

St. Mary's rallies past Pineville in epic five-set thriller

NATCHITOCHES, La. - The St. Mary's Lady Tigers' volleyball team celebrated senior night for Cailah Bush and Addison Ivy in epic fashion with a heart-stopping five-set win over Pineville, 18-25, 16-25, 25-22, 25-15 and 20-18.

The Lady Tigers (7-11) were in a world of trouble as they trailed 18-16 in the third set before rallying back for the third set win, 25-22. SMS rolled in the fourth set as they led 13-1 before cruising to a 25-15 win.

In the fifth set, the Lady Tigers' comeback bid appeared to be thwarted as they trailed 11-5. But St. Mary's rallied all the way back to steal the win in incredible fashion.

"The electricity from the fans was amazing tonight," said SMS head volleyball coach Stacy Aldredge. "The first two sets we were very rocky and then we finally started to settle down and click and play for each other. And I couldn't help to get emotional at the end to finally set it come together like that since we had been struggling a bit lately. But to finally see them come together and play for each other, I couldn't be prouder as a coach."

St. Mary's will look to build on the momentum when they play on the road Tuesday at Downsville at 6 p.m.