



Indian netters defeat MNW 3-1

In Twin Lakes Conference varsity volleyball play, Pocahontas Area defeated Manson-Northwest Webster 3-1 on Senior Night at Pocahontas Thursday, Oct. 6 to improve to 15-13 overall. The Cougars took the opening set 25-23 while PAC rallied for wins in the next three sets as they took them 29-27, 25-22 and 25-19.

The Indians were 80-for-91 serving against MNW with six aces. Janssen led in aces with three as she was 21-for-25 overall. Vial was 11-for-13 with two aces and Hubbell was

12-for-14 with an ace. Melohn finished 15-for-16 on serves while Hinners was 11-for-12 and Vonnahme was 10-for-11. The Indians opened up last week with a 3-0 loss to Alta-



Sophomore Madison Vial dives for the ball during the second set of the match with Manson Northwest Webster on Thursday, Oct. 6. photo by Sandy Rutherford

Four Indians had double figures in kills, led by Jenna Vonnahme with 12. Both Megan Sump and Amanda Davis had 11 kills each and Paige Melohn added 10 kills.

Maria Hinners led in assists with 19 while Carly Janssen added 13 assists against MNW.

Sump had four blocks against the Cougars while Vonnahme had three and Davis, Melohn, Ava Ford and Jacalyn Sobotka had one block each.

Defensively, Hannah Hubbell had 33 digs to lead the Indians while Melohn had 17, Madison Vial had six and both Hinners and Halee Hauswirth had four digs each.



PAC's Jenna Vonnahme splits the Cougar defense during the third set of the Indians home match on Thursday, Oct. 6. photo by Sandy Rutherford

Aurelia in Pocahontas Tuesday, Oct. 4. The Warriors won the match by the scores of 25-22, 25-16 and 25-17.

Sump led in kills with six followed by Vonnahme with five, both Davis and Melohn had four, and Sobotka added one kill.

Janssen led in assists with 10 while Hinners had nine.

Vonnahme had three blocks against the Warriors while Melohn had two and Ford finished with one.

Hubbell had a team-high 17 digs followed by Melohn and Vial with nine digs and Hinners with three.

PAC was 48-for-56 serving against the Warriors with four aces. Vonnahme was 7-for-9 with two aces, Vial was 12-for-15 with an ace, and Janssen went 6-for-6 with one ace. Melohn finished 11-for-12 serving, Hinners was 7-for-8 on serves and Hubbell went 5-for-6.

The Indians wrap up the regular season Thursday, Oct. 13 at West Bend-Mallard. Next week, they host a Class 2A Regional First Round match against Sioux Central Monday, Oct. 17, in Pocahontas at 7 p.m. with the winner traveling to Hinton for a Regional Quarterfinal round match Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m.



Indians Jacob Gerdes (7) and Ethan Behrens (55) team up to bring down Southeast Valley's Eli Johnson during the October 7 home game. photo by Sandy Rutherford

PAC falls to Jaguars at home

By Doug Dornath

Southeast Valley shut out the Pocahontas Area varsity football team 36-0 in Pocahontas Friday, Oct. 7 as the Indians fell to 3-4 overall and dropped to 0-4 in Class 2A, District 2. The Jaguars moved to 3-4 overall and are 1-3 in District 2 play.

The Indians were held to 13 yards rushing and 74 yards passing by the Jaguars' defense.

PAC quarterback Lucus Kopriva was 5-for-12 passing for 23 yards and one interception.

Teammate Jackson Flaherty finished 1-for-2 for 51 yards passing.

Josiah DeYoung had two receptions for 22 yards for PAC, while Chase Flaherty caught one pass for 51 yards. Alex Welander had a reception for one yard, and both Blake Roberts and Jacob Gerdes finished with a catch for no gain.

Ryan Sommerlot led the PAC ground game with one carry for six yards. Kopriva had two carries for two yards, Jackson

Flaherty had one carry for three yards and Chase Flaherty had one rush for two yards. Welander had six carries for no yards and Carter Beschoner had two rushes for zero yards.

Welander led PAC in tackles with 16, followed by Ryan Panbecker with nine, Gerdes with 8.5 and Brett Johnson, Sommerlot and Ethan Behrens had six total tackles each. Roberts finished with four tackles, Gabe Ehn had three and Ike Vote finished with 2.5 tackles. Joseph Sanders and Kopriva tallied two tackles each and Jacob Lenz finished with 1.5 tackles.

