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Parents Night brought the best in the Kiel volleyball team but a tall and talented Plymouth squad took charge in the final two games to post a three games to one Eastern Wisconsin Conference victory last Thursday night in the Kiel High School gym. Scores were 25-19, 22-25, 25-11, 25-13.

"This was a nice victory after a rough past two weeks," said Plymouth coach Peggy Huhn.

"We were coming off losses to Waupun and Sheboygan Falls and Kiel played us tough. There were some great rallies out there tonight. Our girls kept in every play."

In game three, a Michelle Hilke spike tied that game at 3-all and appeared to be the turning point of the night.

"Marissa Grapentine and Michelle had excellent games for us," added Huhn.

Hilke was also the next Panther server and led PHS on a spurt of five straight points, including two aces, that made it 8-3 Plymouth and Kiel would not answer back.

In game four, a Laura Kobes spike off a Katie Mueller set, brought Kiel to within 9-8 and the Raiders were looking to extend the match to a deciding fifth game. With the serving of Clarice Hnlicka, Emma Addy and Johanna Egerer, the Panthers lead extended to 18-10 and a spike by Grapentine put an end to the match as Plymouth improved its EWC mark to 5-3 and Kiel fell to 1-7.

"We had moments of greatness but then fell backwards," said Raider coach Tori Dahl.

"Mikayla Preissner and Haley Rabe were all over the floor for us and we also got excellent play off the bench, especially Sydney Walsdorf. Unfortunately, we had too many unforced errors."

In the opening game, Plymouth broke away from a 5-5 tie and a pair of Raider errors accounted for the final two Plymouth points.

Game two saw Kiel break away from a 19-19 tie behind the serving of Walsdorf and kills from Stacy Hartman, Mueller, Kobes and Erin Schuler. Schuler's spike off a Preissner assist was the winning point. The JV match went to Plymouth by scores of 25-19, 25-22, and 25-23. The Panthers also beat Kiel two games to one in the freshmen match.

Kiel was in spike kills by Schuler with eight while Mueller and Brooke Goehring had five each. Preissner's 18 assists led there with Rabe adding seven. Hartman had a team-high ten digs with Walsdorf contributing six. Kobes delivered four aces.