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PENCE TOUTS VOTERS



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Presidential candidate Mike Pence shakes hands with officers of the Fort Madison Police Department Thursday outside the Kingsley Inn in Fort Madison. The former Vice President was in town on a campaign swing through southeast Iowa and talked with potential voters for more than an hour.

CANDIDATE: Former VP says he's the best qualified, best prepared for White House

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Former Vice President Mike Pence stopped in at the Kingsley Inn in Fort Madison Thursday night with one message.

He's the most qualified and most prepared person to lead the country back to greatness.

Pence spoke to about 50 people and local, regional, and national news outlets at the Fort Madison hotel for about an hour and then stuck around for more one-on-ones as the Fort Madison stop was the last on his schedule for the day.

Pence gave a short personal history and then went into about 45 minutes of questions and answers with the room.

The one-term vice president un-

der President Donald Trump is a third-generation American whose grandfather began the family in 1923 when he came over a tailor from Ireland. And that set him on his course in public service.

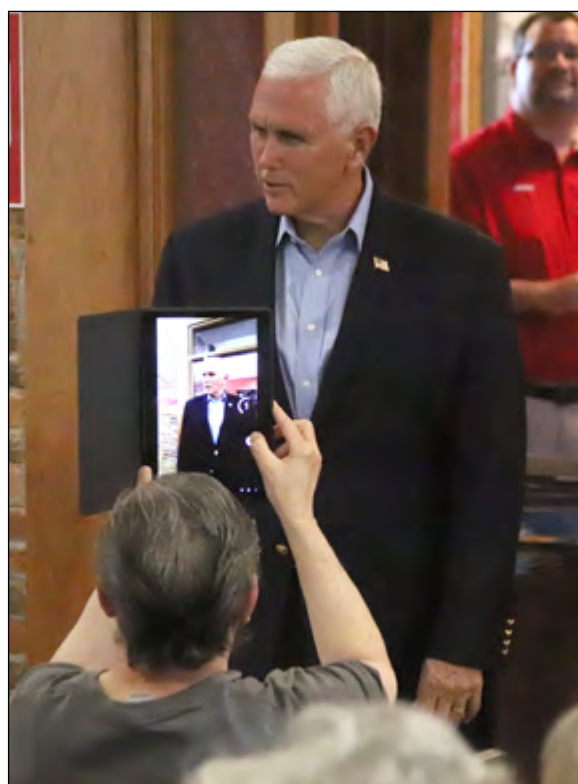
Pence is a former Governor of Indiana from 2013 to 2017 and served 12 years in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Through all the years of public service, Pence said religion has always been his driving force.

"Underneath all of it for me is my faith," he said.

He said that faith was what enabled him to not reject the electoral votes in the 2020 election instead choosing to ratify the count and declare Joe Biden the winner

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OPINION



Hawkeye fans may be looking deeper than scoreboard

Iowa football coach Kirk Ferentz knows that his offense has been somewhat of a punch line, especially in the last year.

So he was hesitant to mention during his press conference on Tuesday what was one of his favorite victories in his last 24 seasons with the Hawkeyes.

Go back to the 6-4 win at Penn State in 2004, when Iowa got two field goals from Kyle Schlicher — both from 27 yards out — and the Nittany Lions got their points from two safeties.

Ugly? You bet.

But, it was one of 10 Iowa wins that season, and it's one that Ferentz thoroughly enjoyed.

"You try to figure out what's going on that day, and you play to that end," Ferentz said.

Winning, of course, is what matters, but there will be a scoreboard within the scoreboard that will hang over the Hawkeyes all of this season.

Offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz, Kirk's son, had an amendment placed in his contract after last season by then-athletic director Gary Barta after the Hawkeyes ranked almost at the bottom in so many offensive categories — 129th in total offense, 122nd in passing offense and scoring offense, and 123rd in rushing offense.

This season, according to the amendment, the Hawkeyes have to average 25 points per game and post at least seven wins. If those numbers aren't hit, the result is a little murky, and it could include the termination of Brian Ferentz.

So, 325 points in 12 games is the target,

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Obituaries

GEORGE L. DONALD EICHACKER

George Louis Donald Eichacker, 93, formerly of Keokuk, Fort Madison, and Iowa City, Iowa, a community leader and philanthropist, died peacefully on July 26, 2023, in Las Vegas, Nevada, with his children and grandson at his side.