In kickoff returns for PAC, Sommerlot had four returns for 14 total yards and Gerdes had two returns for four yards.

Southeast Valley's Cale Vansickle was 8-for-12 passing for 60 yards and three touchdowns. He connected with Justin Loseke four times for 25 yards and two scores while Eli Johnson caught four passes for 35 yards and a touchdown.

Carl Bergland had 20 carries for 147 yards and a 11-yard touchdown run while Drew Temple had nine carries for 23 yards and a three-yard touchdown run for the Jaguars, who finished with 45 carries for 259 yards rushing as a team.

Bergland, Temple and Loseke each had a two-point conversion for the Jaguars.

The Jaguars led 6-0 after the first period and were up 22-0 at the half while leading 36-0 after three quarters.

The Indians conclude the regular season Friday, Oct. 14, at home against Estherville-Lincoln Central for Senior Night in Pocahontas. The Midgets are 3-4 overall.



PAC's Ryan Sommerlot finds a hole in the Jaguar defense to run for positive yardage during the Friday, Oct. 7 game in Pocahontas. photo by Sandy Rutherford

PAC girls second at SCC Invite



Freshman Kristin Axman finished in 9th place at the meet in Lake City. photo by Sandy Rutherford

By Doug Dornath

Pocahontas Area's girls varsity cross country team took second place overall at the SCC Invitational in Lake City Tuesday, Oct. 4 as they scored 90 points while Alta-Aurelia won the girls team title with 80 points.

Kristin Axman led PAC with a ninth place finish in 21 minutes, 18.12 seconds. Kaitlynn Schuler was 12th overall in 21:42.0 while teammate Akaysa Dutschcher was 13th in 22:04.48. PAC's Natalie Point finished in 25th place in 23:43.24 and teammate Abby Oberhelman was 38th in 25:12.86.

In the varsity boys race, PAC's Dominic Aljets was 50th overall in 21:02.14.

The Indians will run at Ida Grove Monday, Oct. 10, and then head to the 2011 Twin Lakes Conference Meet Saturday, Oct. 15, at Gowrie beginning at 9:30 a.m.



PAC's Dean Mowry races to the finish line. photo by Sandy Rutherford

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"Because of how we can do things in our hospital, there's efficiencies that can be gained," Roetman said.

Specifically, if the hospital has an EMS crew working, those paramedics can work in the hospital's emergency room until there's an emergency call out in the community. That lowers the salary costs for the EMS budget, Roetman said.

There are still a number of costs that EMS programs can't avoid, though, particularly the cost of availability.

"You can't just fund something when you need it," Roetman said. "Much like insurance, there's a cost of having something available."

Health insurance payments don't always cover the cost of the ambulance trip itself, let alone that cost of availability, Roetman said. To put it into perspective, imagine if a police department could only fund itself with the tickets that officers write, or a fire department was only funded by payments for responding to fires.

Most health insurers pay the EMS program 35 to 40 cents for every \$1 billed, Roetman added.

Other costs have gone up, too. "The technology we have now is not the technology of 10 years ago," Roetman said. "The stuff we can do in the field is saving lives."

If at least 60 percent of Pocahontas County voters say yes to paying the additional taxes to fund EMS as an essential service, they won't see their taxes increase for about 18 months, Roetman said.

A committee, with representatives from every city in Pocahontas County, as well as county officials and some hospital officials, will set a budget each year for the use of the EMS tax funds. The Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors will approve that budget before the money can be spent.

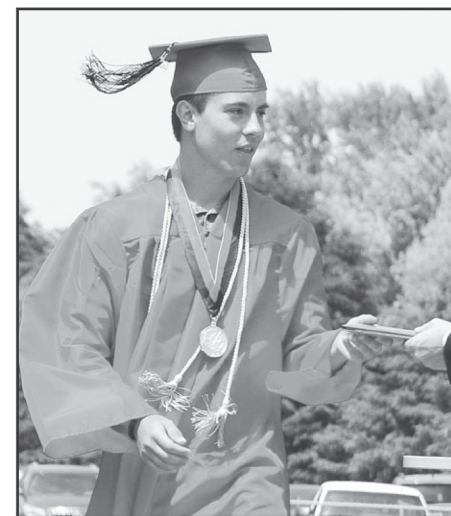
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