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Bartlett rallies at St. Charles N., now 14-5

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Bartlett's Spencer Medendorp (8) is fired up after scoring a point against St. Charles North during Wednesday's boys volleyball match in St. Charles. (Paul Valade / pvalade@dailyherald.com)



St. Charles North's Steven Litteral (6) and Jacob Knap (3) goes up for the block against **Bartlett's Spencer Medendorp (8)** during Wednesday's boys volleyball match in St. Charles.

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Bartlett's Reece Thompson (11) goes to the net against St. Charles North's Nathan Simpson (8) and John Jakaitis (15) during Wednesday's boys volleyball match in St. Charles. (Paul Valade/pvalade@dailyherald.com)



Bartlett's Nick Ciolino (10) finds a hole between St. Charles North's Steven Litteral (6) and John Jakaitis (15) during Wednesday's boys volleyball match in St. Charles. (Paul Valade/pvalade@dailyherald.com)



*St. Charles North's Joey Stablein digs out a **Bartlett** serve during Wednesday's boys volleyball match in St. Charles. (Paul Valade/pvalade@dailyherald.com)*



*St. Charles North's Steven Litteral spikes the ball past **Bartlett's Aaron Amawan** Wednesday in St. Charles. (Paul Valade/pvalade@dailyherald.com)*



St. Charles North's Nathan Skariah (11) goes up for the block against Bartlett's Spencer Medendorp during Wednesday's boys volleyball match in St. Charles. (Paul Valade/pvalade@dailyherald.com)

There wasn't the least bit of panic.

With 15 errors, Bartlett lost Game 1 to host St. Charles North, 25-19.

The Hawks kept their composure and rallied to win the next two games, 25-15, 25-23 to claim the match against the pesky North Stars in non conference action in St. Charles Wednesday night.

"We just made way too many errors in the first game," said Bartlett coach Robert Schwantz. "We were much cleaner and had better focus the last two games."

Spencer Medendorp (3 kills) and Reece Thompson with 3 kills and 2 aces aided Bartlett in jumping off to a 13-7 lead in the second game.

The Hawks' biggest advantage in Game 2 was 24-13.

A kill by Thompson forced a decisive third game.

There were 6 lead changes before Bartlett took the lead for good, 14-13 on a kill by Nicholas Ciolino. The Hawks scored the next 3 points on North Stars errors and led 17-13.

St. Charles North kept whittling away at the lead and tied the match at 23 on a kill by Nathan Simpson.

Bartlett scored the next points on errors to win the game and match.

Medendorp paced the Hawks (14-5) with 15 kills.

“We were shaky the first game,” said Medendorp. “Coach told us between games we needed to focus and cut down on the errors. St. Charles North is a good well-rounded team.”

Thompson added 6 kills and 2 aces. Aaron Annawan (2 aces) and Adam Koniecko contributed 5 kills apiece for the winners.

Nathan Simpson and Jacob Knap led the North Stars with 6 kills apiece.

“We had a great win at Geneva last night,” said North Stars coach Todd Weimer. “We came back and gave great effort against a very good Bartlett team tonight. It was a tough back-to-back.”

Baseball

Huntley starter Vinny Costantino threw five scoreless innings Wednesday and the Red Raiders led Burlington Central 6-3 before the game was suspended in the top of the sixth inning due to darkness.

Huntley (11-3, 4-2 Fox Valley Conference) had key hits from Joey Garlin, who was 2 for 3 with three RBI and Ryan Quinlan, who was 2 for 2 with two RBI.

Garlin and Quinlan each drove in two runs in the bottom of the fourth to put the Raiders ahead 6-0.

Costantino struck out four, allowed two hits and threw 62 pitches. Huntley coach Andy Jakobowski pulled Costantino after five because it was his longest stint of the season.

Central (8-7, 4-3) started to come back once Costantino was out. Michael Person walked, Brady Gilroy doubled him in and AJ Payton, who had two singles off of Costantino, homered to left field to make it 6-3.

The game will resume at 5 p.m. Thursday.

— Joe Stevenson