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HTC rolls Starmont; No. 1 Janesville next

Cruaders, Wildcats to clash for third straight year

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

CEDAR RAPIDS - With Santa and some elves on hand for the state volleyball tournament send off at Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary school Wednesday afternoon, the Crusaders were looking for a little magic as they headed to the U.S. Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids.

The Crusaders, behind junior Emily Box, the top hitter in the state, worked some magic of their own as they moved onto the state semifinals with a three set

win over Starmont 25-17, 25-21, 25-17.

HTC now faces top-ranked Janesville at 6 p.m. tomorrow in the semi-finals. The Wildcats have knocked HTC from the state tournament the past two years.

Holy Trinity never trailed in the match with the 4th-ranked Stars.

"We had some first game jitters, but that's normal at state," Box said. "We just had to stick together. We watched game tape of them and we knew they didn't put a block up and that's good for me."

Box was able to roam the net free in the first game with eight kills, including four in a 5-2 run that put HTC up 19-12 in the first game.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Holy Trinity Catholic volleyball team celebrates their quarterfinal win over Starmont Wednesday night at the U.S. Cellular Arena in Cedar Rapids. The Crusaders face top-ranked Janesville at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Junior Eryn Anderson opened the match with an ace and the Crusaders worked the tandem that's

made them successful all year, which is Maya Rashid set to a Box kill.

The Crusaders pushed

out to a 6-4 lead in the first game but an Isabel Johanns kill brought the Stars to within one at 6-5

With Box rotated into the back row, Anderson stepped up with two big kills and junior Taylor Boeding added another to give the Crusaders a four-point cushion 10-6.

Anderson said when Box rotates back it's her job to try and get the kill, but keep the point moving.

"When it's my turn to be in the front. I don't think my role is to get a kill every time, but the team is confident in coming to me when she's in the back," Anderson said.

The Stars wouldn't get much closer in the first game than four points with HTC pushing the lead to eight at 23-15 before Box landed a kill to give the Crusaders game one 25-17.

Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier put Box to work again at the front of game two and Box put four
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CyberHounds taking robotics to next level

Club trying to raise \$20K to offset costs

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON - They've been tinkering for the past couple years with miniature robotics, but a group of CyberHounds at Fort Madison High School are taking things to a whole new level.

A group of about 23 students in the CyberHound Club at F.M.H.S. are shooting for the S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) moon, so to speak, and are aiming at competing at a high level, international competi-

tion in 2018, with a 6-foot, 200 lb. robot. The robot must be built, programmed, and operated to specifications set by the FIRST program.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) was founded in 1989 by Dean Kaman to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology. Its program features levels for all students in grades K-12 starting with Lego platforms and moving into fully functional robot mechanisms.

The first phase of the competitive program is a public relations and fundraising model. The group is looking to raise \$20,000 in sponsorships, including in-kind donations, to help offset the costs

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8th Annual Wine & Beer Walk glass sale Friday

Presale Friday at Chuong Garden

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Main Street 8th Annual Wine & Beer Walk will take place on Friday Nov. 17th from 5:00-8:00pm. The annual event will feature regional flavors for you to enjoy at a variety of locations in the Main Street district.

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The "Early Bird Glass Sale Event" will be at Chuong Garden Restaurant, 712 9th Street, our 2017 Event Sponsor, from 5:00-7:00pm on Friday, Nov. 10. This will be the ONLY night to get your commemorative 2017 glass for only \$10.00. After the 10th, the glasses will be available for \$15 at the Partners office, Funky Cowgirl or Under the Sun Next Door during regular business hours. Due to age restric-

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OBITUARIES

JEANIE M. FORTADO

Jeanie M. Fortado, 71, of Fort Madison, Iowa (formerly of Nauvoo, Illinois) passed away at 1:52 p.m. Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at the Klein Center in West Burlington, Iowa.



FORTADO

Born August 22, 1946 in Fort Madison, Iowa the daughter of Woodrow and Loretta (Tucker) Wilson. On May 27, 1967 she married David Fortado at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo, Illinois. They later divorced.

