

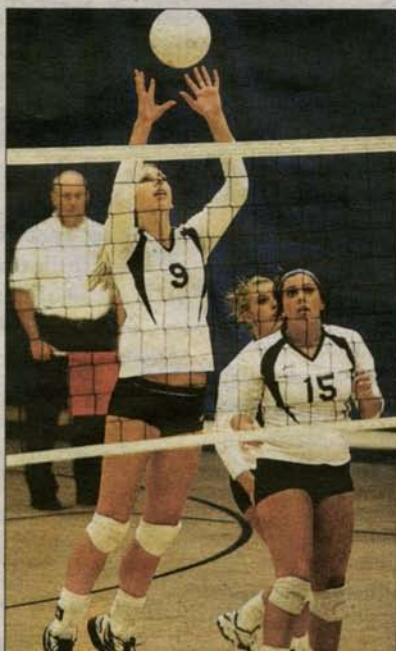
Volleyball teams fight to finish

Ramblers, Big Reds battle as regular season ends

The volleyball regular season concluded last week, and Fraser High and Clinton Township Chippewa Valley teams battled hard to the end.

Playing in the tough Macomb Area Conference Red Division, Fraser High (6-4) ended up

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Fraser High senior Julie Sanders (9) leaps up at the net to play the ball while junior teammate Shirley Thomas (15) watches during a match earlier this season. The Ramblers and Clinton Township Chippewa Valley both finished in second place of their respective divisions

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tied for second place with Macomb Dakota. The traditionally top-heavy MAC Red was unusually balanced this season, as upsets early on in the season soon became commonplace, to the point that five teams had a shot at the division title heading into the final week of play.

Fraser won at Port Huron Northern in its second from last match of the season, setting up a clash for the title against the Vikings of Marysville High — who were tied with the Ramblers for first place heading into the last day of the season. Fraser fell

to the Vikings, though, and Marysville (7-3) edged the Ramblers for first place and won its fourth straight MAC Red title.

Chippewa Valley also ended up in second place of a competitive division — the MAC White. The Big Reds beat Utica Ford II on their last day of division action to secure sole possession of second place. Fair Haven Anchor Bay (9-1) won the MAC White title, finishing two matches ahead of the Big Reds (7-3).

The playoffs are now under way. Check out our Web site at www.candgnews.com and click on the Sports link throughout the tournament for updates.

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