



Volleyball squad suffers close loss

Cards drop 3-1 contest to Rangers

By Kelley Kossan
World sports reporter

The Cardinal volleyball team had an exciting, close game against the Crosby-Ironton Rangers last Thursday night. C-I traveled here to Staples to take on the Cardinals in a Mid State Conference game.



This week:
10-19
WALKER-H-A (H)
10-20
@ PARK RAPIDS
10-22 @ FRAZEE

The first match made it look as though the Rangers might have an easy night ahead of them, winning 25-19. However, the second match saw the Cardinal girls come back on fire, making the C-I players sweat a little. Although C-I won this match the Staples Motley players kept up, forcing the Rangers to score 27 points to take the win.

With cries of "It's not over yet!" the Cardinals ran onto the court, and took down the Rangers 25-22. Unfortunately, the girls weren't able to take the next game and Crosby-Ironton went home with a 3-1 conference win.

Nikki Pearson was putting some speed on the ball Thursday night as she recorded 11 kills, she also had 12 blocks. Kelly Pearson had 10 kills, seniors Lonna Dumprope and Jennifer Vasquez both had four digs, while Ashley Miles put up

29 set assists.

The girls competed Saturday in a tournament hosted by the Perham Yellowjackets. The Cardinals were on the court first with Roseau; the girls won the first match 25-22, but

weren't able to stay together and take the second or third matches. This put them against the Fosston Greyhounds.

Again the Cardinals won the first match, but Fosston came back to down

them in the next two. In the consolation round SM faced Warroad, a game that ended in two matches; Warroad defeated the Cardinals 25-12 and 25-13.

Last for the day, the Cards played Clearbrook-Gonvick, finishing off the tournament with two wins, downing the Bears 25-21 and 25-16.

The girls are coming to the end of the season, with just three regular season games left before sub-section playoffs begin. They will face Walker-Hackensack-Ackley on Monday in their last home game. Next week they will travel to Park Rapids Tuesday and Frazee on Thursday.

Volleyball results

Oct. 8
Crosby-Ironton 3, Staples Motley 1
C-I 25 SM 19
C-I 27, SS 25
SM 25, C-I 22;
C-I 25, SM 22
SM vs. C-I match statistics
Lonna Dumprope: 4 digs, 1 ace serve
Kelly Reese: 2 digs, 2 set assists, 1 ace serve
Autumn Murray: 4 kills, 4 blocks, 1 ace serve
Abby Smith: 1 dig, 7 kills, 3 set assists, 4 ace serves
Kelli Roline: 1 dig, 4 kills
Nikki Pearson: 4 digs, 11 kills, 1 set assist, 12 blocks, 4 ace serves
Kelly Pearson: 2 digs, 10 kills, 1 set assist, 4 blocks, 2 ace serves
Jennifer Vasquez: 4 digs, 1 set assist, 1 block, 1 ace serve
Ashley Miles: 8 kills, 29 set assists, 2 blocks, 2 ace serves

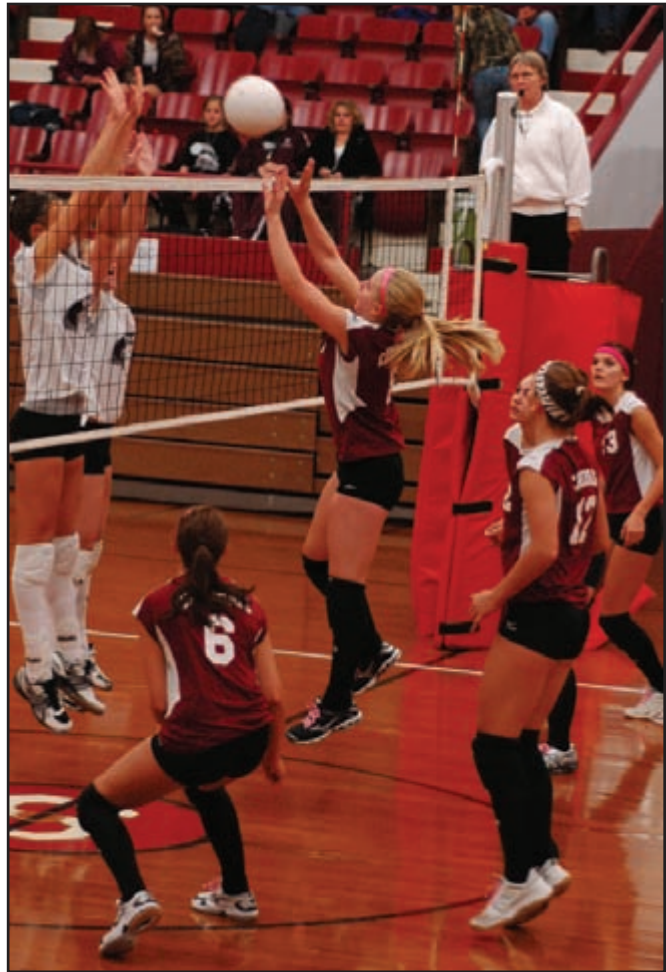
Perham Tournament:
First round:
Roseau def. Staples Motley 22-25; 25-13; 15-7
Second round:
Fosston def. SM 22-25; 25-13;



