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NEW CASTLE RALLIES FOR FIRST VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The first three championship matches of the 2007 volleyball state finals were quickly decided but the 4A contest easily provided the most drama as New Castle claimed a thrilling come-from-behind 3-2 victory over Elkhart Memorial at Worthen Arena in Muncie.

The 26-24, 14-25, 18-25, 25-23, 15-9, decision solidified New Castle's first state title in a girls sport.

The Trojans (33-7) were on the verge of defeat trailing Elkhart Memorial, 2-1 in games, and down 23-20 in the fourth, but rallied for five consecutive points to win 25-23 and send the match to a deciding fifth session.

In the fifth game, New Castle used the momentum to jump out to a quick lead and never relinquished it. The Trojans led 10-9 before winning the last five points as the team spilled onto the floor in celebration.

Macey Elyea led New Castle with 21 kills and Hayley Benninger added 20. Caitlin Cox finished with 36 digs on defense and setter Sara Metroka ended with 45 assists.

Jennifer Krumwiede led the Chargers offense with 21 kills and showed the way on defense with 31 digs. Elkhart Memorial finished 36-4 falling short of capturing the school's first state title in any sport.

In this morning's semifinal round, the Chargers fell behind losing to Carmel in the opening game but rallied to take the next three to take earn their first appearance in a state championship match. New Castle took a 3-1 decision from Floyd Central in its semifinal also qualifying for the title match for the first time.

New Castle was headed by second year coach Alan Davis. Elkhart Memorial's leader was Jacquie Rost.

ELKHART'S COURTNEY ANGLEMYER NAMED MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD WINNER

Courtney Anglemyer of Elkhart Memorial High School was named the winner of the Mental Attitude Award in Class 4A following the state championship match by members of the IHSAA Executive Committee.

The award is presented annually to a senior participant in the state finals who was nominated by her principal and coach and has demonstrated excellence in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability.

Anglemyer is a three-year starter for the varsity team that has won over 90 games during her prep career and served as team captain the past two years. She was an all-conference selection three times and was selected second team All-State this year in Class 4A. She was named her team's mental attitude award winner in 2006.

♦ "Courtney is a young woman who is not afraid to stand up for what she believes in," says New Castle principal Mark Tobolski. "At an age when many teens are uncertain about sharing their views, Courtney has been a voice of what is right, even when it may not be popular among her peers."

Academically, she maintains a 3.3 GPA and plans to study pharmacy, though is undecided on her college choice.

She is the daughter of Bruce and Korie Anglemyer of Elkhart.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, the IHSAA's corporate partner, presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Elkhart Memorial High School in the name of Courtney Anglemyer.

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