EICHACKER

George was born at home in the Amana Colonies in Homestead, Iowa, on March 9, 1930, to Charles A. and Marie G. Eichacker.

In 1948, George graduated from Amana High School as valedictorian. In February of 1951, he graduated from the University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. He was a Phi Beta Kappa Society member and received his master's degree in accounting in June 1952 from the University of Iowa.

In September of 1952, he was inducted into the Army, serving in the Quartermaster Corps and receiving the National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged from active duty in September 1954 at the rank of sergeant and remained in the Inactive Reserve for six years.



Upon discharge from the Army, George returned home and worked for the Amana Society as an accountant in their main office, but as he describes the relationship, "I soon found out that they were not ready for me, nor I for them." He left the Amana Colonies in October 1955 to work for the McGladrey, Hansen, Dunn & Co. accounting firm, first in Burlington, then in Keokuk, Iowa. Shortly after, he passed the CPA exam, becoming the first Amana graduate to be a CPA. In June 1958, he was offered the position of Executive Secretary of the Keokuk Community Chest (now Big River United Way). In April 1962, he was offered a job with Keokuk Federal Savings and Loan as Secretary-Treasurer. He later became President (1982), then Chairman of the Board (1989) until his retirement in 2002, when he was named a Director Emeritus. During his forty-year tenure, he was responsible for converting the Savings and Loan to a bank, growing the bank's assets from 5 million to 120 million dollars, and joining a consortium of community banks under the umbrella of Heartland

Financial USA, Inc.

Although George's accomplishments in the banking industry were noteworthy, he devoted countless hours to causes he was passionate about. A 2008 KHQA news broadcast about George said, "he's made a difference at the bank, but it's his philanthropy work that's made him a legend." George firmly believed in giving back to the community with time and money. He served as the managing trustee of several private charitable foundations. However, his proudest accomplishment was founding the Keokuk Area Community Foundation Board in 2004. The foundation receives philanthropic gifts and grants from individuals, families, businesses, and corporations to establish permanent endowments for the benefit of Southeast Iowa, Western Illinois, and Northeast Missouri. Over the first ten years, the foundation's assets increased to 5 million dollars. These last ten years have seen the managed assets grow to exceed 21 million dollars, allowing the foundation to contribute over 900,000 dollars to 159 area charities in the previous year. In 2007, the foundation named George as its first Director Emeritus in recognition of his role in the establishment of the foundation and created the Eichacker Award for Philanthropy, which honors an individual or family for their sustained and generous commitment to philanthropy, charitable giving, and volunteer service in the Tri-State Area.

George belonged to many organizations throughout his life, but his longest and most meaningful association was his sixty-six-year membership in Rotary International. He was inducted into the Keokuk Rotary Club on September 26, 1957, serving as President from 1969-1970. Over the years, when traveling, George attended over 300 Rotary meetings at thirty-five different clubs across the country and in Mexico. Besides Keokuk, he was also a member of the Iowa City and the Summerlin Las Vegas Rotary Clubs. In 2019, he was awarded his seventh Paul Harris Fellow pin, recognizing his continued financial support of The Rotary Foundation.

George was a member of the Keokuk Jaycees (President 1957-1958), Keokuk Junior Chamber of Commerce (President 1957-1958) (Distinguished Service award 1963), Executive Director United Way Keokuk 1958-1964, Keokuk Urban Development Commission (Chairman 1966-1969), Keokuk Area Hospital

Board of Directors (Chairman 1983-1984), Regulatory Policy Committee of the US Savings and Loan League, Board of Directors of the Iowa Savings and Loan League, African American Museum of Iowa, President African American Museum Heritage Foundation.

George was a loyal Hawkeye fan and supporter of the University of Iowa. He supported the Tippie College of Business, the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, the University of Iowa Libraries, the University of Iowa Athletic Department and was a Hancher Partner. He was also a member of the University of Iowa's Foundation President's Club and the Founders Club of the Newman Catholic Student Center.

George was a member of the Episcopal Church and belonged to the following congregations during his life: St. John's Episcopal Church, Keokuk, IA; Trinity Episcopal Church, Iowa City, IA; and Grace in the Desert Episcopal Church, Las Vegas, NV.

He married Lois Ann Harper on April 27, 1969, in Fort Madison, Iowa, and enjoyed a beautiful marriage. They traveled, attended sporting events, the theater and church, debated politics, and thoroughly enjoyed each other, family, and friends.

