

PREP ROUNDUP

North Cobb boosts fortunes in region race

From staff reports

One day after picking up one key Region 4AAAAAA win, North Cobb added another Thursday in a 1-0 win at 10th-ranked Hillgrove.

The Lady Warriors (10-7, 4-1) are third in the region standings, a half-game behind co-leaders Kennesaw Mountain and South Cobb.

After five scoreless innings, North Cobb got the game's only run in the sixth when Rachel Bartoe tripled to score Bryanna Vazquez. Vazquez had drawn a lead-off walk before moving to second on Casey Page's sacrifice bunt.

Megan Anderson and Taylor Krause also had hits for the Lady Warriors.

Olivia Mould (7-3) pitched a complete game, striking out three, walking none and scattering four hits.

Rachel Jarvis doubled for Hillgrove (7-4, 1-2), which also had singles from Kia Lang, Madison Garner and Michelle Forrester.

Abby Evans was a hard-luck loser, striking out five in a complete game of her own.

North Cobb will host Jackson County on Saturday. Hillgrove will face Northwest Whitfield today as part of the Cherokee County Invitational at Hobgood Park in Woodstock.

■ **Marietta 9, Campbell 3:** The Lady Blue Devils set the tone with a four-run first inning and won the Region 4AAAAAA home game.

Taylor Hartenbach (4-6) went the distance, striking out 13 and allowing four hits, three walks and three unearned runs. Hartenbach also batted 2-for-3 to improve her batting average to .421 for the season.

Liz Osburn was 2-for-2 with a home run, a walk and four RBIs, and she is now batting .438. Lacey Mount had a triple and two RBIs, Hannah Donlin a triple and one RBI and Devan Dowdell an RBI groundout.

Marietta (5-8, 1-3) will step out of region play Monday at New Manchester.

■ **Mount Paran Christian 11, North Cobb Christian 0 (5 inn.):** The visiting Lady Eagles spread their scoring over each inning to beat the homestanding Lady Eagles in a Region 6A game.

Emily Harrell was the big contributor for Mount Paran (4-4, 1-2). She won the game from the circle, striking out five and walking none, and she also went 2-for-3 at the plate with a double, run scored and four RBIs.

Shannon McGeary was 3-for-4 with two doubles, three runs and an RBI, while Caroline Reilly was 2-for-4 with a run and an RBI.

Mount Paran will travel to South Cobb on Monday. ■ **Kell 5, Forsyth Central 4:** Kristy Peason's two-out RBI single in the seventh drove in the winning run and lifted the Lady Longhorns to a come-from-behind Region

7AAAAA victory.

Kell (6-1, 5-0) trailed 4-2 heading to the top of the seventh, but got an RBI single from Sierra Shipley and a sacrifice fly from Sarah Flatebo to tie the game ahead of Pearson's game-winner.

Shipley finished the night 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Pearson went 2-for-4.

Kell will travel to Roswell today.

■ **South Cobb 24, Pebblebrook 0 (3 inn.):** Asia Moore was 2-for-2 with a double and three RBIs as the Lady Eagles dominated the Region 4AAAAAA game from the outset.

Mariah Byk went 2-for-3 with an RBI, and Ariel Lebouf added a triple and drove in three.

South Cobb (11-3, 4-0) will host Mount Paran Christian on Monday.

VOLLEYBALL

■ **North Cobb sweeps tri-match:** Savanna Gonzales had 14 kills to help lead the eighth-ranked Lady Warriors to a tri-match sweep over Woodstock (26-24, 25-21) and Kell (25-18, 25-17).

Abby Miller had 10 kills, Shauntell Luke recorded 5.5 blocks, Taylor Parrish finished with 40 assists, Kate Pember had 23 digs, Karla Radillo had 13 digs and Madi Dukes added eight kills with 2.5 blocks.

North Cobb (13-4) will compete in the Volleyball at the Beach beginning Sept. 14 at the College of Coastal Georgia in Brunswick.

