

## Cheshire Volleyball Success Continues With Another SCC Championship

Cheshire - The road to the SCC boys volleyball title goes through Cheshire, and for the eighth time in the last 13 years, the Rams have come away with the trophy.

In a match between two SCC powers, Cheshire pulled away from Amity for a four-set win. Each game was close as the Rams won its three games by scores of 25-22, 25-20, and 25-22 in the decisive fourth set. Amity stayed alive with a 25-19 win in set three.



Cheshire's depth was a significant factor. Tim Nugent choreographed the win with his 37 assists. Shea Cronin had 13 digs, while Thor Novicelli and Jeremy Alliger added 12 kills.

"We have a lot of guys who contribute," Bavone told GameTimeCT.com. "We have a multiple amount of guys that contribute this year. I like that."

Amity was competitive all night and was led by its LaSalle-bound star Theo Zaharewicz, who had 15 kills and six digs. Koray Mursaloglu added 18 assists, while Dane DeYoung collected 11 digs.

The game was the first all year that allowed fans, albeit limited. That seemed to pump up both teams and wasn't a factor, although Bavone was worried it might be.

"I was concerned with what having a crowd might do," Bavone said. "It might hype them and sometimes it scares them. Without playing with a crowd all year, it was a little nerve wracking, but I feel like the crowd helped us. For the first time, it really felt like I was coaching a game instead of in a quiet gym."

Cheshire improved to 16-2 on the season, while Amity fell to 10-10.

### **COACH'S QUOTE**

"It's a program thing, but that's the way we run our program," Cheshire coach Sue Bavone said. "We start every season with three goals — winning the division, conference and state championship. We look at it as three mini-seasons."

### **Cheshire 3, Amity 1**

(25-22, 25-20, 19-25, 25-22)

Cheshire: Tim Nugent, 37 assists; Shea Cronin, 13 digs and 4 aces; Sam Portal, 12 kills and 6 digs; Thor Novicelli, 12 kills, 1 block and 4 digs; Colin Crowe, 8 kills, 2 blocks and 1 dig; Jeremy Alliger, 12 kills.

Amity: Theo Zaharewicz, 15 kills, 2 blocks and 6 digs; Koray Mursaloglu, 18 assists and 6 digs; Tam Vu, 5 kills and 3 blocks; Frank Cavallaro 2 kills, 7 blocks and 2 digs; Adam Martire, 8 digs; Dane Deyoung, 11 digs.

Records: Cheshire, 16-2; Amity, 10-10.