

North Kingstown boys fall to Townies squad

By Rudd Hall

The North Kingstown boys' volleyball team took on a tough East Providence team Tuesday at Cranston Gym, with the Skippers hoping to prevent a second loss to the Townies this season.

The Skippers came into the game with a 3-4 record. They started the season out slow and are trying to pull together some wins. "We weren't playing as a team," said Jon-Michael Degidio, NK senior and Jamestown native, but, "we're coming together."

Degidio has assumed his position as setter on the squad and he feels really comfortable there. Previously he had been an outside hitter.

Joanne Fitts, the team's head coach, is also very happy with Degidio's performance since moving into the setter position. "He's the quarterback of the volleyball team," said Fitts, "He runs the plays, gets the ball to his hitters. And, he has to play defense. He's great when he comes back to play defense, he's got great timing, an excellent all around player who's worked hard for the past three years and deserves the position he's in."

Fitts began coaching in 1979 with the North Kingstown girls' volleyball team, but has been with the boys since the program started 20 years ago.

Degidio's passion for the game and his teammates is evident in both his play and court presence. He is constantly diving to make the play and getting back into po-

sition to help out defensively, as well as encouraging his players by throwing around high fives, keeping the moral up.

The Skippers, though, needed all their players contributing this week when faced with the second place Townies, who came in with a 5-2 record.

NK came out strong in the first game, battling point for point with East Providence and never trailing by more than two points early on, but fell behind to lose it 25-16. "They're lacking the fire," Fitts said.

The tough Townies continued their assault winning the second game, 25-18 and the third, 25-9, handing NK a disappointing 3-0 loss.

When asked what she felt her team needs to improve on, Fitts added, "Winning takes great covers at the block, great blocks, and like I said the fire, it just wasn't there, we were awesome on Friday and today, nothing."

Degidio was equally discouraged about the set, especially game three, which he called, "horrendous." "It was really disappointing. We'll have to improve," he said.

A tough game, but he finished with 20 assists overall.

Degidio graduates from NK this spring and isn't looking to continue volleyball at the collegiate level, "I think I'll just stick with the club team," he said. He plans to attend the Florida Institute of Technology in Brevard County, where he will study marine biology and aquaculture.



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