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The WPIAL's drought in the PIAA Girls Volleyball Playoffs came to an end Saturday afternoon at Johnstown Richland High School.

Greensburg Central Catholic became the first WPIAL (District 7) team since 2006 to win a PIAA title with a 3-2 win against defending champion Marian Catholic in the Class A title match.

"There's no better way to go out in my senior year, to win a WPIAL title and then win a PIAA title," said outside hitter Megan Stunja, one of the Centurions captains. "It's the furthest any team has gone in Greensburg Central history. It's an awesome feeling."

Greensburg Central, the WPIAL champion two of the past three years, rallied from an 11-8 deficit to pull out a 15-13 victory in the fifth set to clinch the victory.

"We've been in pressure situations before and played in a fifth game before, so we knew what to expect," Greensburg Central senior outside hitter Megan Stunja said. "We never give up no matter what the score is."

Greensburg Central also rallied from a 23-22 deficit in the first set with three straight points to pull out a 25-23 victory.

"We did that all year long," Centurions coach Heather Meyer said. "We don't give up. I've never had a team that keeps pushing themselves and comes from behind like they do."

Marian Catholic rallied in the second set with a dominating performance by junior outside hitter Maureen Kloap and senior opposite Emily Pilla to record a 25-15 victory. Mauren Kloap and Pilla each had four kills in the set.

The Centurions turned the tables on Marian Catholic in the third set, recording an even more dominating 25-10 victory. That left the Centurions one win from the title, but it didn't come easy, as Marion Catholic took charge midway through the fourth set to record a 25-18 victory and tie the match at 2-2.

"When we were hitting aggressive, we took them out of their offense," Meyer said. "The same was true when they were hitting aggressive. It took us out of our offense."

Marian Center led most of the fifth set and held an 11-8 advantage when Meyer called a timeout. The Centurions scored seven of the last nine points to pull out a 15-13 victory.

"It was a great match between two evenly matched teams," Marian Catholic coach John Fallabell said. "It's the first sets we lost all season. They are a great team and deserved to win."

Greensburg Central was led by senior setter/middle hitter Leah Bisignani, a Seton Hill recruit who recorded 22 kills and 14 blocks. Stunja added 11 kills, while Kristin Hickey had 11 blocks.

Bisignani ended each of Greensburg Central's victories with a kill, with the final on coming on a soft tap that landed in the middle of the court.

"It was a crazy feeling. I couldn't believe my team and I did it," Bisignani said. "All of our hard work paid off. I'm so proud of my teammates. We've made history at Central. All of my seniors, we've played together since we were nine. I'm so happy we could end on a win."

Kloap led Marian Catholic with 14 kills and 22 digs, while Pilla added nine kills and 17 digs.

"We tried our best and came up a little short," Fallabell said. "The right side of the court won every set. This is the second time I've been in a state final match that went to five sets and all five wins were on the same side. We also had that happen in 2003."