Survivors include her four children: David M. Fortado of Nauvoo, Illinois, Tom (Stephanie) Fortado of Nauvoo, Illinois, Sandi Barker (Kumar Wickramasingha) of Fort Madison, Iowa and Debbie Wiseman of Fort Madison, Iowa; thirteen grandchildren: Tony, Tyler, Cole and Austin Fortado, Catelynn, Marshall, Anna and Lennon Barker, Elizabeth Wickramasingha, Alicia Ramatowski, Jillian, Gavin and Henry Wiseman; two sisters: Carol (Ed) Lange of Two Rivers, Wisconsin and Sandy (Rich) Hopper of Nauvoo, Illinois; three brothers: Henry "Hank" Wilson of Nauvoo, Illinois, Joe (Vicky) Wilson of Dallas City, Illinois and Jim (Linda) Wilson of Nauvoo, Illinois; one brother-in-law: Joe Meierotto of West Point, Iowa; one sister-in-law: Carole Wilson of Nauvoo, Illinois; best friend: Vicki Clark and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters: Bev Meierotto and Gina Nicol; three brothers: Thomas and Woodrow "Mick" Wilson and Jack Schuck and one sister-in-law: Judy Schuck.

Jeanie was a 1964 graduate of St. Mary's Academy. She received her Associates Degree in Business from Carl Sandberg College. She worked for Sheaffer Pen Co., Fruehauf and Wabash in Fort Madison, Iowa. She transferred to LaFayette, Indiana with Wabash and later returned to the area and managed the Knights of Columbus Columbus Club in Fort Madison. Jeanie was a member of the Holy Family Parish in Fort Madison. She was active in Relay for Life having battled cancer herself. Jeanie was instrumental in building and developing Elliott Test Kitchen at its early stages. She enjoyed gardening, shopping, traveling, running and walking.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 10, 2017 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo, Illinois where the family will receive friends from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. that evening. A parish rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Her body will be cremated following the visitation.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo with Father Thomas Szydlak as celebrant.

Burial will be at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery in Nauvoo.

A memorial has been established in her memory to the Test Kitchen Education Foundation.

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Opinion/For the Record

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

PORT Committee gives thanks for successful event

The fourth annual Spooktacular Boo-athlon sponsored by PORT (Promoting Outdoor Recreational Trails) of Fort Madison was another hauntingly successful event! The PORT Committee would like to thank all those who participated, supported and volunteered their time to the success of the event. We had a great showing of children and adults, many in costume, who ran or walked, rode their bikes or did both in our du-athlon competing for bragging rights and top prizes. We were especially excited to be able to use both Phase I and newly completed Phase II of our initial three Phase project for this year's event. A big thank you goes out to our corporate sponsors: Matt's Greenhouse; Steffensmeier Welding; Menke & Co.; Hy-Vee; The Kensington; Fort Madison Community Hospital; Axalta; DuPont; Connection Bank; Group Benefit Partners; Pilot Grove Savings Bank; Randolph Dental; Rashid Pharmacy; Two Rivers Insurance; Green Oak Development; Huffman Welding & Machinery/ Huffman Farm & Home; Lee County

Bank; Ideal Ready Mix Company, Inc; Midwest One Bank and Holmes Dentistry. We would also like to thank those businesses and individuals who donated their services, refreshments, prizes and supplies: Hy-Vee; Kalona Dairy; Kempker's True Value; Bickel's Cycling and Fitness and Baxter Sports Complex. A special thank you goes to the City of Fort Madison and the FMPD for all of their help and support before, during and after the event. PORT of Fort Madison continues to raise funds to complete Phase III of our recreational trails plan in Fort Madison. We invite you to join us for our inaugural PORT of Fort Madison Ugly Sweater Run for Fun on Sunday, December 10th. PORT of Fort Madison operates as a sub-committee of the Fort Madison Parks and Recreation Department and is dedicated to creating recreational trails in Fort Madison. The support of the community in this endeavor is greatly appreciated.

