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MECHANICSBURG, Pa. - Watching his granddaughters and daughter-in-law celebrate a second consecutive PIAA Class 4A girls volleyball title brought back memories for former North Allegheny coach Bob Miller.

His daughter-in-law is North Allegheny coach Heidi Miller and his granddaughters, Abby and Paige, were both recognized on the first team of the WPIAL All-Star Team.

"Watching the girls win for the second straight year brought back memories of the titles we won in 1992, 1993, and 1994," said Miller, who coached the Tigers girls squad for 22 years. "It was pretty neat to win three in a row."

But his memories are not all good.

"We were in round robin competition all day, then played the championship match late that night in an almost empty gym," Miller said. "The current setup of isolated matches is much better for the players and the fans."

North Allegheny completed its second consecutive perfect season with a second straight 3-0 sweep of Bishop Shanahan, who collected a second straight runner-up trophy. The Tigers posted a 23-0 record and take a 47-match win streak into the 2019 season.

"I think they have a shot," said Bob Miller, when asked if the current squad can match his three-peat. "They are coming back with the same nucleus, minus four seniors, but have enough depth to fill those holes."

Heidi Miller considers her father-in-law to be a good luck charm.

"I told him it must be him, and that he's got to stay around next year," Heidi Miller. "He just laughed. He's going to be around as long as his grandkids are here. He knows what it takes to win a state title and now the kids know."

Abby Miller and Paige Morningstar shared the setting duties for North Allegheny and both are back next year.

"The first title has special meaning because it was my first experience in a PIAA final," Abby Miller said. "Defending the title has its own special meaning. Now we get a chance to go for the three-peat. I can't wait."

Paige Miller had similar feelings.

"This year, I was able to contribute in both the front row and back row," Paige Miller said. "All the extra practice and work payed off. So this one means a little more."

"There were a lot of people who doubted that we could defend our title. This year's team was different, but I actually think it's better than last year's team. Next year, we can be just as powerful in all areas of the game."

Abby & Paige Miller are among four North Allegheny players who were voted to the WPIAL Class 4A first team. The others were Paige Morningstar and Anna Sprys.

"I'm speechless," Morningstar said. "It's awesome, it's crazy. I can't believe I'm wearing another gold medal. This one means so much more since I played such a big part."

North Allegheny opened the match with four straight points and built a 10-2 lead before Bishop Shanahan knew what hit them. Six hitters recorded kills, as the Tigers dominated in a 25-15 victory.

Bishop Shanahan played much better in the second set with Michaela Devlin and Cara Shultz each recording four kills. The Eagles had a 22-19 lead, but two key double-touch calls led to their demise, as the Tigers rallied to pull out a 25-23 decision.

The third set opened like the first, as North Allegheny scored the first five points, but Bishop Shanahan battled back this time and took a 12-11 lead. But that is the only lead the Eagles would have in the set, as North Allegheny pulled out a 25-20 victory.

North Allegheny's balanced lineup was led by: Anna Sprys (10 kills, 2 blocks), Hannah Phillips (6 kills, 3 blocks), Paige Morningstar (5 kills, 10 digs), Allena Carmody (15 digs, 3 aces), Paige Miller (13 digs, 3 kills), Abby Miller (4 kills, 3 blocks, 12 digs), and Madison Curran (5 kills, 2 blocks).

Bishop Shanahan's leaders were: Cara Shultz (11 kills, 12 digs), Michaela Devlin (11 kills), Julia Thomas (7 blocks, 2 kills), and Alexa Burns (17 assists).

"North Allegheny is as good as, or better, than they were last year," Bishop Shanahan coach Greg Ashman said. "I think we're better than we were last year, too. At least we gave them a run for their money today. You start shutting down one of their kids, they go to someone else. Hats off to North Allegheny. They're a well-coached program, and their kids are phenomenal."

Ashman was also impressed with his squad.

"The character of this team is unbelievable, their will to win, to get better," Ashman said. "You run into a lot of kids these days who feel like they're entitled. These kids are not entitled and they want to get better. They have such respect for the game, respect for their opponents, respect for their teammates, and respect for their coaches. I'm really proud of them."

North Allegheny advanced to the title match with wins over Erie McDowell (25-9, 25-12, 25-17), State College (23-25, 25-15, 25-19, 25-14), and Garnet Valley (25-23, 23-25, 25-12, 25-21). Bishop Shanahan earned its berth with wins over Landisville Hempfield (17-25, 25-21, 25-17), Dowingtown West (25-16, 25-11, 25-22), and Parkland (25-23, 25-12, 25-20).