HTC stymied again by Janesville

By Chuck Vandenberg

Cedar Rapids - Coaches say it's tough to lose to the same team three times, but the Holy Trinity Crusaders can’t seem to find the answer to getting past Janesville in the state volleyball tournament.

Holy Trinity has been bounced the last three years by the Wildcats, including a three-set loss Thursday night in the semifinals of the 2017 State Volleyball Tournament in Cedar Rapids, 25-17, 25-20, 25-19.

HTC looked to make a run of it in the third set when junior Emily Box found her groove. The Crusaders knotted the score at 17 and then the two teams went back and forth as Box and Janesville’s Bree Thompson exchanged kills and kept the teams tied at 18 and 19, before the Wildcats got back-to-back blocks by Julia Meister to put Janesville just two points away from a return trip to the state championship.

The Crusaders got called for a double hit to make it 24-19 and Thompson sent the Wildcats to the title game with a kill to close it out.

Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier said the girls will learn from the loss. “It’s a life lesson. These girls worked hard all year, but we won’t let it define who we are,” Freesmeier said. “These are great kids, but they gotta go on. The sun will come up tomorrow.”

The Wildcats went to Thompson often in the first set with four kills just painting the lines. Thompson worked tight in the second set and kept the Crusaders on the floor with some hard hits. Janesville’s Kennedy Meister had a kill and a block in back-to-back points to take a 12-8 lead in the first set. HTC gave up an 8-4 run featuring four kills by Thompson and were down 12-20.

Junior Emily Box attacks the net against Janesville on Thursday night. The Wildcats downed HTC in three sets to end the Crusaders’ state tournament run.

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Police report
11/08/17 - 1:55 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1100 block of Avenue G.
11/08/17 - 6:27 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2000 block of 2005 Avenue H.
11/08/17 - 8:37 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2000 block of Avenue I.
11/08/17 - 9:28 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Adam James Huss, 29, of Fort Madison, at 30th Street and Avenue N on a charge of driving while suspended. He was released with a court date.

Lee County
Sheriff’s report
No issues were reported for 11/08/17. All persons in these listings are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison
Fire & Rescue
11/08/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls and one grass fire.

The Fort Madison High School Key Club inducted 15 new members at their weekly meeting Wednesday, Nov. 8th. New members pictured are: Front Left to Right: Emma Menke, Maycee Featheringill and Kaitlyn Moyers. Back Left to Right: Rachel Hellman, Kearstin Mason, Gracie Gobble, Kaleb Cresswell and Dakota Mixer. New members not pictured are: Abby Camp, Shayanna Hoenig, Brendan Jarvis, Gayla Mallory, Hailey McManus, Mih Shirai and Jyliyah Smutney.

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• TABASCO® plant tour on Avery Island
• Rip Van Winkle Gardens
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Threat-assessment team put together to monitor program

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it would be the school's intention to not notify police unless the issue requires that type of initial reaction.

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"When somebody reports a tip, they
do get a receipt from us," Lamb said.

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Third time isn’t the charm for HTC

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go any closer as the Wildcats pulled away with a 25-17 win. Box wasn’t able to get on track throughout the set with just one kill. Taylor Boeding had three to lead HTC in the first set.

The second game went pretty much the same way as the first with Janesville rushing out to a 10-5 lead, again behind the swing of Thompson. They kept the 5-point margin all the way to 14-18 when the Wildcats got called for a rotation violation. Julie Meister had a kill and a block on the next two points to push the lead to six. Senior Maya Rashid served three straight points for the Crusaders, highlighted by a Eryn Anderson kill, to close the gap to three 19-22 and forcing a Janesville timeout.

But a double hit call and a kill by Madison Stanhope put the game one point away and then Stanhope ended the game with a kill.

It looked as though Janesville’s history of putting away matches in the third set easily would continue as they rushed to an 8-1 lead. HTC’s Mya Lawlor then served for three straight points as Box came alive with back-to-back kills and a long shot by Thompson. HTC found themselves in a 5-10 hole but then outscored the Wildcats 9-4 to pull within one 14-15 and setting up the back and forth with Box and Thompson.

Box said after facing Starmont, who didn’t contest her at the net, Janesville’s block was troublesome. Box finished with 14 kills on 42 attacks.

“They put up a huge block and I tried to get around it but they were really tough,” Box said after the game. “I had trouble with it in the first and second set and it started to come around in the third. I just tried my hardest to get through.”

She said Janesville will bring most of their team back as will the Crusaders and she’s looking forward to seeing them again next year.

“We’ll know them even better next year and we’re just going to have come back and play tougher,” Rashid, who led HTC again in assists with 26, said, despite it being her senior year, she couldn’t be more proud with the way her team played.

“We showed who we are and what we can do here. A lot of these girls are coming back and they’ll definitely be tough next year,” she said.

She said the difference in Starmont and Janesville was part of the problem in the loss.

“Coming from Starmont, who didn’t put up a big block, to facing a very solid block from Janesville - that’s a tough transition but I thought we handled it pretty well. Janesville is just a very good team,” Rashid said.

Freesmeier said Janesville is a very precise, well-coached volleyball team. The Wildcats repeatedly had balls on all three lines.

“That’s a very impressive ball club. We didn’t stay disciplined in guarding lines and that hurt us,” she said.

She also said the block kept Box out of her game in the early going.

“That’s what happened at New London, too. She was pushing early on, but she did eventually settle in to the match.”

Boeding said the Wildcats were everything they were billed.

“I definitely won’t take anything away from them. They are a very good team and they do everything well. To beat that team we would have had to play just about perfect volleyball and we didn’t do that tonight,” Boeding said.

