

Kishwaukee Delivers for a Sweet Victory

After a long hard fought battle the Kishwaukee Kougars delivered their head coach, Ron Sweet his third straight NJCAA DII National championship at the Wisconsin Dells Center in Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Kishwaukee was able turn the tables on a hot and fired up team from Johnson County Community College after Johnson County opened with a 22-25 first set win. Johnson County came out with a blocking frenzy that had the Kishwaukee hitters on their heels early. The Cavaliers were lead by all tournament middle blocker Sydney Pemberton who opened the first set with 5 stuff blocks including a streak of three in a row. The Johnson County block was proving to be an intimidating force at the net.

Game two was pivotal with the momentum swing going to Kishwaukee. After number of lead changes the Kougars closed out the set 25-22 on a great block and then a kill by All tournament team middle blocker Ashley Kimball.

Game 3 saw Kishwaukee take an early lead that they never relinquished as they finished the set 25-18 to take a 2-1 lead in the match.

Game 4 was much of the same as Kishwaukee jumped out to a 5-0 lead before Johnson County could get their first kill. The Cavaliers fought back only to see Kishwaukee pull away to close out the match with a 25-21 win.

The highlight of the game was when Kishwaukee libero Darcie Faylor made a spectacular play on a ball that was going out of the court past the Kishwaukee bench. After stabbing at the ball and then crashing through the bench the ball went high into the middle of the court where tournament MVP Ashley Beyer pounded the ball off the Johnson County block. This play helped ignite the Kishwaukee team and took the wind out of the sails for the Johnson County crowd.