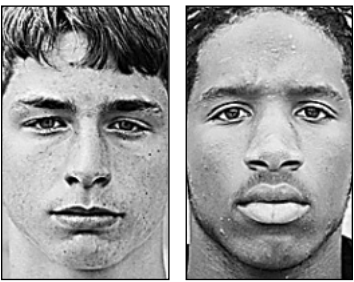




FINAL REGULAR-SEASON FOOTBALL STANDINGS, STATISTICS



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City League

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NOTE: Teams receive two points for a league win and one point for league tie by defeated opponents.

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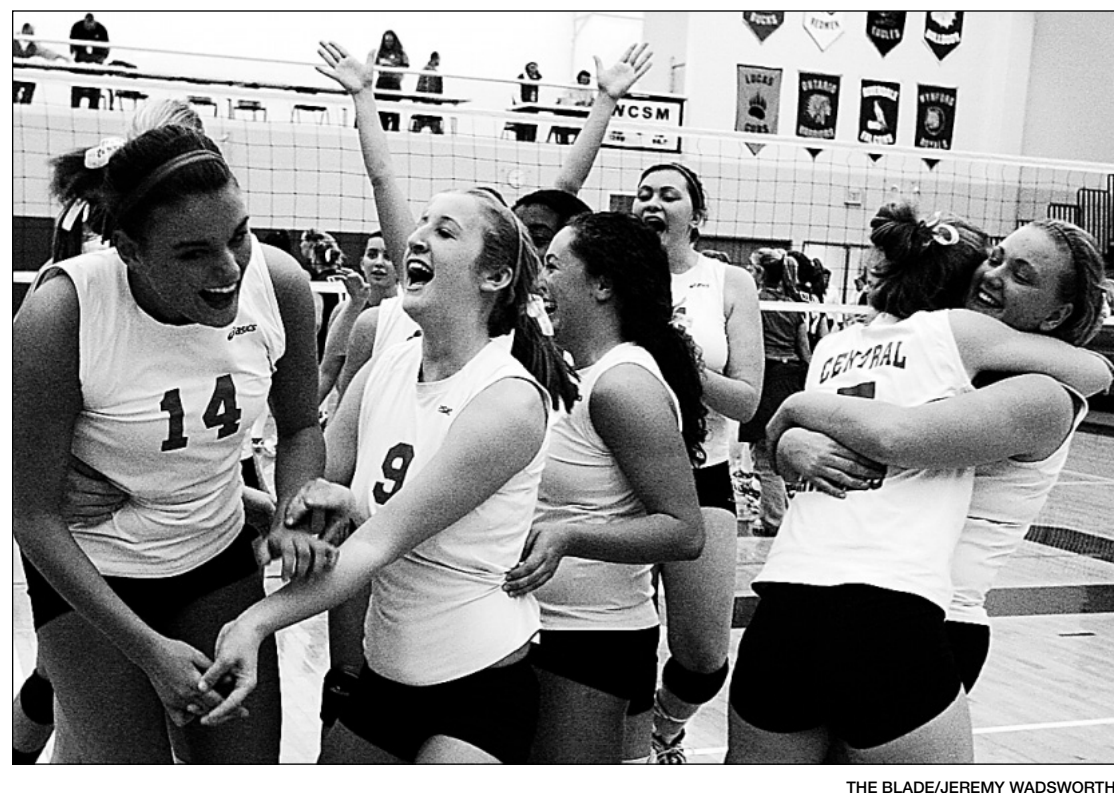
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Central Catholic's Julia Haupricht (14) and Kirsti Helldobler celebrate with teammates after the Irish defeated Celina in a Division II regional semifinal last night.

Central

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1977 and lost to Whitehall-Yearling. "We tried not to ever let down, and we didn't," said fourth-year varsity player Ashley Frazier, who topped Central with 13 kills in the brief match. "Celina was good competition, but we were just on our game tonight. We're definitely excited, and it's going to make us practice that much harder so that we come back [tomorrow] and play our best. We can't wait, and we hope that we make it to states."

The Irish, who trailed at only one short juncture in the match — 2-0 at the start of Game 2 — never really gave the Bulldogs a chance to get rolling. "I don't think we used our right sides enough in the beginning," Belcher said, "and when we started using them that's when we started getting kill after kill. "I just think we wore them down. We took the momentum

and ran with it, and they just couldn't get back into it. That was good for our team to see that they could keep the momentum for more than a point or two."

Central bolted to an 8-2 lead in Game 1, saw Celina pull within 19-18 late, then closed with a 6-1 surge. Kirsti Helldobler (four kills) sandwiched two point-scoring blocks around a Kelsey Gerken service ace to seal that game.

"I wasn't doing very well at the beginning of the match and my teammates definitely stepped it up," Frazier said. "Everyone was putting the ball down tonight. We practiced hard all week so we'd come out with intensity, and we pushed through the entire match."

In Game 2, after Celina's brief lead, the Irish answered with four straight points on the serve of Amanda Arnold (10 kills). Central cruised to a 14-6 advantage, notching seven straight points on the serve of Gerken. The Bulldogs got no closer than five from there.

The third game was already 15-6 in Central's favor after a kill

by Arnold when the Irish rode the serve of libero Amanda Gray to nine unanswered points and a 24-6 lead. Sophomore Julia Haupricht closed things with her fifth kill.

"We talked about how we needed to come out strong and establish the first game and win it, and that's what we did," Arnold said. "We got pumped up and we got it going. We just took the momentum from the other games and put it towards the third game. We wanted to finish strong to pump our fans up for the next match."

Amber Wiczynski added seven kills to Central's balanced attack, and Ashley Sujkowski had four. Celina's Liz Homan had nine kills, none after Game 2.

CONTACT TICKETS: Tickets for tomorrow's 2 p.m. regional final between Central Catholic and Mansfield Madison at Ontario will be on sale today at Central from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 103.

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