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Buchnajzer scored the next six points – five off sets from sophomore Meghan Koehler (21 assists) and one by tipping a free ball into the shadow of the Highlanders' blockers.

"Zuzie definitely gives us the confidence," Theuerkauf said, "and also makes us feel like we could do anything."

By the numbers

1982: The last time Tenaflly had officially captured an NJSIAA trophy. The Tigers defeated Garfield in the Group 2 title match, and the next four state finals in which they played (1983, 1985, 1991, 2009) were before sectional championships were awarded to each of the state finalists.

6: Number of wins Northern Highlands posted against North Jersey Top 20 teams this season, including a rematch victory over IHA and three-set win against Wayne Valley in Friday's sectional semifinals.

Players of the match

Buchnajzer finished with 14 kills and six digs, while Theuerkauf added six kills and five digs.

Defensively, Tenaflly got three blocks each from Noa Ben-Ari and Sofia Bell.

Oehler had eight kills and an ace for the Highlanders, who got 17 assists from Ruby van der Heide.

They said it

"This is an amazing bunch of girls. And obviously, with COVID, I didn't get the chance to work with JV or freshmen. So it was just us – 11 girls and me the whole year. The scouting report that they put together [on Northern Highlands], we knew a lot about them, and that's a great program. ... This is a great win for all the girls in this program's history." — Jeff Koehler

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The Tenaflly girls volleyball team won the North 1, Group 3 championship on April 19. GREG TARTAGLIA/NORTHJERSEY.COM

Tenaflly volleyball beats top team

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ALLENDALE — Zuzanna Buchnajzer decided to paint her fingernails green for the North 1, Group 3 girls volleyball tournament.

"It's a lucky color," the Tenaflly senior said. "Like a four-leaf clover."

The No. 2 seed Tigers seemingly don't need much luck when Buchnajzer is on her game, as she was on April 19. The outside hitter put down 14 kills, includ-

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