

Raiders' W-ball rebounds from losses with two good wins

By Ruth Mosser

After opening the week with a three game loss to MVL, the Nicollet girls rebounded for two strong 3-1 wins later last week.

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 Judy Radke.

Nicollet got back into the win column with a 3-1 victory at Mankato Loyola the next evening.

"We played well most of the night," Radke said. "Jill (Thompson) had another strong night for us."

She added, "We do need to be more consistent. Seven matches in six days is tough. I appreciated having a day for practice."

The girls played a "barn burner" against Lake Crystal on Wednesday 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 in to serve. She rattled off six straight points for a 20-20 win.

The momentum of that game win didn't last long, as LCWV took a small lead early in the second set, then began to pull away midway through. The Crusaders went on to a 25-16 win.

Nicollet led all the way in the third game before taking that one, 25-15.

That brought up the exciting fourth game that finally ended in the Raiders' win column. After a 2-2 tie, the Nicollet held one- to four-point leads through 15-11. But LCWV fought back for an 18-1 tie, then pulled ahead.

The Knights threatened a first game when they made the score 24-21. Not to be denied, Nicollet scored five straight — with Hayley Selby serving — to state 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. She was great and we were able to get Hayley served well, when we were down 21-24, to seal the win."

With the win, the Raiders improved to 1-1 overall and 5-2 in the Valley Conference.

B-squad

The Raiders volleyball B-squad split the

two matches it played during the week.

Nicollet fell to MVL 1-2 Monday, Sept. 20. 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, Brooke Goltz 4, Brooklyn Bode 4. Digs: Goltz 23. Bode. Leading server: Emily Lorenz. Serves: Wilking 14/14, 2 aces; Goltz 11/11, 1 ace; Madison Klingerman 17. Passing: Goltz 1.

The Raiders defeated LCWV 2-1 Thursday, 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 Rost 5, Goltz 4, Lorenz 4. Digs: Wilking, Olivia Kachelmeier. Leading server: Sam Rist. Serves: Bode 13/14, Kachelmeier 9/0, 2 aces; Goltz 7/7. Blocks: Bode, Klingerman. Passing: Wilking, Goltz.

Going into play this week, the team was 5-5.

C-squad

Just like the varsity, the Nicollet C-squad lost its first match of the week, then won its next two.

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 Martz, Bryn Grommescher. Serves: Emma Dril, Grommescher, Jasmine Wilking. Passing: Shannon Soot, Brooklyn Bode, Ambria Hoffman.

The girls took care of business — taking all three games — when they played at Mankato Loyola Tuesday, 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: Kills/attacks: Bode, Tiana Sands, Morgan Arndt. Digs: Hoffman. Serves: Wilking 21/22, 6 aces; Dril 8/8; Matter 6/8, 1 ace. Blocks: Bode. Passing: Bode.

Nicollet picked up another three-game win Wednesday. Scores were 25-17, 25-11, 15-2.

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



Both Raider

Hayley Selby (9) and Halley Stoeker (7) went up for a block against LCWV's Deann Street. 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 to a 21-24 deficit to a 24-24 game/match win.

Olivia Netzke. Serves: Grommescher 14/14, 4 aces; Lorenz 21/21, 11 aces; Wilking 17/3, 3 aces. Passing: Bode, Ambria Hoffman, Wilking.

On the season, the team has a 6-5 overall record and is 4-3 in the conference.

Eighth grade

The eighth grade team had one game last

Fast start gives the Nicollet Raiders the win over Madelia Blackhawks, 22-6

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

"It's something that Nicollet coach Tom Murphy is concerned about.

"Maybe you have to put that on me," he said. "We have to open the second half like we open the first. It's like a slow half in a five-minute game. We're not able to put the patch on, keeping them from scoring, but we have to do better."

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 Blackhawks got its one touchdown with only its second possession.

"We played well in the first half," Murphy acknowledged. "We ran the ball well, and Nathan Duns 24's run to Riley Hulse was longer than seven plays. We held them to 16 yards each — there's nothing wrong with that. They're a good team," Murphy said.

Quarterback Ethan Arndt was Madelia's leading rusher with 24 yards. Speedy wide receiver Cameron Zamaer caught one pass for 36 yards but was otherwise stopped.

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

Nicollet Raiders		WEEKLY FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE							Home Army	
Day	Time	Thursday 11	Friday 12	Saturday 12	Sunday 14	Monday 15	Tuesday 17	Home	Away	
Varsity	7:00 PM	vs. Mankato	vs. Mankato	vs. Mankato	vs. Mankato	vs. Mankato	vs. Mankato	vs. Mankato	vs. Mankato	
Juniors	7:00 PM	vs. Mankato	vs. Mankato	vs. Mankato	vs. Mankato	vs. Mankato	vs. Mankato	vs. Mankato	vs. Mankato	
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Juniors	7:00 PM	vs. Mankato	vs. Mankato	vs. Mankato	vs. Mankato	vs. Mankato	vs. Mankato	vs. Mankato	vs. Mankato	



Both Raider

Nicollet's Justin Lane applied the pressure, forcing Madelia quarterback Ethan Arndt to hurry his throw — and to have it picked off by Raider Riley Hulse. 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 Uehle (77).

day before the game — he had his appendix removed.

Though many were surprised that he was coaching at Madelia, he said, "I've formed strong relationships with the kids. It would have been too hard to not to be there. And I've got a good coaching staff with Chris Hillis, Kevin Calabrese, James Bernat, Justin Lane, and Nick Mans."

JV football report

The Nicollet JV football team fell to Buffalo Lake-Hector, 40-30 at home Monday, Sept. 30.

Garrison Beckie caught a 60-yard pass from Dominic

Rosin for Nicollet's only score.

For the defense, Dominic Stoeker 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.

Juniors high football

The Nicollet junior high football team picked up a lap-sided 36-6 win with Buff-H Monday, Sept. 30.

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

es to Trenton Havermeier for the others. One was 37 yards, the other 63 yards.

Havermeier ran for a two-point conversion after the first TD. Nick Slater ran for the conversion after a pass, and Gavin Bode caught a pass from Martens after the fourth.

Defense

Havermeier caught two passes for 120 yards and two scores; he also had three touchdowns on six carries and completing six passes for 137 yards and two TDs. He also led the defense with four tackles, an interception, and a fumble recovery.

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NICOLLET 22, MADELIA 6

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

GAME SCORING

Time	Nicollet	Madelia
1st Qtr	14-0	0-0
2nd Qtr	8-0	0-0
3rd Qtr	0-0	0-0
4th Qtr	0-0	0-0
Final	22-0	6-0

GAME STATS

Team	Yards	TDs	Ints	Fumbles
Nicollet	324	5	0	0
Madelia	100	1	1	1

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 St. Peter and the junction with Highway 111 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,

weather permitting. Motorists will need to watch for workers, equipment and traffic control devices.

Check www.311m.org before

traveling for information on road conditions, closures and detour routes. For additional updates, like MndOT on Facebook or MndOT on Twitter.

Engagement notice

Darrell and Traci Abrahamson of Lafayette would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Alimee Abrahamson, to Corban Montgomery, son of Stewartville, MN, son of Brian and Lynne Montgomery. Alimee is a 2011 graduate of New Ulm Public and a 2017 graduate of University of MN, Duluth. Alimee is currently employed with Boston Scientific as a chemical engineer. Corban is a 2011 graduate of Stewartville High School and University of MN, Duluth. Corban is currently employed with Merand's, a chemical company based in Plymouth and an October wedding is planned.



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