Survivors include three children: Milton (Julie) Eichacker of Gilbert, AZ; Lois Eichacker of Chicago, IL; and Virginia Eichacker of Las Vegas, NV; one grandson, Kenton Eichacker of Las Vegas, NV; as well as ten nieces and nephews. His parents, wife, and brother Otto Eichacker preceded him in death.

Memorials have been established for the Keokuk Area Community Foundation and the Eichacker Community Center in Fort Madison, IA. Please make your gift payable to the Keokuk Area Community Foundation and send it to P.O. Box 367, Keokuk, Iowa 52632. Alternatively, you can make your donation to the Eichacker Community Center payable to Community Action of Southeast Iowa and send it to 2850 Mount Pleasant St, Suite 108, Burlington, IA 52601. Please note the Eichacker Memorial on your donations.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at the Newman Catholic Student Center, 104 East Jefferson Street, Iowa City, IA 52245. There will be a luncheon following the memorial service, with details to be provided during the service.

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Hounds ready to tackle next run system in Fairfield



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Fort Madison's Justin Maitner (51) scrambles to a loose ball in front of BHS quarterback Gabe Robinson (15) last week in Burlington. Maitner will be one the Hounds' defense looks to this week as Fort Madison battles Fairfield in the Bloodhounds' home opener.

FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION NIGHT: Bloodhounds continue early season success with season-opener against Fairfield

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – Even though Fort Madison got a season-opening win over Burlington Friday night in a sweat box at Bracewell Stadium, Head Coach Derek Doherty said there's more to the Bloodhounds.

The Hounds take on Fairfield at 7:30 p.m. Friday night in a non-district Class 3A clash, following the 15-12 win over BHS.

Doherty said the Trojans will be ready to play and it's always the next man in for them. They graduated All-everything Max Wheaton last season, but his brother Sam has stepped right in.

Wheaton is a senior who recorded five tackles and assumes roles on special teams, including punting, where he averaged close to 38 yards per kick last week.

The Trojans handed Mt. Pleasant their 15th consecutive loss 38-14 Friday where junior tailback Cason Miller ripped off 236 yards on 25 carries and scored three TDs. But Doherty said they will come ready to play.

"Fairfield will be a good football team, no doubt. Coach Wheaton does a fantastic job. Watching film proved that," Doherty said.

"They are extremely disciplined. They run the ball hard, they block hard. They're going to be a really, really tough test for us. That's what we've been telling our guys and most of them remember the dogfight last year."

The Hounds escaped the Fairfield "bowl" with a 16-13 win to go to 3-0 on the year.

"Sam Wheaton's right there and a really good player. The Miller kid, I knew he was tough because we have to deal with him on the wrestling mat. I know his dad and that kid's a good athlete. He had a great night. That's gonna be a challenge and I know our guys are excited about that challenge."

Last week the Hounds gave up a first-drive touchdown to the Grayhounds all on the ground. Doherty said Fort Madison needs to start quicker this week.

"Yeah, that's going to be shown on the first series. We admitted we started slow. We were excited to start, but not excited to execute," he said.

"We can't be so geeked out that we're flying up field and that's not what we're supposed to do. We had some of that with guys who were in their first Friday night experience. That's adrenaline overload."

Doherty said last Friday was a compilation of that energy and the heat.

"It was suffocating down there. We don't have a lot of depth, so we had guys going two ways and some playing special teams, too. That's the hand we're dealt and that's fine. Really proud of our kids for finding a way and digging down. A lot of our guys are wrestlers and they can suffer through that kind of heat and that's a credit to Coach (Ryan) Smith and his program," Doherty said.

"Wasn't a beautiful game by any means, it was actually a really ugly game, but we found a way and that's a credit to our kids and our culture."

The culture in Fort Madison is also becoming next man in and that happens on both sides of the ball.

Jamarkus Kline has become relevant and an attention grabber from his position as defensive tackle. Kline, a senior, had seven tackles to lead Fort Madison last week. Doherty said Ben Ramatowski, CJ Arnett, and Ike Thacher all had strong defensive output against the Grayhounds.

Offensively, junior quarterback Marcus Guzman will look to build on a 93-yard, one-score night from last week. Guzman found four different receivers and completed 12 passes in the win.

"He's getting better every practice. That was his first start and I loved him up after the game and we had a one-on-one moment. He's so hard on himself and you can see he wasn't happy with his performance," Doherty said.

