



NORTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONS
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CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS
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Head Coach - Jim Freeman (17th year)

CARDINAL GIBBONS CLAIMS GREAT EIGHT TOURNAMENT CROWN

FRIDAY NIGHT

Cardinal Gibbons 3

West Henderson 0

West Henderson: 15 9 22—0

Cardinal Gibbons: 25 25 25—3

Records: West Henderson, 1-1; Cardinal Gibbons 2-0.

Cardinal Gibbons (2-0) defeated West Henderson on Friday night in a rematch of the 2005 & 2006 NCHSAA 2A state championships. Kills by Katie Kabbes (6-5 Sr. OH) accounted for the first three points of the evening as Gibbons took 12-5 lead punctuated by an ace by Avery Striebel (6-0 So. OH). Katie Camp's (6-5 Sr. MB) kill pushed the score to 21-12.

In the second set, consecutive kills by Camp gave the Crusaders a 7-1 lead. Megan Brown (6-0 Sr. MB) collected three blocks in five-point burst to stretch the advantage to 24-9. Michelle Fadool's (6-0 So. RS) kill gave Gibbons a 2-0 lead.

West Henderson jumped to a 12-5 lead in the third stanza before Gibbons mounted their comeback. Camp's kill at 17-16 gave the Crusaders their first lead of the set and Kabbes ended the match with her 23rd kill of the night.

CARDINAL GIBBONS STATISTICAL LEADERS:

KILLS: Katie Kabbes 23, Katie Camp 15

BLOCKS: Megan Brown 5, Camp 4, Kabbes 2, Striebel 2

ASSISTS: Molly Krull 34, Christina House 10

DIGS: Cayla Shortley 15, Kabbes 7, Striebel 7

ACES: Kabbes 2, Shortley 2, Striebel 2

KILL %: Camp .700 (15 of 20, 1 error), Fadool .667 (4 of 6, 0 errors), Kabbes .425 (23 of 40, 6 errors).

SERVE RECEIVE: Shortley 2.65, Kabbes 2.44, Striebel 2.0

Cardinal Gibbons posted a hitting percentage of .425 (48 kills, 11 errors, 87 attempts) and received serve at a lofty 2.42 clip (on a 3.0 scale). The Crusaders recorded eight aces, 9 blocks and 36 digs.

SATURDAY

Championship Bracket:

Cardinal Gibbons defeated J.F. Webb (25-10, 25-16)

Cardinal Gibbons defeated Hendersonville (25-10, 25-7)

Cardinal Gibbons split with Person (25-18, 24-26)

Person split with Hendersonville (16-25, 25-7)

Person defeated J.F. Webb (25-13, 25-11)

Hendersonville split with J.F. Webb (20-25, 25-20)

FINAL STANDINGS: (Based on Sets W/L)

1. Cardinal Gibbons 5-1
2. Person 4-2
3. Hendersonville 2-4
4. Webb 1-5

Tournament MVP: Katie Kabbes (Cardinal Gibbons)

All-Tournament Team: Katie Camp (Cardinal Gibbons), Bailey Hunter (Hendersonville), Amanda Robertson (Person), Cayla Shortley (Cardinal Gibbons) and Meagan Tatum (Person).

GREAT 8 TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

1997- Forbush

1998- Fred T. Foard

1999- Hendersonville

2000- Hendersonville

2001- Charlotte Catholic

2002- Riverside

2003- Providence

2004- West Henderson

2005- Providence

2006- Person

2007- Cardinal Gibbons