Setting up

Ashley Miles (23) sets the ball for Nikki Pearson (12) during the Cardinals vs. C-I game Thursday. Abby Smith (8) waited for possible action. (Staples World photo by Kelley Kossan)

15-7
Consolation:
Warroad def. SM 25-12; 25-13
Individual stats
Ashley Miles 31 assists, 1 block, 3 ace serves, 5 digs, 8 kills
Nikki Pearson 17 blocks, 4 ace serves, 1 dig, 16 kills
Abby Smith 4 ace serves, 4 digs, 7 kills
Kellie Roline 1 assist, 1 ace serve, 4 kills
Jennifer Vasquez 2 assists, 1 dig, 3 kills
Autumn Murray 1 dig, 6 kills
Kelly Pearson 9 blocks, 1 ace serve, 4 digs, 9 kills
Seanay Miner 1 assist, 1 ace serve, 2 digs



Up and over

Abby Smith jumps high to put the ball over the net, where two C-I players tried to block her shot. Cardinal teammates include Autumn Murray, Nikki Pearson and Kelly Pearson. (Staples World photo by Kelley Kossan)

Tennis girls champs of Section 6A

The Cardinal girls tennis team devoured the Section 6A team competition this week downing two teams Monday and then defeating Sauk Centre 6-1 in the championship on Tuesday morning.



This week:
10-19&20
SECTION 6A
INDIVIDUAL
TOURNAMENT

Play at Gold's Gym in Sartell Monday saw the Cardinal girls down both Long Prairie-GE and Morris by 7-0 scores.

Tuesday Coach Kevin Coughlin's team lost just one match to the Main-streeter girls.

Andrea Koskiniemi, normally at third singles, was ill Tuesday morning. The depth of Coughlin's squad paid off with Mikayla Wing moving up to the third spot and Annie Kautto, an alternate, taking over at fourth



Doubles

Annie Gillespie and Kelly Hagenson in doubles action against LP-GE. (Photos by Don Sanda)

singles.

The girls victory means they will be playing Oct. 28 in the state tennis team tournament.

Earlier, on Oct. 8, SM had taken a 5-2 win over the Thunder from Long Prairie-GE in the last home

match for players Coach Kevin Coughlin calls his "seven precious seniors."

"Our team deserves a great deal of credit for all that they have been through not just this season, but with all of our seniors and other veterans- their whole

career. They met a lot of extraordinary challenges these past few years going the extra mile- literally - to pursue greatness."

Coughlin has settled on a line-up for the section and state play. He said, "A strong singles line up with seniors Abby Edin and Skye Coughlin anchoring the singles ship. Meanwhile, the doubles are proving to be a real thrust in the engine of this trip to a state title, we hope."

"Our doubles have been showing a style of play that dominates matches. You can see how each player has internalized the dy-

namics of play and vision of the court and match."

In the final dual meet with the Thunder, Coughlin noted six time letter winner Abby Edin lead the way at first singles. She downed a hard serving left hander in convincing form. "Abby is kicking her game into gear, using her strings in a variety of ways and spotting the ball all over the court."

The Cardinal girls will be competing this coming Monday and Tuesday in the Section 6A Individual tournament.

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Annie Kautto

Cardinal CC teams run at Alexandria

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The Staples Motley runners had just one meet this week, racing Saturday at the Alexandria Invite against some tough competition, and in some cold weather. Coming off two weeks of straight practice, the Class A Cardinals still raced well in a meet that features larger, Class AA schools.



This week:
10-14
MID STATE CC
10-30 SECTION
AT BAGLEY

Boys
Despite the 25 degree weather, Gunner Johnson still shaved seconds from his time in the previous meet, leading the boys with a 14th place finish and a time of 17:05. Jordan

Bendson is back from injury, and racing well finishing at 28th. Tyler Jenniges, who finished fourth for the Cards, cut 17 seconds off of his time from the last meet, two weeks earlier.

Josh Freese, Isaac Fuhrman, Blake Miller, and Justin Ziegler made up the rest of the team from Staples Motley, all five running well in below freezing temps. The boys placed 11th in a field of 16 teams.

