

## ?North Harrison defeats Salem in four game volleyball match

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North Harrison won a four game varsity volleyball match over Salem Thursday (Oct. 2), but the visiting Lady Lions gave the hosts all they could handle. The Lady Cats went on to win 25-20, 25-20, 20-25, 25-22 in a Mid southern Conference tangle.

The Lady Cats were up two games to none, when Salem took a 14-12 lead in the 3rd game. The hosts tied it up at 14, and went up 15-14. The game was eventually tied up at 16, and later at 18.

Brianne Kiesler scored two points for North on two straight serves, to give the Lady Cats a 20-18 lead. It proved to be short lived, as Salem forced North into defensive errors on serve reception, and the Lady Lions closed out the 3rd frame with seven points in a row.

After an early tie at 4-all in the decisiing 4th game, the Lady Cats grabbed a lead of 8-6 off of serves by senior Wynn Shroyer. The score was tied at 12 moments later, but the Lady Cats kept the lead up at 15-13, 17-15, and 18-15, before a North Harrison service error got the visitors to within 18-16.

Salem finally got to within 22-20 after they took a time out, but the Lady Cats kept the Lady Lions at bay, and pulled out the 4th game 25-22.

North Harrison, like so many other schools across Southern Indiana, had to permanently cancel all athletic events the week after the windstorm (a remnant of Hurricane Ike) on Sept. 14. That included volleyball games against Paoli, Lanesville, and four matches in their own North Harrison Invitational.

Since that week, North Harrison coach Wes Briscoe thinks that his team has lost their focus.

They lost to both Jeffersonville, and lost in three games to Corydon Central, on the latter's own floor. They defeated Corydon Central in the Corydon Invitational the day before the windstorm.

"We're not focused," explained Briscoe. "We did some things tonight so we'd stay focused."

That included such things as changing the team captain, playing different line ups, and "nothing affected them", Briscoe said with concern.

"Right now, we're just not playing with a whole lot of consistency," said Briscoe. "Our goals are slowly starting to fade away," he said. "We refuse to work hard now."

He added, "We still have the ability to make some history, if we want to find it again in the next few nights."