PORT of Fort Madison Committee

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report	Fort Madison Police	Lee County Sheriff's Report
11/07/17 - 8:30 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 800 block of Avenue E.	11/07/17 - 5:24 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at 18th Street and Avenue A.	11/07/17 - 9:07 p.m., - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Heavenly Wendy Omiatek, 21, of West Burlington at the Lee County Jail and a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.
11/07/17 - 9:48 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the corner of 8th Street and Avenue F.	11/07/17 - 9:07 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 800 block of 32nd Street.	
11/07/17 - 2:05 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 1800 block of Avenue H.	11/07/17 - 10:34 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3400 block of Avenue E.	Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report
11/07/17 - 3:15 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident of 2200 block of Avenue L.	11/08/17 - 7:43 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1300 block of Avenue E.	11/07/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one burn complaint and three medical calls.
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From the Front

FMHS only Lee County school engaged in program

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of registration, the robotic basic kit, and the event itself.

The annual fees for team registration, a robot kit of parts, and event participation are \$5,000 - \$6,000. Additional costs for travel, food, team shirts, and other optional items will vary.

Senior Chris Brown, who has been a part of the club since its inception three years ago, said letters will soon be sent out to area businesses to help with fundraising and in-kind donations. Plans for sponsors include a mention on t-shirts, possibly on the robot itself, a banner, and publicity of the event.

Joseph Johnstun, who serves as one of two coaches for the group, said in-kind donations would be like tools, safety glasses, lines of credit for parts and supplies, workspace, advising, and other essential parts of the program.

The group will attend two competitions after they complete the six-week building portion of the competition. Members of the club will travel to Cedar Falls on Jan. 6, 2018 where the FIRST organizers will reveal the details of the competition, specifically what specs the robots have and what activity the unit will be challenged to accomplish.

Previous years have including shooting basketballs 30-feet or hanging large rings in gymnasiums.

The first competition will take place on Feb. 17 in Cedar Falls.

"There are two starting competitions and, depending on how we score, we can go to additional competitions all the way to an international event," said Brown.

The two initial competitions result in awards and prizes for the competing teams and the opportunity to compete in the FIRST Championship, according to the FIRST website, www.firstinspires.org.

"The past several years we've been in FIRST Tech Challenge and now we're in FIRST Robotic Challenge," Johnstun said. "Those were small skeleton type units. The ones that we are going to be building are as big as me and weigh more than I do."

He said the tech robots were typically in the \$200 range, but this step up carries a price tag closer to \$4,000 in parts and then other items that could possibly be donated.

"One of the beautiful things is that we've gone out and visited with other departments - working with business students, art students for design of t-shirts and banners," said Shalisse Johnston, the other coach, who is also the FMHS Talented and Gifted Coordinator and an English teacher. "We've got kids who are interested in build-