Girls

Senior Kaytlin Roth, who is having a good season, headed up the Lady Cardinals at Alexandria, racing to 12th place, finishing the 4K in less than 16 minutes (15:51). Emma Pogreba also finished in the top 20, in 16th place, with a time of 15:56. Katie Stone, Kyann Nyhus, Emily Fuhrman, Tayler Klimek and MacKenzie Holst all helped the Cards bring home a tenth place finish, in spite of the cold weather and the high level of the competing 16 teams.

This week, the Cardinal runners had the Mid-State Conference meet on Wednesday night, which was held at Park Rapids this year. Section action, will be on Oct 30 at Bagley. The state meet, held at St. Olaf College, is scheduled for Saturday Nov. 7. The top two teams from each section in the state will earn a trip to the state meet.

CC results

Boys Scores:
1. Stillwater, 53; 2. Roseville, 116; 3. Mounds View 125; 4. Willmar, 133; 5. Alexandria, 133; 11. Staples Motley, 291
14. Gunner Johnson, 17:05; 28. Jordan Bendson, 17:25; 77. Josh Freese, 18:32; 83. Isaac Fuhrman, 18:37; 89. Tyler Jenniges, 18:43; 96. Blake Miller, 18:58; 108. Justin Zeigler, 19:23
Girls:
1. Roseville, 54; 2. Alexandria, 124; 3. Monticello, 126; 4. Mounds View, 127; 5. Chanhassen, 148; 10. Staples Motley, 233
12. Kaytlin Roth, 15:51; 16. Emma Pogreba, 15:56; 55. Katie Stone, 16:47; 72. Kyann Nyhus, 17:18; 78. Emily Fuhrman 17:28; 88. Tayler Klimek, 18:07; 91. MacKenzie Holst, 18:32

Cardinal football wins 20-7 over Dilworth-G-F

By Tom Crawford
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The Staples Motley Cardinal football team survived the cold, wind-swept prairie at Glyndon Friday night, driving home in a snowstorm after a 20-7 win over the Rebels from Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton.

All the Cardinal scoring came in the first half of a game dominated by defensive stands by both teams, each rated No. 6 in their respective football class.

The temperature was about 21 degrees with the wind blowing snow across the field all night long.

Cardinal sophomore Blake Petrich broke a scoreless tie with just seconds left in the first quarter with a 23 yard score.

That TD came after the Rebels- who had threatened to score the game's first points - were robbed of the ball when safety Alex Jansson picked off a Rebel pass about 20 yards shy of the end zone and ran it all the way to the Rebel 29 yard

line.

The second Cardinal score was the result of an 80 yard drive in miserable snow covered conditions. After a Rebel punt rolled into the end zone, Jansson and crew started from their 20, gaining a first down at the 29 when Cody Hoemberg picked up three yards on a fourth down and one yard to go play. After a holding penalty set them back ten yards, Petrich got a 36 yard first down at the Rebel 40. Brandon Flickinger and Jansson combined for another first down at the 28 before Jansson and Tanner Roberts paired up for the Cardinals only pass completion of the night and a first down at the Rebel 13. That's where Jansson kept the ball and scored on the 12th play of the drive.

Still in the second quarter, the Cardinal defense stopped the Rebels twice, the second time with just over a minute left in the half. From the Rebel 36, Hoemberg got seven yards before Jansson again kept the ball, ran through the Rebel line and broke into the open, going 57 yards. The Cards led 20-0 at half.

With the exception of the punt return that was the only Rebel score, Staples Motley's defense took over in the second half and stopped the Rebels repeatedly on four plays. Likewise,

the Rebel defense and the weather combined to stop Cardinal drives as well.

One of those was a Blake Petrich punt from the Cardinal 15, which was fielded by Rebel Bennett Mercil at the 40 and carried back to the end zone. The extra point kick made the score 20-7 with about four minutes left in the quarter.

The win gives Staples Motley a 6-0 record with two games remaining on the regular season schedule. The Cards are tied with Perham, both with 64 points in the Section 8AAA standings, but with Perham having one loss, to third place Pequot Lakes.

Section 8 AAA

W-L	PTS
Perham	5-1 64
St. Motley	6-0 64
Peq. Lakes	5-1 63
Thief RF	4-2 60
East GF	2-4 48
Crookston	2-4 46
Park Rapids	2-4 45
Roseau	0-6 34

This week, the Cards return home for a game with Warroad, with the contest Thursday night on the Staples Motley field starting at 6 p.m.

Next week, the Breckenridge game will end the season and will be played on Wednesday night, starting at 7 p.m., also a home

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