

Bump, set **SPIKE!**

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The Lady Pioneers showed Monday they can handle a few curveballs.

Cannon County tried to throw off a young Warren County team with an unorthodox strategy, but it didn't work for the road team. The Lady Pioneers swept the visitors 25-9, 25-15 and 25-12.

"Cannon County played

at a totally different pace than we are typically used to," said Warren County coach Katie Rogers. "They're unconventional. They sent a lot of second shots back over instead of setting one of their hitters. It can be hard to adjust to and it showed, but we got the win."

Warren County (5-3) countered the Lady Lions by making the routine plays, especially serving. Freshman Danika Reno fin-

ished off the first set with a flurry, picking apart the Cannon County defense with three pinpoint, untouched aces before Samantha Jennings finished with a slam.

Senior Marah Wanamaker showed off her serving skills in the second set, rallying the team from a sluggish start with six straight points – including two aces – to make it 21-14.

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Jeffery Simmons photo
Sophomore Samantha Jennings, backed up by teammate Beth Vaughn, skies for a slam against Cannon County during Monday's match at Charlie Dalton Gym. The Lady Pioneers dominated the visiting Lady Lions, winning in straight sets.



Lacy Garrison photos

Above, McMinnville resident Kimberly Feno finishes the 400-meter swim portion of the McMinnville City Triathlon. Feno finished sixth overall and was the first female to finish the race, which also featured an 18-mile bike ride along with a hilly 5K run.

At right, Ben Myers grabs his bike and gears up for the 18-mile road course. At this point Saturday, rain was drenching racers, who seemed to appreciate the cooler weather during the swimming, cycling and running event.

Racing in the rain

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It was a wet and rainy day for the McMinnville City Triathlon, which took place at the Civic Center Saturday morning. Although the number of participants were down, 75 people showed up ready to swim, cycle and run. Most participants competed individually while others were a part of a relay team, breaking up each segment of the race with different team members.

Some Cookeville visitors came to cheer on family mem-

bers who were competing in the triathlon for the first time, including 6-year-old Tate Brooks. The rain didn't deter Tate from cheering on his uncle Monti Smith while wearing a red rain jacket and clutching a superhero umbrella. As soon as he spotted his uncle preparing for the 400-meter swim, he smiled and cheered with excitement.

Others weren't new to the race and were happy to keep the tradition going, including McMinnville resident Bill Martin. Martin competed on a relay team and was responsible for the cycling portion of the triathlon.

"It's my second time and I'm thrilled to be back this year," said Martin while waiting to receive the time chip from his team member. "As far as time, we just want to do the best we can."

Despite the heavy rain, family and friends hung around cheering participants on under the tents and umbrellas. Finally, once the majority of cyclists were finishing, the rain stopped. Many participants said that they preferred the overcast weather for race days instead of the heat and scorching sun.

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