

# Island Sports

## North volleyball ends season in playoffs

By Stephanie Heelan Cotsonas

After posting a record of 14-4, the North Kingstown High School girls' volleyball season came to a close after a loss in the quarterfinals on Nov. 14 in the Division I playoffs. After a first round bye, North played East Providence and took an early lead winning the first game 25-9. East Providence took the next three games 25-19, 25-21, 25-23 to win the match.

Islanders on the team include seniors Jessica Bucklin and Colleen Bailey.

"The energy in the gym after the first game was great. We lost it a little bit in the next two because it is hard to be energetic when you are not up, but we kept some intensity. In that last match we didn't give up, we didn't stop playing just because we were down. We fought hard," Bailey said.

Although Head Coach Brian Garrepy was disappointed with the loss, he was happy with his team. "The quarterfinal game against EP was the best single match we played all year. I'm

very proud of the kids for playing well and together for four games," Garrepy said. "Unfortunately, we wound up on the wrong end of the stick after starting off with a 25-9 win in game one. The following three games could have gone either way and a few service errors at inopportune times killed us down the stretch," Garrepy added. After finishing the season in second place in Division I South, Garrepy said, like any other year, he was sad to see the season come to a close. "I think it was an interesting year. We moved a lot of parts around and juggled players and lineups to find something that worked with consistency," Garrepy said.

Even with the quarterfinal loss, Bailey said, "I think it was a really good way to finish. We played really well in the last match, so I feel better about the end of this season than I did about last season because we played well at the end instead of peaking somewhere in the middle. We did everything that we were supposed to so you can't be upset about that."



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