■ **Hillgrove wins tri-match:** The Lady Hawks downed North Cobb Christian (25-20, 17-25, 25-13), then swept Cartersville (25-13, 25-15) to complete the non-area sweep.

Kelly Arnold led the way with 25 kills and five aces, Shayna Williamson had 11 kills with six aces and Myah Martin finished with 25 assists.

Hillgrove (11-3) will travel to Woodstock for a play date Saturday.

■ **Walker sweeps tri-match:** The Lady Wolverines defeated host Wheeler (25-10, 25-14) and Riverwood (25-16, 23-25, 25-18) Thursday to extend their winning streak to seven matches.

Walker (14-2), Class A's top-ranked team, got solid performances from Paige Warner, who had 22 kills and six blocks, and Sasha Fazylov, who finished with 12 kills.

Brooke Warner added six kills, 11 digs and 26 assists, while Anna Chocalo contributed six aces and 39 digs.

Walker will host a 12-team play date Saturday. The Lady Wolverines begin with North Atlanta and First Presbyterian Day in pool play before finishing up the event with two more matches.

■ **North Cobb Christian splits tri-match:** After losing in three sets to Class AAAAAA county rival Hillgrove, the Lady Eagles rebounded with a 25-19, 25-13 sweep of Class AAA Cartersville.

North Cobb Christian (7-5) lost its opening match 25-20, 17-25, 25-13.

Ansley Smith led the Lady Eagles with 18 kills and eight blocks, while Katelyn Dobbs had 14 kills and five aces. Alison Hamilton finished with 13 kills.

Carleen Porter had 33 assists, and Shelby Allen 19 digs and five aces.

North Cobb Christian will host Mount Paran Christian and Darlington for an Area 4A tri-match Tuesday.

■ **Mount Paran Christian earns split:** The Lady Eagles beat host River Ridge (27-25, 25-21) but fell to North Paulding (25-18, 25-23) in a tri-match.

Sydney Murphy totaled 28 assists, Asher Ward had 24 digs and Melissa Morris contributed 16 kills for Mount Paran (10-5-1), which will compete in a play date at Woodstock on Saturday.

■ **Whitefield sweeps Class AAAAAA teams:** The Lady Wolfpack rallied to beat Pebblebrook (23-25, 25-16, 25-18), then swept Campbell (25-17, 26-24).

Anna Long led Whitefield with nine kills on the night, with Sunni Dupree adding eight kills, eight digs and seven aces. Gracie Babcock had seven kills.

Anna Moore had 30 assists and nine aces, and Morgan Landers had 14 digs and four aces.

Whitefield will travel to Christian Heritage on Tuesday for an Area 4A tri-match that also includes

Gordon Lee.

■ **Kell splits:** The Lady Longhorns split a tri-match, defeating Woodstock (25-12, 25-17) before falling to North Cobb (25-18, 25-17).

Ashley Jones led the way with 16 kills, 15 digs, nine blocks and two aces. Amalie Alvarez finished with 12 digs and two aces, Ansley Silva recorded seven kills and 15 digs, Heather LaPrade had three kills, five digs and 27 assists and Eliana Tiller added 11 digs and a kill.

Kell (6-10) will compete in the Georgia Challenge on Saturday at the Southern Volleyball Center in Alpharetta.

■ **Shiloh Hills Christian 3, Mountain Area 0:** The Lady Challengers won 25-18, 29-27, 25-22.

Darby McCosh led with 13 kills, Bri Domalik had nine kills, Lauren Adams finished with 23 digs and Hannah Smothers added 19 assists.

Shiloh Hills (4-2) will host People's Baptist on Tuesday.

■ **Heritage School 3, Dominion Christian 1:** After winning the first set, the Lady Knights went on to lose the next three and fell 18-25, 25-16, 25-23, 25-12.

Sabrina Johnston led Dominion with 11 kills and 1.5 blocks, while Morgan LaVigne had seven kills. Kelsey Mateo added 20 assists and 1.5 blocks.

