

St. Mary's drops first round match to Riverside

RESERVE, La. – The 24th-ranked St. Mary's Lady Tigers lost to the ninth-ranked Riverside Academy Rebels 3-0 (25-9, 25-12 and 25-11) in the first round of the Division V volleyball playoffs Wednesday night Riverside High School.

The Lady Tigers (12-12) had the first set tied at 3-3 before the Rebels went on a 8-0 run to make it 11-3. SMS did its part to hang around in the first set as they trailed 12-6. However, Riverside finished the set on a 13-3 run to take the frame convincingly.

In the second set, the Rebels (25-16) trailed 3-2 but once again went on a 6-0 run to make it 8-3. The Lady Tigers did their best to keep pace as they trailed 10-5. But the Rebels took control the rest of set scoring 15 of the next 22 points to take 2-0 set lead.

In the third set, The Lady Tigers took an early 3-2 lead by Riverside quickly surged in front as they led 8-3 then exploded to a 19-9 advantage before cruising to the win.

SMS had three seniors play their final volleyball games in Tyonnah Burton, Jenna Sklar and Addison Price. Despite the loss, all was not lost for the Lady Tigers this year as they won the district 1-division V championship for the second straight year under head coach Stacey Aldredge.

The Rebels will face the winner of eighth-ranked Ascension Episcopal and 25th-ranked Slaughter Community Charter in the second round.