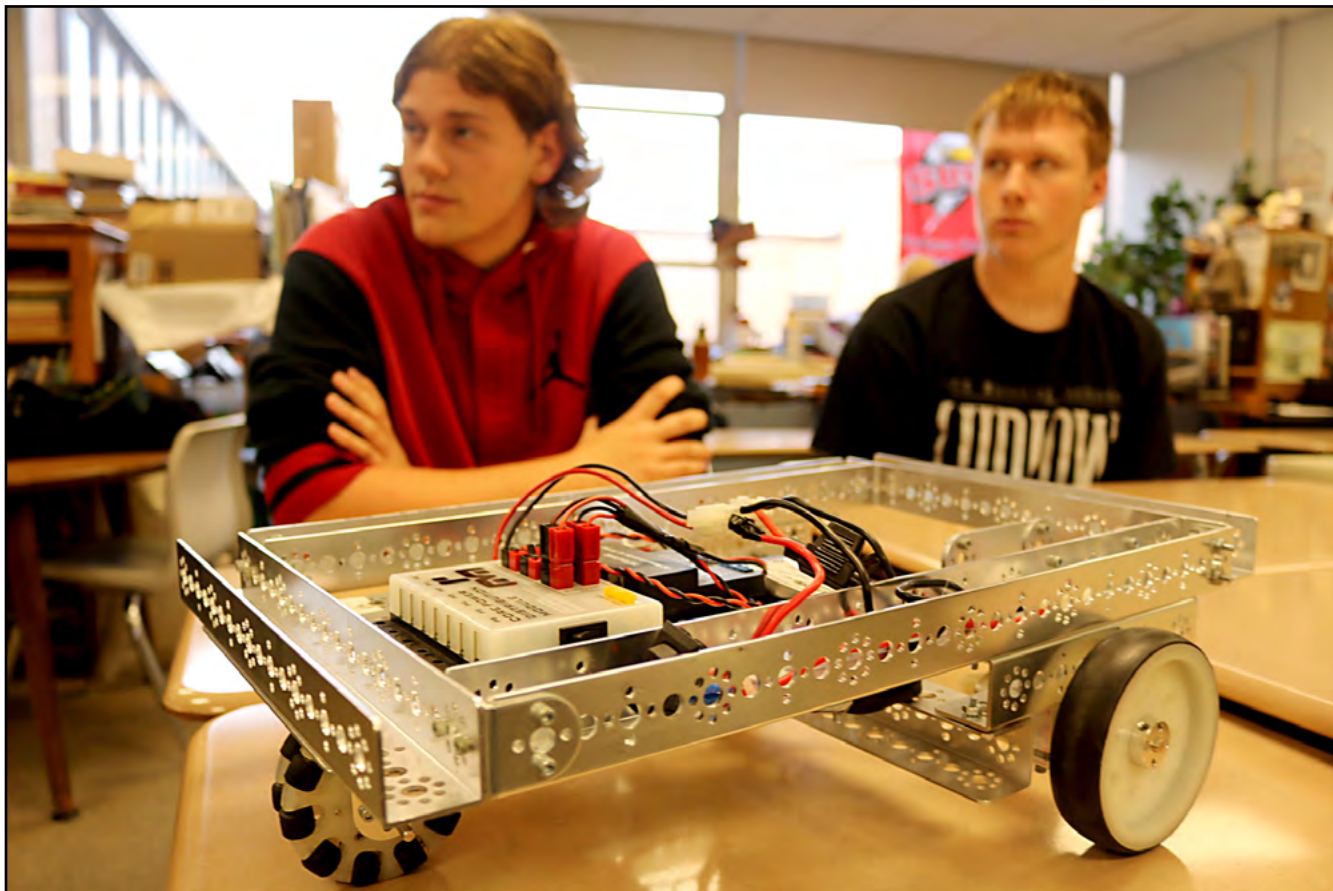


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Chris Brown, left, and Nathaniel Harter are shown with a miniature robot they have helped build as part of their membership in FMHS's CyberHound Club. The club has kicked off a fundraising effort to be able to graduate to the next level in robotics competition.

ing websites to help us with that and all these different areas."

The high school is the only one in Lee County engaged in the competition and the closest other high school to get involved is Ottumwa.

"We'll probably spend 3 to 4 hours every day after school during the six-week build time frame," Brown said.

Brown and sophomore Nathaniel Harter, said they hope the S.T.E.M. program yields a career.

"One of the reason we started to do this upper level is that it's a more real-world experience. These kids can put this on their resume and it's a very big thing," Shalissa Johnstun said.

Entrants into the competition also have a leg up on college scholarship opportunities connected to FIRST.

Brown said he likes the program because it's the only one in the school that deals directly with S.T.E.M. initiatives. Brown earned a trip over the summer to Boston where he was exposed to Noble prize winners and others

highly engaged in S.T.E.M. activities.

"This is the only program this school has that is S.T.E.M., the others are either athletic or social," Brown said.

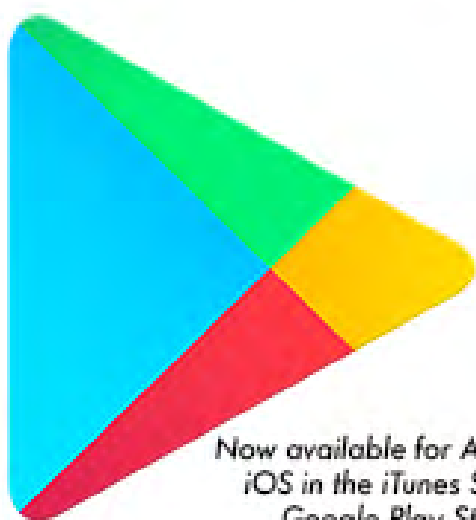
Shalisse Johnstun added that the program also helps other students with their interests as well, even if they aren't science related.

