

Spikers

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Churchill spikers must forfeit WLAA crown

Guibert chipped in 18 digs, and Melissa Patterson also made a key contribution with five kills and four digs.

RAIDERS FINISH 2-2 IN TOURNAMENT

North Farmington began the WLAA tournament with pool-play victories over Westland John Glenn (15-13, 15-8) and Walled Lake Western (15-10, 15-10).

"We were down and let John Glenn stay in it," North coach Bob Calanich said. "All of a sudden Meghan Callahan started blocking and playing real aggressively on the net, and we took over from then on."

"We're a team that needs a big play. Meghan was going up against a girl who had another six inches on her. Once again Meghan just shut her down."

Elina Plinta, who was 37-of-38 serving with three aces in the tournament, served a dozen points in that match. Melissa Traczky was perfect serving (26-for-26) with seven aces overall.

Western frustrated the Raiders and stayed in the match by receiving and passing well off North serves. The Raiders never had a big lead but managed to hammer out a victory.

"What was it for us was perseverance," Calanich said. "We just served well (84 percent for the day). We just needed them in, and that's what helped us out."

"We had some great hitting, too. It was a matter of consistently getting the ball to the setter and doing what we can do, and that started with us getting the ball over the net."

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Livonia Churchill's glee from winning Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association girls volleyball tournament turned painfully sour on Tuesday when it was discovered the Chargers had used two ineligible players called up from the JV squad.

Third-seeded Churchill had put on an impressive display in the finals at Walled Lake Central, rolling off the match's first 18 points en route to a convincing 15-0, 15-7 triumph over Plymouth Salem, the top seed.

But Churchill will have to forfeit five of its six WLAA playoff wins and its championship trophy to runner-up Salem after coach Mike Hughes self-reported himself after discovering a rules violation.

He met with both his athletic director, Marc Hage, and principal, Rod Hosman, on Tuesday to report the infraction.

Michigan High School Athletic Association rules place a limit on 18 regular season dates, but Hughes discovered that late season JV call-ups Jackie Gatt, who played in the final, and Stephanie Gorte, who appeared earlier in the day, had already used their allotment.

"Our varsity players were playing in their 18th date, but our two JV kids were playing in their 19th," Hughes explained. "I was not cognizant of the situation. I just didn't think. It was not a question of being ignorant. I should have known, it was my mistake. It hit me like a ton of bricks when I realized it. There's no excuse."

Hughes, in his 27th year as Churchill varsity coach, just surpassed the 700-win mark this season. He led the Chargers to the 1991 state Class A title.

He met with players and parents on Tuesday to explain the situation.

"I wanted them to hear it from me," Hughes said. "I explained the consequences of my action. Of course, they couldn't be pleased, but I think they understood."

On Tuesday, Hage notified MHSAA assistant director Gina Mazzolini of the violation.

"I feel real bad," Hage said. "Mike said he made a huge mistake. After talking with Gina, I told her we're going to give back the tournament trophy. It's the right thing to do and she said there won't be any further sanctions."

Salem was the prohibitive favorite going into the 12-team tourney after ripping off 11

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(Friday, March 1)

CLASS A

at LIVONIA STEVENSON

First round: (A) Redford Union vs. (B) Livonia Ladywood, 5 p.m.

Semifinals: A8 winner vs. Livonia Stevenson, 6 p.m.; (Court No. 3); Livonia Franklin vs. Detroit Redford, 6 p.m.; (Court No. 2).

Championship final: 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Livonia Ladywood vs. Ypsilanti Lincoln district champion.)

at SOUTH LYON

First round: (A) Livonia Churchill vs. (B) Northville, 5 p.m.

Semifinals: Plymouth Canton vs. South Lyon, 6:30 p.m.; Plymouth Salem vs. A8 winner, 6:30 p.m.

Championship final: 8 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Livonia Ladywood vs. Ypsilanti district champion.)

CLASS B

at BENTLEY

First round: (A) Farmington vs. Southfield-Lathrup, 4 p.m.

Semifinals: Southfield vs. Farmington Hills Mercy, 5 p.m.; Bentley vs. A8 winner, 6 p.m.

Championship final: 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Troy vs. Novi district champion.)

at ALLEN PARK CARRBORO

First round: (A) Detroit Benedictine vs. (B) Southfield Christian, 3 p.m.

Semifinals: Allen Park Carrboro vs. Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.; Livonia Clarenceville vs. A8 winner, 6 p.m.

Championship final: 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Burton-Bentley vs. Burton-Bentley district champion.)

CLASS C

at YPSILANTI LINCOLN

First round: (A) Westland John Glenn vs. (B) Romulus, 10 a.m.; (C) Ypsilanti Lincoln vs. (D) Wayne Memorial, 11:30 a.m.

Semifinals: Belleville vs. A8 winner, 1 p.m.; Garden City vs. C8 winner, 2:30 p.m.

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