"I told him, 'Hey, you're a 1-0 varsity quarterback,' and he said, 'Yeah, but I gotta get better. That's just his mentality. We love that about him and we tell him he doesn't have to press, just trust himself.'"

Senior Hayden Segoviano led the Hounds on the ground with 58 yards and a touchdown last week. Guzman carried the ball 12 times and Brody Cashman had eight yards on three carries.

Henry Wiseman leads Fort Madison with seven catches and a score. Junior Caleb Bolander has 34 yards on three catches.

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From the Front

Pence blames inflation pressures on Bidenomics

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despite pressure from the GOP to take a different course.

The move on Jan. 6, 2020 set off riots on Capitol Hill, but Pence stands steadfastly behind his decision.

He said he's extremely proud of what the Trump/Pence ticket accomplished in four years including rebuilding the military, reviving the economy, achieving energy independence for the first time in 75 years, and reducing illegal immigration by 90% in three years.



PENCE

"We know what to do and how to do it, but it's gonna take leadership to do it. And I stand before you today with great humility and say not only do we need new leadership in the White House, I believe we need new leadership in the Republican Party," he said.

"I believe that I am the best qualified, the best prepared, and the most tested Conservative and I will be ready day one to turn this country around."

Pence said President Joe Biden's administration has taken the country in the wrong direction including plunging the country into a recession with irresponsible spending in the wake of the pandemic.

The Democratic Party is saying the economy is turning around and the country is rebounding, but Pence said that's not the case.

"President Biden tells us Bidenomics is working, but people here in Iowa, people back in Indiana, and everywhere in between know better," he said.

He said inflation is up 16%, the worst uptick in 40 years, and a weekend ago mortgage rates were at a 22-year high.

"In the midst of all of it I have hope because I know the people of Iowa are going to do what you always do. You're going to shape our national leadership and give us leadership that will lead this country all the way back," Pence said.

"And I'd be honored to have your support. We can do it."

Pence said there are challenges facing the country and it will take strong leaders who can square their shoulders to get it done.

"Anyone who says we can't solve the problems here at home and be the leader of the free world has a pretty small view of the greatest nation on earth. We can do both. With the right leadership we can do both."

Winning is first priority

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although it's a focus more for the people outside the program than the ones in the program.

"As we look at those types of things, just like we would in any sport, you're going to evaluate a season at the end and see how you did," interim athletics director Beth Goetz said a couple of weeks ago. "But the goal is to win along the way, and I've won some ugly games as a coach and I never gave any of them back."

It's something Kirk Ferentz echoed on Tuesday, and he quoted his wife, Mary, when talking about how he's approaching this season.

"She goes, 'Seems like if you win, everything works out pretty well,'" Ferentz said. "That's kind of been a guiding principle. It's not all about winning, but it is a barometer. Just seems like if you're successful enough over the long haul, good things happen, and if you're not, it's not so good."

"That's kind of where our focus has always been is just trying to win games, and it's as simple as that. I think part of our problem, probably just one person's opinion, is sometimes people don't like how we win, but to me the objective is to win."

Even the players don't seem that concerned.

"I didn't even know that was a thing, so that probably can tell you something," center Logan Jones said. "What our job

is is to go out and win football games. It doesn't matter by how many points. A win is a win at the end of the day, whether it's by three points or 20 points. As long as we're going out there and winning, nothing really matters."

Had the Hawkeyes scored 25 points in every game last season, they would have won 10 regular-season games and the Big Ten West Division title.

Ferentz went deep into the statistical archives at the Big Ten media days in July, pointing out the 2009 Hawkeyes averaged 23.1 points per game — and won 11 games, including the Orange Bowl.

Such numbers sound defensive to the podcast and social media comedians, but they are factual.

The reality is Iowa's offense does have to play better, because the ugliness of 8-5 last season won't go over well again this season.

The Hawkeyes, of course, know that, even if they aren't paying attention to the scoreboard within the scoreboard.

"People can take it how they take it," Jones said. "I think Coach Brian is really focused on us. At the end of the day, our job is to go out there and win games. He understands that. Not once has he ever mentioned we need to score a certain amount of points. The defense is going to do what they're going to do, we're going to do what we're going to do."

"As long as we come out with a win, nothing else really matters."