"One of the things I like about it is that it can include other kids, including PR and marketing, website, design. We've got kids that don't know how to do the robotics, but they have interests in business. We try to run it like a business with different departments," she said.

The club has been functional for about three years with the name CyberHounds being applied last year.

According to the FIRST website, www.firstinspires.org, the program is more than robots. Participation is proven to encourage students to pursue education and careers in STEM-related fields, inspire them to become leaders and innovators, and enhance their 21st century work-life skills.

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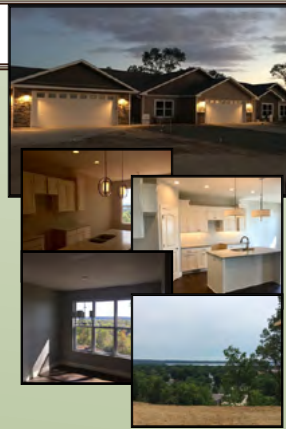
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MON 13 Nov



Clear Skies
High- 47.4° F | Low - 37.1° F

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tions, each participant must be present to show proper I.D.

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Harvestville Farm Mercantile, Hill Side Inn, Junque To Gems, Lost Duck Brewing Company, Old Fort Players, Rev Fitness, Sheaffer Pen Museum, Stag, and Under the Sun Next Door. Additional downtown locations, including Elliott Test Kitchen and The Victoria Gallery, will be open with their own little concoctions to share with event goers.

We don't want to leave out the eating establishments in the District; there's something for every tastebud. Many establishments will be providing "grab-and-go" items for sale to help curb that appetite while on the walk. If you prefer a more relaxed setting to enjoy a nice sit-down

menu style meal that is available, too! Many restaurants and clubs will be open and are offering specials for the evening including Atlas Steak and Smokehouse, Simple Table, Elks Club, & Chuong Garden, to name a few.

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From the Front

Janesville up next for Crusaders

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kills and a block away to put HTC up 6-2 in the early going. Then Starmont Coach Robert Goedken went to a rare tactic and switched to a block on Box, but Box was able to find room around it most of the night.

"We just told her to keep going after the big hits," Freesmeier said, "We told her to go around it and even over it and she was able to be successful doing that."

HTC kept a 3 to 4 point advantage through the second game with Samantha Hoenig ripping off five straight service points to extend the lead to 20-15, but the Stars went on a 6-3 run to close the gap,

forcing Freesmeier to call a timeout.

"I just said, 'Hey, let's get a pass and get it to Box,'" Freesmeier said. Box hit a kill on the next play to make it 24-21 and Mya Lawlor served for the game 25-21.

Game three was the same trouble for Starmont. Anderson again started with an ace and then she and Box combined for four kills to give HTC a 6-4 lead. Hoenig was again stellar from the service line and put away five straight including an ace to give the Crusaders a 10-5 lead.

HTC may have sensed the win coming because the next two kills from Boeding and Anderson

went long and Starmont switched to a dump on their kills to catch an overaggressive Crusader defense. They were able to close the gap to 12-9 and 13-10, but again the Crusaders turned to Box who had three kills in the next four points and HTC had a 16-11 lead.

Starmont wouldn't get much closer and called timeout at 21-15, but the hard-hitting Crusaders kept the lead and pushed it to seven 23-16. Anderson got her fourth ace of the night to put HTC up 24-16 and Holy Trinity closed the match on the next point.

Rashid said the chemistry was very good in the win and she didn't see a whole lot of jitters from the team.

"We knew we had to play together. We did everything well tonight and this may sound really bad, but I didn't have nerves tonight. We just played the way we are capable of playing and I was having a great time," she said.

Boeding said it's just an honor to play in the tournament.

"We certainly don't take this for granted. This is just awesome to be a part of."

