

Lady Pioneers take two

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Road trips don't seem to phase the Warren County Middle School volleyball team.

The Lady Pioneers made quick work of two opponents this week, traveling Monday to defeat Franklin North and following it up with a win over Westwood in Manchester Tuesday.

Warren County (7-1) won both games in straight sets, downing the Lady Gators 25-18 and 25-13 before taking out Westwood 25-11 and 25-8.

"We're halfway through the season and I'm happy with the way the girls are playing," said coach Kelly Clayborne. "Our service game seems to be getting stronger each game. We

have some work to do on communication and defense.

"This team is young but they have shown me they are willing to work hard to improve."

Mia Hobbs helped the Lady Pioneers shrug off a slow start against Franklin North, rallying her team from a 7-1 deficit with her serving. The Lady Pioneers pulled away midway through the first set, riding Brianna Winkler's serving and strong net play.

Kennedi Pegg and Caitlyn Adams took over the second set, firing aces through the Franklin North defense. Warren County took a 19-13 lead before Hobbs got back to the service line and rolled off six points to seal the win.

Hobbs finished with a

team-high six aces, followed by Pegg and Adams with three aces apiece. Winkler was tops on the team with five kills, while Hobbs had three and Jessie Young added two.

The Lady Pioneers blew by an overmatched Westwood team trying to get its footing during its first year. Hobbs again was strong in the outing, finishing with nine aces. Winkler, Pegg and Krista Chisam also had big nights serving.

"Westwood is working to build up its program. Our service game was a little too strong for them," said Clayborne.

Warren County will get a chance to avenge its lone loss next week when it travels to White County. The matchup is set for Tuesday at 5 p.m.



Photo provided by Painted Barn Media
The play of Mia Hobbs has helped WCMS start the season 7-1.

Solid effort not enough for WCHS

The effort was never a question, even if the result left a lot to be desired.

The WCHS volleyball team put up a fight on its homecourt Tuesday against Soddy Daisy, but still fell 25-13, 25-13 and 25-15.

"The score does not reflect how well we played. I had to keep reminding the girls," said Lady Pioneer coach Katie Rogers. "I was extremely proud of the way they kept their composure through the match. Soddy Daisy is a great team."

The loss, which dropped Warren County to 5-4, underscored several good performances. Senior Hailey Wood had six assists, five kills and one ace, while freshmen Madison Hollis and Danika Reno finished with 14 and 12 digs, respectively.

Senior Marah Wanamaker added three kills and two aces, while Samantha Jennings had three kills and one block.

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