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Mayor Joseph Loving called the properly noticed regular meeting of the City Council of the City of West Point to

order in the West Point Library, 309 Fifth Street, West Point, Iowa 52656 on August 14, 2023, at 6:28 p.m. In addition to Mayor Joseph Loving indicated the following Council Members were present: Phil Kruse, Dan Waters, Bruce Wellman, Brian Meierotto and Will Stuekerjuegen.

Mayor reported the following: Municipal Utility

Board Meeting Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, Library Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.; Next regular City Council Meeting is Monday, September 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the West Point Public Library.

Randy Welding presented the City Administrator's report.

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 West Point & St Paul Fire 4,280.18
 West Point Utilities 2,502.54
 Wex Bank 521.89
 Wiegand Ted CPA 4,192.41
 Windstream 197.68
 Wireless Central LLC.....

RECAPITULATION

FUND: PREV BAL, RCPTS, DSBSD, CUR BAL: Gen.Govt.: 486,283.69; 22,804.83; 55,944.40; 453,144.12
 Grants: ---14,777.92;---; ---; -14,777.92; Cap Equip: 4127.06, ---, ---, 4127.06;
 Lib County/St: 6,873.57; ---, 930.75; 5,942.82; Lib Mem & Gift: 14,000.26; 652.30; 256.89;
 14,395.67; Hoenig Estate: 526,813.93; 767.62; 4,827.18; 522,754.37;
 Road Use: 48,095.28; 10,350.64; 7,436.45; 51,009.47; LOST: 10,217.72; 8,261.32; 8,261.32; 10,217.72;
 East Sewer; -26391.44; ---; ---; -26391.44; Walk Path; 43354.13; ---; ---; 43354.13; American Rescue:69,988.94; 21.64; ---; 70,010.58; Sewer: 50,907.74; 23,878.55; 17,698.01; 57,088.28; Sewer Sinking: 3,242.37; 8,413.33; ---; 11,655.70; Landfill: -11,013.56, ---; ---; -11,013.56

/s/ Joseph Loving, Mayor
 Attest: Randy Welding, City Administrator
 DRM /City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING MINUTES Regular Meeting Donnellson City Council Monday August 14th, 2023 7:30PM City Hall

The regular meeting of the Donnellson City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Ellingboe, with Council Members Moeller, Marshall, Newton, Weber & Estrada present. Motion by Moeller, second by Marshall to approve the agenda: all ayes. Citizen comments – Citizens commented on sewer backup along Maple St. Motion by Estrada, second by Moeller to approve the minutes of the July

'23 meetings: all ayes. Motion by Moeller, second by Estrada to approve the July '23 financial reports: all ayes. Motion by Newton, second by Weber to approve the July '23 disbursements and August '23 bills to be allowed: all ayes. Motion by Estrada, second by Weber to approve Class E Retail Liquor License for Casey's, all ayes. Motion by Newton, second by Marshall to approve building permit for carport @ 612 University St: all ayes. Librarian Sunny Robbins presented the Libraries Annual Report. Motion by Newton, second by Moeller to approve Resolution No 2023-14 A Resolution Adopting a Public Records Policy for the City of Donnellson: RCV all ayes. Motion by Moeller, second by Weber to approve Resolution No 2023-15 A Resolution Approving the Annual Street Financial Report for FY23: RCV all ayes. Motion by Moeller, second by Newton to approve Resolution No 2023-16 A Resolution Amending Resolution 2023-11 by increasing the hourly rate of pay for part time maintenance position to \$17 hour: RCV all ayes. City Elections will be held November 7th 2023 – the city is accepting affidavit of candidacy forms until Sept 21st 2023. Two city council positions are up for reelection. Police Report – There were 42 calls for service, 3 traffic stops. 31 building checks were done during the day & night time hours. There being no other business to come before the Council, motion by Newton, second by Moeller, Mayor Ellingboe declared the meeting adjourned: all ayes. /s/Dave Ellingboe, Mayor Attest: /s/Rebecca Schau, City Clerk

Summary of All Receipts: General \$19,348.06 Capital Equipment Reserve \$0 Road Use Tax \$9,946.06 Employee Benefit \$357.90 Local Option Sales Tax \$8,037.41 Debit Service \$0 Rathbun \$0 ARPA \$0 Water \$22,856.70 Water Sinking USDA \$1,816.00 Sewer \$28,405.34 Sewer Sinking \$0. Summary of All Disbursements: General \$66,758.10 Capital Equipment Reserve \$0 Road Use Tax \$3,431.06 Employee Benefit \$1,650.24 Local Option Sales Tax \$0 Debit Service \$0

Capital Project Fund \$0 Rathbun \$0 ARPA \$0 Water \$17,696.18 Water Sinking \$1,816.00 Sewer \$11,620.15 Sewer Sinking \$0.

