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said. “For whatever reason, it’s always emotional for a lot of them to come here. Any time they play Mississinewa, it’s just such a mental game. It’s a game of mental toughness and passion, and we just didn’t have it.”

The Giants did not have an answer for Bolser, who recorded 11 terminations, eight of which came in the second set.

“We didn’t feel like there was anything coming over that we couldn’t handle,” Richards said. “It’s all stuff that they have played up against, so they should have been able to compete better than what they did.”

Stanley made plays all over the court against the Giants, recording several stout swings in the front row while stifling Marion’s back line with her strong serves. Stanley finished the contest with four kills and a team-leading seven aces.

“This was such a great game for her,” Havens said. “Everybody goes through a little drought, and Megan is her own worst enemy where she will play within herself

and one error creates another. She needed this tonight because she is such a solid passer. She is such a solid defender. But she doesn’t always play with the confidence that we have in her. She really took it in strides, and she makes it look easy.”

Marion took their lone lead of the contest at 2-1 early in the first set, but the Indians quickly took control with seven straight points, including three Stanley aces, to take a 10-4 lead that was not threatened. Stanley also collected a pair of kills in a 6-0 surge late in the set.

The second set was close early, but a pair of kills and an ace by Stanley helped the Indians grab a 10-5 advantage. Bolser took over from there, recording kills on eight of the last 15 points of the second stanza.

In the third and final game, Mississinewa built a 9-3 lead and fought through a late Marion surge to secure the sweep. Bolser recorded the last two kills for the Indians.

With three more matches

and the Grant Four still to play, Havens’ focus is to get the Indians back to full strength and ready for sectional play.

“We need to fix us first before we focus on [anyone else,]” Havens said “We are still shooting to get a lineup on the floor that we are most confident in. These girls have just rolled with the punches and have been versatile players.”

On the other side, after a tough stretch of matches in recent weeks, Richards and the Giants are just going to continue working and look to regain some confidence.

“I just told them that it’s up to you at this point to decide what the rest of the season looks like,” Richards said. “I feel like we are going into practice and working on things from every match, and they look great, and then they get on the court and they fall apart. We are just going to go forward from here.”

Isabelle Bento led the Giants with four kills, while sophomore Aniyah Rogers finished with three.

Score roundup

Scores for September 15-21

Boys Cross Country

9/19—Madison-Grant @ Tipton Invitational – 6th of 8
Chad Harbert – 15th place (19:07)

Kaden Howell – 24th place (19:45)

9/19—Marion @ Riverview Health Invitational
Jonathan Reynolds – 103rd place (20:19.2)

Boys Soccer

9/15—Wapahani 0-6 Mississinewa

9/17—Oak Hill 1-0 Muncie Burris

9/17—Huntington 0-2 Eastbrook

9/17—Mississinewa 8-0 Maconaquah

9/17—Anderson 1-5 Marion

9/19—Taylor 0-8 Eastbrook

9/19—Logansport 2-1 Marion

Boys Tennis

9/15—Marion 3-2 Madison-Grant

#1S Vikram Oddiraju (Marion) d. Nick Evans 6-0, 6-1

#2S Jack Fauser (Marion) d. Jace Gilman 6-1, 6-0

#3S Alex Spitzer (Marion) d. Jackson Manwell 6-2, 6-1

#1D Eli Lutterman-Lance Wilson (Madison-Grant) d. Soren Bruehler-Elijah Maki

7-6 (7-3), 6-4

#2D Mason Richards-Clayton Hall (Madison-Grant) d. Clayton Drook-Ryan Sebastian 2-6, 6-3, 6-3

9/16—Madison-Grant 5-0 Alexandria

9/16—Elwood 0-4 Mississinewa

#1 Singles: John Oliver won 6-0, 6-0

#2 Singles: Ethan Sample won 6-0, 6-0

#1 Doubles: Riley Fuqua / Ryan Scott won 6-0, 6-0

#2 Doubles: Kannen Smith / Hayden Rowley won 6-0, 6-0

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Mississinewa’s fresh legs were evident from the opening kick. Over the course of the 80-minute affair, the Indians dominated possession, allowing just three Wapahani shots – none of which were high quality scoring chances. The Indians’ midfield did an expert job of shutting down the Raiders’ offense, applying constant defensive pressure, while their front line consistently peppered the Wapahani goal, leading to several excellent scoring opportunities.

“Our midfield played

strong tonight, and they played together,” Reel said. “That is something we have really emphasized – we have to get everyone involved. We have to get our forwards involved and our guys on the outside, and if we have to, use our defense and drop a little bit to keep possession of the ball.”

Heading into their stretch run, the Indians have regained their composure and are playing soccer as a cohesive unit. Now, Reel is looking to keep the momentum going for the rest of the regular season.

“We are going to continue moving off the ball and continue what we did this past week,” Reel said. “We have to win eight in a row. We have to win out. That’s the goal. We have to win every game, but we have to come out and play our hardest and nobody can have a second off to do that. We want to have more wins than we had last year, beat some other teams we haven’t before, finish strong, and go into sectionals on the front foot.”

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