IRON RIVER—With its district tournament now just a week away, West Iron's volleyball team took on one of its District 94 opponents Oct. 15—and earned a 3-1 win.

The Wykons defeated Norway at the Greenlund Gym on scores of 22-25, 25-21, 25-19, 25-16, at the start of a busy week. __PUBLIC__

Knight time: The Knights led for most of the first set. West Iron changed that on Amy Richardson's six-point serving spell that put the Wykons in front 15-14. But Norway's Bailey Greyvold got three back for an 18-15 lead, and the Knights held on from there.

The lead flipped five times in both the second and third sets. In the second, Cassilyn Pellizzer had two- and four-point turns, and Megan Eagloski also had a four. Pellizzer's four-point spell put the Wykons ahead 18-14, and they stayed there. India Schindler's kill down the side and Pellizzer's short lofted kill earned the final two points.

In the third set, Schindler had a four and Abbie Grubbs followed with five to build a 21-17 lead. This time Emilie Christensen served the final points, with an ace and a Pellizzer block closing it out.

Five and five: Norway took an early 3-0 lead in the fourth set, but Eagloski struck back for five to put West Iron in front, 9-6. From there, five consecutive WIC servers earned single points, and Eagloski ended the match with another fiver—the match-winner came on an ace.

Coach Brenda Grubbs said her team was in a funk early in the match, with Morgan Eagloski out with an ankle injury and Alexis Golfis ill.

Sierra Rasmussen, a sophomore, has been brought up from the JV team and took over left front. Megan Eagloski stepped in for Golfis on the back row and gave the Wykons a big boost with her serving late in the match.

"I really think she did a great job of serving and catching us up and keeping us in the game," said the coach.

On strike: West Iron also got strong play from Christensen as middle hitter. "It's starting to be consistent that way, in practice and in the game." Rasmussen had some good hits in her first varsity match, and Abbie Grubbs tipped some hits over blockers for points.

West Iron's main four—Christensen, Pellizzer, Richardson and Grubbs—lead the team, "and the others stepped it up and are really playing nice games.

"Hopefully, we can carry it into the rest of the season."

Coming up: The Wykons' busy week continued with varsity matches at Forest Park on Oct. 16 (separate story), at L'Anse and Baraga on Oct. 18 and the Menominee Invitational on Oct. 20.

The regular season ends with a home match against Houghton Oct. 23—the Wykons' fifth full match in eight days. Remember the girls' two-week gap between matches early in the season?

The Class C District 94 tournament at Iron Mountain begins Oct. 30 when the Wykons take on the host Mountaineers at 5 p.m. Norway and Ironwood battle in the second match, starting at about 7.

The District 94 title match is set for Thursday, Nov. 1, at 6 p.m.