

The Knights threatened a fifth game when they made the score 24-21. Not to be denied, Nicollet scored five straight — with Hayley Selby serving — to stave that off.

that off.
"It was a fun match. We had great crowd support," Radke said. "We, again, were inconsistent, but we got plays when we needed them. Ruby was steady all night, needed them. Ruby was steady all nught. Marah (Hulke) made some great saves, and Hayley served well, when we were down 21-24, to seal the win." With the wins, the Raiders improved to 10-9 overall and 5-2 in the Valley

The Raiders volleyball B-squad split the

Raiders V-ball rebounds from losses with two good wins two matches it played during the week. Nicollet fell to MVL 1-2 Monday, Sept. 30. The scores were 25-14, 20-25 and

12-15.

"It was a tough loss. We were up 1-0 and ahead in the second game when MVL picked its way back to the victory in game two. They took the match in the third," said coach Sue Boddy. Team leaders. Kills: Jasmine Wilking 5.

Brook Gohr 4, Brooklyn Bode 4. Digs: Gohr 23, Bode. Leading setter: Emily Lorentz. Serves: Wilking 14/14, 2 aces; Gohr 11/11, 1 ace; Madison Klingerman 7/7. Passing:

nur.
The Raiders defeated LCWM 2-1 nursday, Oct. 3. Scores were 25-23, 25-16,

14-16. "We came out strong and talking to take the match," Boddy said. "Nice job _ we need to keep up the good work." Team leaders. Kills. Bode 7, Madi Rosin, Gohr 4, Lorentz 4. Digs. Wilking, Olivia. Kachelmeier. Leading setter: Sam Rist. Servers: Bode 13/34, Kachelmeier 9/10, 2 aces, Gohr 7/7. Blocks: Bode, Klingerman. Destrone Wildings Code. assing: Wilking, Gohr. Going into play this week, the team was

C-squad

Just like the varsity, the Nicollet C-squad lost its first match of the week, then won its The Raiders fell to MVL 1-2 last week Monday. Scores were 25-20, 25-27, 11-15.

"We played great the first two games but fell apart during the third," said coach Melissa

Larson.
Team leaders. Kills/attacks: Ellie Matter,
Brynn Grommersch. Serves: Emma Drill,
Grommersch, Jasmine Wilking Passing:
Shannon Soost, Brooklyn Bode, Ambria

Hoffman
The girls took care of business — taling all three games — when they played
at Mankato Lovab Bmeskay, Oct. 1 Scores
were 25-22, 25-11, 15-9.
"We played great as a team and we tried
some new things," Larson said.
Team leaders, Killshartackis Bode, Tiana
Sands, Morgan Arndt. Digs. Hoffman
Serves Wilking 27-22, 6 acer. pithil 8-8,
Matter 68, 1 ace. Blocks: Bode. Passing
Bode.

icollet picked up another three-game Thursday. Scores were 25-17, 25-11,

"We talked and we played our game. We dug well and served aggressively," Larson. Team leaders. Kills/attacks: Soost.

Vilking.
On the season, the team has a 6-5 overall ecord and is 4-3 in the conference. Fast start gives the Nicollet Raiders the win over Madelia Blackhawks, 22-6

Hayley Selby (8) and Halley Stoecker (7) went up for a block against LCWM's Deann Streft. Selby had four blocks on the night — and was also strong at the serving line. She finished 16/16 — and wrapped up the match with five straight points to bring Nicollet from a 21-24 defict to a 26-24 game/match win.

Olivia Netzke. Serves: Grommersch 14/14, week, defeating JWP 2-1 Monday, Sept. 30. 4 aces; Lorentz 21/21, 11 aces; Wilking 7/7, Scores were 25-19, 22-25 and 15-7. With the win, the team improved to 8-4 on the

season.

Playing on this year's eighth gra Flaying on this year's cigini group are Emmie Hardel, Julia Rosin, Indabelle Maas, Dale Ehlenfeldt, Allison Laven, Mackenzie Regner, Adriana Macias, and Eleanor Carleton. MVL 3, Nicollet 0 15-25, 15-25, 21-25

MVL match stats

Attacks/Kills: Jill Thompson 12 kills Digs: Jill Thompson 15, Ruby Hoff-

Set/Assists: Jackie Thompson 12 Serves: Ruby Hoffman 10/10; Jill Thompson 10/11, 1 ace Blocks: Hayley Selby 4

Nicollet 3, Loyola 1 25-14, 21-25, 25-19, 25-13

Mankato Loyola match stats Attacks/Kills: Jill Thompson 30 kills;

Hayley Stoecker 6 kills Digs: Ruby Hoffman 11, Marah Hulke

Set/Assists: Jackie Thompson 10

Serves: Hayley Selby 20/21, 4 aces; Jill Thompson 18/19, 2 aces; Tayler Johnson 9/9, 1 ace Blocks: Olivia Whitmore 2

Nicollet 3, LCWM 1 25-20, 16-25, 25-15, 26-24

LCWM match stats cks/Kills: Jill Thompson 49/18;

Marah Hulke 15/4 Digs: Hulke 18

Digs: Hulke 18 Set/Assists: Hulke 13 Serves: Ruby Hoffman 19/21, 5 aces; Hayley Selby 16/16, 1 ace Blocks: Selby 4, Hulke 3 Serve Receive/Passing: Selby, Hoff-

Seventh grade

The seventh graders played twice last week. On Monday, Sept. 30, the girls lost to JWP 0-3. Scores were 11-25, 15-25, 12-15. The team followed with a match against Immanuel Lutheran of Courtland Thursday

