Crusader Volleyball looking to pick up League wins

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Over the past week, the women's volleyball team played four games. On Sept. 26, the Crusaders enjoyed home court advantage when they took on Marist. The team won the match 3-1. The scores of the games were 30-28, 30-23, 30-30 and 30-27. Holy Cross made a total of eight blocks and Marist recorded six blocks. Katie Mulvihill led the team in kills with a recorded 13 points. She was a very active player on the court and made 44 attempts. Defensively, she made 17 digs.

Carissa Bennett, one of the three co-captains of this year's squad, was another key offensive player in the game against Marist. She made 11 kills out of 30 attempts. Defensively, Michelle Leahy and Cheryl Jakielo played well recording a total of 12 and 10 digs.

Two days later on Sept. 28, the Crusaders traveled to Easton, PA to challenge Lafayette. The Crusaders came out very strong from the start and swept the first three games of the match. Holy Cross won the first game by only two points, 30-28, but picked up their level of play in the final two games with scores of 30-19 and 30-16.

Once again, Captain Katie Mulvihill led the team offensively with 10 kills out of 24 attempts. Kerri Blumenauer, Cassi Agostinachio and Carissa Bennett also played strong defensively, each recording eight digs. Blumenauer also made 10 defensive digs. In regards to points earned off serves, Holy Cross made 10 aces and Lafayette recorded eight aces. Four of the Crusaders aces were contributed by Bennett.

The following day, Sept. 29, the women's volleyball team traveled to Bethlehem, PA to play against the Lehigh Mountain Hawks. Unfortunately, the Crusaders did not experience the same kind of victory they had in their previous two games. Lehigh won the match 3-0.

The Crusaders played well in the first game and only lost by two points, 30-32. On the other hand, the last two games of the match were not as close. The Mountain Hawks dominated the games winning 30-21 and 30-24.

Lehigh's Jeannette Singleton, led her team in points with 22 kills and 16 defensive digs. Mountain Hawk Kira Bosak, was a key contributor to the game making 36 serves.

Holy Cross' Bennett and Mulvihill each made nine kills in the game against Lehigh. Michelle Leahy and Jaycic Jakielo played well recording a total of 12 and 10 digs.

Junior Katie Snell stated, "The game against Providence was a victory in the sense that we won a couple games against a very good team. We got hurt by little mistakes in the game. We just need to refine some minor details. Luckily, it was an out of league game. Our goal for the season is to make it to the Patriot League Champions. We have had a rough start but we just need to keep on going and win the rest of our league games."