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 GRRWA, Waste Service 953.00
 MCFARLAND SUPPLY, Supplies..... 129.97
 MID AMERICAN ENERGY, Gas 62.34
 EFTPS, FED/FICA TAXES 4,310.28
 IPERS, IPERS-REGULAR..... 2,766.32
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 JIM BAIER, INC., Battery 7.98
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Dues 1,022.00
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 CULLEN CONSTRUCTION CO, Sewer Repairs 5,124.69
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 KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE, Misc UPS..... 25.55
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 QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES, Wastewater Conference 150.00
 VERIZON, Toughbook 40.01
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AREA VOLLEYBALL

No. 4 Crusaders sweep No. 8 New London in three

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

NEW LONDON — Holy Trinity volleyball coach Melissa Freesmeier has seen a lot from her team in the opening two weeks of the season.

The Crusaders, ranked No. 4 in Class 1A, has played 11 matches so far, and has faced plenty of tests.

So far, so good.

The Crusaders opened SEI Superconference South Division play on Thursday, sweeping New London 25-9, 25-21, 25-19.

“I’ve seen a lot of good things,” Freesmeier said. “We’ve got a lot of weapons out there. We’re still getting used to some things, but I think as a whole we’re coming. We look really, really good at times.”

The Crusaders aren’t at their peak yet. This match had a few mistakes here and there, but in late August, that’s going to happen.

“I thought we had a few miscommunications here and there and that let them get points,” said senior Mary Kate Bendlage. “But we’ll get in the gym tomorrow and fix all of those little mistakes.”

It was a busy week for the Crusaders, who swept four matches to win the Wapello Tournament on Tuesday.

“Tuesday, we got better as the night went on,” sophomore middle hitter Presley Myers said. “Tonight we had a few runs where we let up, and there were things we could have done better.”

“Tuesday was a big test,” Bendlage said. “Each game kept getting harder and harder. And any time we play we’re going to get the other team’s best game. We know we have to go in with our best game, and not have an off night.”

The Crusaders dominated the opening set against the Tigers, who opened the season ranked No. 8 in Class 1A but fell out of the rankings on Thursday. Holy Trinity had a seven-point run that included three service aces from Taegan Denning, taking an 8-1 lead. A six-point run put the Crusaders up 15-4, then they closed the set with five consecutive points, the last one coming on a kill from Bendlage.

But New London (0-2) battled the Crusaders in the next two sets. The Tigers led 6-4, and later tied the set at 20 before Holy Trinity scored

four consecutive points. A kill by Myers would close out the set.

The third set looked almost identical. New London led 17-16 before Holy Trinity scored five consecutive points, two coming on kills from Natalie Randolph. The Crusaders scored the final three points of the match, one off a Denning kill and the winner coming from a kill from Myers.

Myers, who had seven kills and four blocks, has grown in her role as the Crusaders’ top middle hitter since starting as a freshman.

“I think, since last year, I’ve grown a lot,” Myers said. “And together, as a team, I think we’ve grown a lot over the last year. In the offseason, we knew we wanted to have our best year, so we’ve worked hard to get to this point.”

Randolph, back after missing all of last season with a knee injury, led Holy Trinity with 12 kills and added 13 assists and eight digs. Bendlage had eight kills, 16 digs, and was 16-of-16 serving with an ace. Anna Bendlage had 12 assists and 14 digs. Denning was 15-of-15 serving with four aces, and added 13 digs. Teagan Snaadt had 13 digs.

The Crusaders have the weekend off, playing next Tuesday at home against Notre Dame.

“I think any time you can get a three-set win in our conference, it’s a good night for us, no matter what the score is,” Freesmeier said. “We knew New London was going to come out and defensively be strong. We just kept hitting at them.

“We’re hoping to take this week and go into next week and get better.”

“It does feel really good,” Bendlage said of the win. “And we’ll keep working.”



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



Above, senior Natalie Randolph gets a set going as freshman Adalyn Kruse rushes the net in third set action Tuesday in New London. At left, New London’s Sophie Mallot (18) tries to drive a kill past HTC’s Presley Myers (17) and Anna Bendlage (24). The Crusaders swept the Lady Tigers in three sets.

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