She said Thursday's game with Janesville will be the third time in

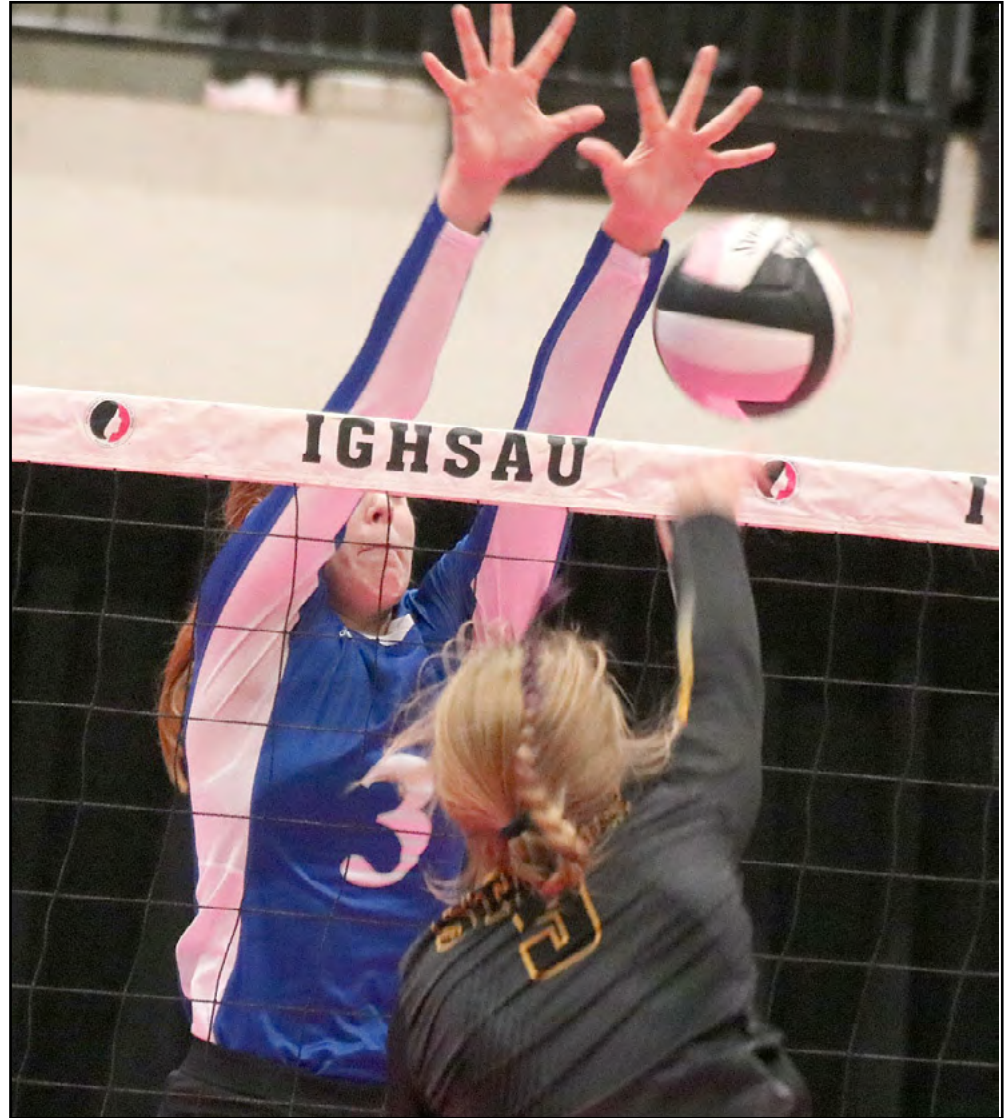


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Junior Emily Box goes up for a block against Hayley Goedken on Wednesday. Box finished with 25 kills on the night to lead HTC. At left, senior Maya Rashid puts up one of her 39 assists on the night.

three years and it will be important for her team to listen and play together.

"We'll have to play our game and do the little things that coach is always telling us about to win tomorrow night."

Box finished with 25 kills on 48 attacks for a 52% efficiency. Anderson had 11 kills on 24 attacks

and Boeding had 5 kills on 21 attacks. Rashid led the way with 39 assists on the night and Mya Lawlor had 26 digs to lead HTC on defense. Box, Madison Mohrfeld, Rashid, and Anderson each had two blocks.

Starmont's Macy Mommer led the Stars with nine kills. Hayley Goed-

ken and Madilyn Vaske each had eight.

Starmont High School out of Arlington play in the WaMaC conference. Starmont came into the tournament with a 35-5 record advancing to the state tournament with a three-set win over Iowa Valley, 25-19, 25-18, 25-9 in Region 6 action.



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