Eryn Anderson finished with 4 kills on 10 attacks and Madison Mohrfeld had a kill on four attacks. Box and Mohrfeld had the only two blocks for HTC, who finished the season 38-6 with their second semifinal appearance in the past three years.
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FMHS welding students work on projects as part of their curriculum in Jim King’s class at the high school. King was given a Teacher of the Year award by the American Welding Society on Tuesday, and curriculum at the school, doubling the facility and equipment and instructed three basic classes for juniors and seniors and one morning vocational program. King stayed at BHS for 18 years and then decided to retire. “I had enough for IPERS retirement and I wanted to do something different. My wife, daughter, and grand-daughter were into horses and when I came back from Vietnam my father-in-law and wife had bought a place out by Wever and I told her then that I wanted to go raise some horses and hell out there."

But an offer came up again that was too tempting to turn down and he became a salesperson for Dodge Rodeo as a sales rep at rodeo events. He told them he wanted to do it part-time, so he did 15 or 16 rodeos a year the first couple years, but he said his position expanded and the last two years he did 32 rodeos in three weeks in Las Vegas. "It just wore me and my wife out," he said. "So here I am retired from Burlington and retired from Dodge, and my daughter, Tracy, who was an associate principal in Burlington had a meeting at the administration building and was asked how the Dodge stuff was going. She told them I was home doing nothing and 48 hours later they were asking me to fill in for a teacher at SCC who had to have emergency surgery."

In January, the start of the 2nd semester, they wanted to know if I would work with an engineering firm and help design a new $3.2 million welding facility that had been approved. King said he would help with the project and in March when the building was being quickly finished, the dean of the program brought him a check for $200,000 to equip it. The contract he had was for a one-year diploma program, but the college then wanted to move to a two-year Associate of Applied Sciences program. Again King went back to the Hobart curriculum and designed the program for the college and he said that program is still working very well for the college and the students in the program.

In 2012 after the SCC program was up and running, King said he was approached again by educators to come back to teaching. "In 2012, five years later, here I am flunking at retirement, and I told my wife Susie we’d head to Florida. The day before we’re ready to leave, Dr. Marang and Curriculum Director (now Principal) Greg Smith asked me to come and talk about building a program in Fort Madison. We met for a couple hours and I told them if I was going to do this, they didn’t have an option, that I was going to write a Hobart curriculum." When he returned in March they went into a large storage area, which is now the welding building, and King said it was so full of clutter that you could hardly move. "I get here the next day and there was a bus with 25 inmates from ISP and within three days it was clean enough to eat off the floors," King said. "Then Dr. Marang and Smith asked me to fill the facility with equipment."

King said he went to Huffman Welding for stainless tables and Sether and Cherry reviled the whole building. All that was needed was someone to teach the program. "They came to me with a tear in their eye and said they couldn’t find anyone to teach and I took it. For me it’s always about the kids," King said.

Then when SCC realized he was teaching in Fort Madison, they approached him about a dual-credit program in welding and now King has students who are graduating from FMHS and graduating from SCC with a one-year diploma at the same time. "That program has saved those kids and parents more than $6,600 in tuition and 95% of the kids that go onto SCC for that second year of the Applied Science Degree qualified for scholarships and some have come out of that program with $0 debt," he said. He said one of the "good" problems is that area industries wanted to come in and talk with the students about employment opportunities. "Well those kids, if they were to meet with those industries who are ready to offer them jobs, they wouldn’t be students anymore, they’d be gone. So I don’t let them come in until May anymore, to make sure the students complete the programs."

Smith said King is an example of the teaching expertise that exists at Fort Madison. "If you were able to walk next to me any day of the week, you would be astounded by the expertise of teachers in this building. I’m not talking about their expertise in their content area, I’m talking about the art of teaching; their ability to connect with students on an individual basis and help them learn in a way in which they can be successful," Smith said.

Jim King is a prime example of this type of expertise. He has worked with students for over 40 years, not only imparting his prowess in the field of welding, but helping students understand who they are and how they learn. Every day he mentors students about what it is to be a productive adult; responsible, respectful, and self-aware. Mr. King is an expert at kids. He has mastered the art of teaching and his students learn because of it.

Technology has made the curriculum even better with video instruction that goes hand-in-hand with the books. "It’s HD, a DVD in color, oh, it’s beautiful stuff," he said. "And if they are still having trouble that’s when the old man puts on the helmet and jacket and gets in the booth to watch what they are doing."

Students who excel in the class and get through the curriculum then take on larger projects such as a stainless steel boat, large scale grills and smokers, truck additions, etc.

King has a wall with all the projects he and the students have worked on together and even after retiring five or six times, King still is going strong as students keep peeking in during the interview to see if they can catch a moment with this newest national teaching award winner.
Leonard Anderson
US Army
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U.S. Army
1997-2005

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Pete Eicher
Marines
Vietnam

James J. Fedler
U.S. Army
World War II

Jack K. Foreman
U.S. Navy
World War II & USS
Sloat-North Atlantic

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U.S. Army
1949-1970 Vietnam
25th Inf B Co. 1-27
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Joe Harris
Navy
Served from 1943 until
1945 on LSM 258. Involved
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Southern Philippines, and
Borneo.
At age 29 he went to war
with a 1 and 2 year old at
home. Served his country. He
will be eternally missed.

John “Bud” Koellner
U.S. Army
March 1942 to October
1945. 1st Platoon, B Troop,
121st Squadron, 106th
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Served from 1959 - 1963

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U.S. Army
Company B, 237th Engineer Battalion; Served in Germany during the Vietnam War era

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Navy
E-6 MMSS, Wartime Lebanon-Beirut

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