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JOHNSTOWN - The first set of the PIAA Class 4A title match between North Allegheny and Bishop Shanahan was tied at 16-16 when Tigers senior Kayla Dinkins accounted for three straight points. The first two came on dominating blocks and the third on a powerful kill.

That set the tone for the rest of the match. North Allegheny (23-0), the District 7 champion, took charge from that point and rolled to a 3-0 sweep of the District 1 champions.

"Number 32, she was absolutely insane," said Bishop Shanahan senior Tess Elder, referring to Dinkins, a Tulane recruit who recorded eight kills and six blocks. "She would shut us down and it made it difficult to dig ourselves out of the hole that we were in."

North Allegheny (24-0) posted a 25-21 victory in the first set, then dominated 25-12 and 25-16 in the next two sets to claim its fourth PIAA title, and first since claiming three straight titles from 1992-94. It was the Tigers sixth appearance in the finals and first since 2008.

"Our kids have played well all year, and this is, hands down, the best they've played," North Allegheny coach Heidi Miller said. "We're balanced with a lot of offensive weapons. When we pass well, we're very hard to stop. We've struggled at times to be a good blocking team, but we blocked very well tonight. It was clearly our best performance of the season. We saved the best for last."

It was a family affair for Miller, as her two daughters Abby, a sophomore setter, and Paige, a freshman outside hitter, were starters for the Tigers.

"It's an incredible feeling to share the title with my daughters, my husband, and our families," Miller said. "It's something we will never forget."

Bob Miller, Heidi's father-in-law, was the head coach when North Allegheny won its three titles in the 90's. And her husband Brian Miller won a PIAA title with the Tigers' boys team in 1991.

"[Bob] is still in the gym with us every day, enjoying the time he spends with his granddaughters," Heidi Miller said. "It's a great feeling to add to that winning tradition. It's something special."

North Allegheny's title completed a District 7 sweep, as its other two finalists, Knoch (Class 3A) and Freeport (Class 2A), claimed their first PIAA titles.

"We really wanted a WPIAL sweep," Abby Miller said. "Seeing Knoch and Freeport win really gave us motivation."

Mika Logan, a senior opposite, led North Allegheny with nine kills. Dinkins and Anna Sprys, a junior middle hitter, had eight kills.

"To end my senior year with WPIAL and PIAA titles is incredible," senior setter Erin Carmody said. "I love these girls so much. They are my second family."

"This feels amazing," Dinkins said. "It's so great how we were able to come together as a team and play so well. We knew Bishop Shanahan was a great team, but we knew that if we played our game, we would be OK."

Bishop Shanahan (25-1) was making its second appearance in the finals and first since claiming a title in 2009.

"We had too many mistakes," Bishop Shanahan coach Greg Ashman said. "We talked about it before we came out here. We said the team who makes more mistakes isn't going to win tonight. We were that team unfortunately. We haven't had a match like that where we made that many mistakes. [North Allegheny] is a great team. They forced us into a lot of uncomfortable situations."

Eagles senior setter Renee Shultz agreed.

"I can definitely say that they were the better team tonight," Shultz said. "I was really impressed with how they played. We fought, but I do think we could have played better. With the way things worked out, we just didn't bring enough tonight. But I'm still proud of what we did and what we accomplished."