



MVL NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
MATCH REPORTS

Saturday 24th November 2012

Team Northumbria vs Coventry & Warwick Riga

Result: 25:21 25:14 25:21 (3-0)

Team Northumbria men's volleyball retained their unbeaten record and ensured that they would be on top of the Super 8s table for yet another weekend. A comprehensive display against Coventry and Warwick Riga at Sport Central cemented the hosts' reputation as the rising force in British volleyball. And TN made light work of the task that lay ahead of them by dispatching fifth-placed Coventry in straight sets with a 25-21, 25-14, 25-21 win.

It was once again the offense that led the way throughout the match and head coach Dave Goodchild admitted: "Offensively we were superb. John Chapman passed the ball really well today. Kieran Sowdon is getting better and better every game with his setting and distribution, as well as the way he is running the offense. I thought he was brilliant. Paul Welsh was outstanding again with eight kills from nine attacks."

Goodchild was pleased with the overall performance but still highlighted certain areas that needed to be worked on. "Overall I'm quite happy with the performance but we can still do a lot better," he added. "We need to do the small things better such as the off-shots and broken play. We need to defend better as a team so I'm going to make that a focus for the next couple of weeks. Ultimately for us it's about keeping our focus, maintaining our unbeaten run and setting our own standards whilst pushing each other on."

Looking forward to next weekend TN are switching gears and preparing for a third round cup clash against the Nottingham Rockets. TN will travel down to the East Midlands on Saturday and Goodchild is more than aware of what cup success would mean.

"It is vital," he added. "All the guys are buzzing for success in the cup and our goal is to make it through to the final. I want to win the National Cup. It is a big aim of mine and something I have not achieved in my managerial career thus far. We are all very keen and focused on winning the cup but we must remember to take each round as it comes. Our primary focus this week will be returning from Nottingham on Saturday evening victorious."