NICOLLET 22, MADELIA 6 **WEEKLY FALL** WEEKLY FALL Home SPORTS SCHEDULE Away

Just like a week earlier, Nicollet scored the first 22 points of the game Friday night And – as has happed in four of the Raiders' previous five games this year – Nicollet scored all its points in the first half.

cerned about. "Maybe you have to put that on me," he said. "We have to

on me, me said. We have to open the second half like we open the first. It's like a slow leak in a tire. We were able to put the patch on, keeping them from scoring, but we have to do batter! Nicollet scored on its first, third, and fourth possessions at Madelia Friday, Oct. 4. The

Raiders lost the ball on a fumble deep in Blackhawk territory on its second possession. The Blackhaws got its one touchdown with only seconds left in the first half. "We played real well in the first half," Murphy acknowledged. "We ran the ball well, and Nathan Duis' pass to Riley Hulle was beautiful. The extra point that followed was a new play we put in." Raiders lost the ball on a fum

Avery Northquest was the

workhorse for Nicollet carry workhorse for Nicollet, carry-ing the ball 28 times for 143 yards. At one point in the sec-ond half, Northquest carried the ball six times in a 10-play drive that ran six minutes off the clock. Nicollet moved the ball down the field from its own four — but was inter-cepted in the end zone.

offense had a hard time getting receivers open. Mans complet-ed nine of 18 passes for just 78 yards. While coaches would yards. While coaches would prefer for Mans not to play as much defense, Murphy noted, "We're a better team when Jon plays defense, too." Murphy was happy with his

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team's defense.
"They never had a drive that

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was longer than seven plays. We held them to 66 vards each

We held them to 66 yards each way — there's nothing wrong with that. They're a good team, 'Murphy sald. Quarterback Ethan Arndt was Madelia's leading rusher with 24 yards. Speedy wide receiver Ramitro Zamora caught one pass for 36 yards but was otherwise stopped. With only two games left in the regular season, Murphy sald. 'Th's ereat to be in the

in the regular season, Murphy said, "It's great to be in the position we're at, 5-1 on the

didn't fare as well, as the season. We're a good team but I don't think we're a great team. We have to continue to focus on getting better

Saturday Monday Tuesday Thurs. 12 14 15 17

focus on getting better."

The Raiders host GHECTruman for homecoming
tomorrow night.

"They're improved — I
believe we're the better team,
but we have to show up and
play, "Murphy said.

The final regular season
came is Wednesday. Oct.

game is Wednesday, Oct. 16, with the Raiders hosting

Mabel-Canton. Playoffs begin Tuesday, Oct. 22. "At this point, we're looking "At this point, we're looking at Buffalo Lake-Hector as a possibility for our first playoff game. They're a physical team and we'll have to be ready," the

On another note, it was quite a week for Nicollet coach Tom Murphy Factor om Murphy. Early in the eek he broke his hand while



Nicollet's Justin Laven applied the pressure, forcing Madelia quarterback Ethan Arndt to hurry his throw — and to have it picked off by Raider Riley Hulke. The interception — with less than three minutes left in the fourth quarter — ended any hope of the Blackhawks getting back into the game. Madelia players are Vaughn Nolan (10) and Cole Uhde (77).

Though many were sur-sed that he was coaching at

Madelia, he said, "I've formed strong relationships with the kids. It would have been too hard not to be there. And Tye

got a good coaching staff with Chris Hulke, Kevin Calsbeek, James Bernau, Justin Laven, and Nick Mans."

JV football report The Nicollet JV football

The Nicollet JV football team fell to Buffalo Lake-Hector, 6-40 at home Monday,

Sept. 30.
Garrison Beckius caught a 60-vard pass from Dominic

day before the game — he had Rosin for Nicollet's only his appendix removed. score.

Though many were sur-

score.
For the defense, Dominic
Stoecker had an interception
and Justin Slater recovered a
fumble. Rosin led the team on both offense and defense, and Grant Pugh played well on the line

Junior High football
The Nicollet junior high
football team picked up a lopsided 36-8 win hosting BL-H
Monday, Sept. 30.
Connor Martens was
involved in all fitus of Nicolles's

involved in all five of Nicollet's touchdowns. He ran for three — 55 yards, 75 yards, and 70 vards. He threw two TD pass-

es to Trenton Havemeier for the others. One was 57 yards, the other 63 yards.

Havemeier ran for a twopoint conversion after the first TD, Nick Slater ran for the ersion after the third, and Gavin Bode caught a pass from artens after the fo Martens led the

Martens after the fourth.

Martens led the offense, piling up 231 yards and three touchdowns on six carries and completing six passes for 137 yards and two TDs. He also led the defense with four robbles in interception and tackles, an interception, and a fumble recovery.

Havemeier caught two passes for 120 yards and two scores; he also had three tack-

GAME SCORING

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run. 6-play, 40-yd drive that in-cluded 16-yd run by Mans 8. 9-y Mans to Ben Radise pass. 2-pt R pass incomplete. e. 2nd Otr (8:58)—Mans, 4-yd run play, 37-yd drive that began with Northquest fumble recovery. In-Northquest fumble recovery. Irr-cluded a 12-yd run by Northquest, a 12-yd Mans to Duis pass & 11-y run by Mans. 2-pt Mans to Riley

GAME STATS

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les on defense.

ding one for a loss Dylan Hatlevig had six tack-les, including a sack.

Highway 22 north of St. Peter scheduled for resurfacing starting this week MANKATO, Minn. – Motorists are advised to expect flaggers and brief delays on Highway 22 between

and the junction with St. Peter and the junction with Highway Ill starting this week as crews resurface the highway. The asphalt paving project is expected to begin at Nicollet County Road 15 and take about two weeks,

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