

# Sports

## Volleyball

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Newton started with a 6-1 lead in the opening set against PCM. That stretch included aces by Macy Lampe and Hailey Sumpter and kills from Kadance Ahn and Chloe Rorabaugh.

Four aces by Ahn and two more kills from Rorabaugh pushed the lead to 18-5, and the Cardinals went on to win by 14.

The Mustangs (5-6) were much more competitive early in the second set. They led 4-1 until Newton rallied to even the game at 6-all and 7-all.

Rorabaugh stayed hot at the net with two more kills and finished the match with a career-high seven kills.

The Mustangs went back in front 12-9, but Newton rallied behind aces from Ahn and Addison Hook and kills by Delaney Woollums and Rorabaugh.

De Vries called time-out at 17-13, but Newton won four of the next five points to close out the straight-set win.

The Cardinals were 36-of-38 in serves with eight aces. The Mustangs served 16-of-22 with two aces.

Tori Lindsay led the Mustangs with two assists, two kills and three digs. Eliana Buswell dished out six assists, Addison Steenhoek had five digs and Reese Palm put down two kills and added three digs.

Rebecca De Vries collected three digs and Rylie Muck put down two kills.

The Mustangs and Hawks (3-2) played two very competitive sets.

PCM jumped out to a 7-3 lead thanks to a pair



PCM sophomore Morgan Karr, left, blocks Lynnville-Sully senior Paige James during the team's head-to-head matchup on Aug. 24. The Mustangs edged the Hawks in two sets to go 2-1 for the night.

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PCM Explorer

of kills and an ace by Rebecca De Vries and back-to-back kills by Palm.

The Mustangs maintained a narrow lead until L-S tied things up at 14-all. Paige James highlighted a Hawks' 5-0 run with a pair of aces and Elise Alberts served up an ace to put the home team in front 19-15.

That's when PCM rallied though. A 5-0 run of its own, highlighted by a pair of kills from Palm, made it 20-all and Palm put down two kills later to close out the set win.

The Mustangs led the second set 5-1, but L-S fought back to tie it at 8-, 9-, 10- and 11-all and then used a Conover kill to take the lead.

Morgan Karr, who was

in the lineup because PCM was without senior starter Elle Davis, registered a block and two aces to put the Mustangs back in front 16-14.

A pair of Aubree Arthur kills and another ace by James tied the set again at 18-all. The two teams also would be tied at 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 before the Mustangs won it 25-23.

Palm had a pair of kills down the stretch and Karr's kill late eliminated a Hawks' set point and drew her team even at 23-all.

"We called up Morgan and Jorja (Teeter) from JV because Elle was gone at a family funeral," Coach De Vries said. "When you have a starter

out, you have to get creative. It was good to get lots of girls playing time.

"It was great to see them have the endurance to finish it off. We served tough against (L-S), too."

Buswell finished with 20 assists and four digs, Palm put down 10 kills and Rebecca De Vries tallied four kills, two blocks and two digs.

Lindsay added five kills and eight digs, Karr chipped in three kills, three aces and two digs, Steenhoek collected 14 digs and Muck chipped in two kills and four digs.

Ella Schendel registered seven digs and Lark Drake added four digs.

The Mustangs were 43-of-47 in serves with four aces. The Hawks served 40-of-45 with three aces.

Steenhoek had two kills, four digs and four aces and Rebecca De Vries collected a career-high six kills and

added two blocks in PCM's win over Twin Cedars.

Buswell delivered 11 assists, Palm put down three kills, Lindsay and Muck each had five digs and Karr chipped in two digs. The Mustangs were 39-of-42 with nine aces.

### PCM sweeps Saydel, Hoover at Newton

NEWTON — Newton expected to be 3-0 after its home tournament kicked off the season on August 22.

But it's still the season openers and stress, anxiety and nerves playing on the court for the first time could be a factor.

The experienced Cardinals though didn't have much of an issue in their matchups with PCM, Saydel and Des Moines Hoover.

The toughest match both Jasper County programs had was against

each other.

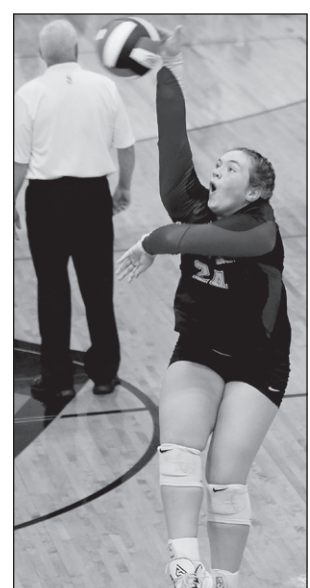
Newton downed PCM 21-18, 21-11 in their final match of the night. The Mustangs were 2-1, while Saydel downed Hoover in three sets in their matchup.

Newton defeated Saydel 21-8, 21-10 and downed Hoover 21-11, 21-8. The Mustangs swept Hoover 21-6, 21-6 and were better than conference rival Saydel 21-11, 21-17.

"It was a good start and we can only go up from here," Coach Sarah De Vries said. "Those first two games were good ones to start with."

"The wins build confidence for sure. We have girls who are still learning new positions and what it's like to play in varsity matches so getting those two early wins can only help."

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PCM senior Rylie Muck scores a point for the Mustangs against Saydel on Aug. 22 during the Newton Cardinal Early Bird Invitational.

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