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In a battle of wills, Perkins County emerged the victor in five sets against Holyoke Thursday, Sept. 10 at home.

Perkins County won the first set 25-10, lost the second, 25-27, won the third 25-16, lost the fourth 18-25 and came through in the fifth set with a 15-8 win.

The needed win occurred on the heels of losses to both Hitchcock County and Wallace in the previous Tuesday's triangular.

"At times we lack the confidence to pursue the play and capitalize on our offense," said Coach Penny Hite. "But we persevered and I saw great leadership on the court to get the win they so desired and needed to get P.C. volleyball rolling."

"I'm most proud that the girls responded in a positive way tonight and never gave up!"

Sophomore Gabrielle Patrick proved to be a key player at the net with 15 blocks, five of which were ace blocks.

"The 'newcomer' Gabrielle had a phenomenal game. She is really learning the game and starting to play to the level expected," Hite said.

Patrick, along with fellow sophomore Tanya Metcalf did an excellent job for the team in the middle.

Three players, Jenni Sis, Jessica Day and Tanya Metcalf, each achieved double figures in kills with 11, 10 and 10 respectively, a difficult feat, but needed to win games, said Hite.

PC vs. Holyoke

25-10, 25-27, 25-16, 18-25, 15-8

Kills: J. Sis 11, J. Day 10, T. Metcalf 10, G. Patrick 6, M. Hite 3, S. Pollard 2. Blocks: G. Patrick 15 (5 ace), T. Metcalf 12 (5 ace), J. Sis 4 (2 ace), J. Day 3, S. Pollard 2, M. Hite (1 ace). Set assists: M. Hite 36, J. Sis 5. Ace serves: M. Hite 7, T. Metcalf 3, L. Burge 2, J. Day 2, J. Sis 1, C. Lee 1. Defensive digs: M. Hite 11, J. Day 11, T. Metcalf 9, J. Sis 8, C. Lee 7, L. Burge 6, K. Beck 3, G. Patrick 1, S. Pollard 1.

Perkins County Triangular

The Lady Plainsmen suffered two disappointing losses in their home triangular Tuesday, Sept. 8 to Hitchcock County and Wallace.

"We didn't have the intensity to win!" said Coach Penny Hite of the game against Hitchcock County, which was over in two sets.

"But we improved in a lot of areas such as serve percentage and receives. It will happen for these girls, they just need to find a way to put the game away," she added.

PC vs. Hitchcock County

24-26, 23-25

Kills: G. J. Sis 9, Patrick 5, T. Metcalf 3, S. Pollard 3, M. Hite 2, J. Day 1, L. Burge 1. Blocks: T.

Metcalf 12 (1 ace), G. Patrick 7, J. Sis 4, J. Day 2, S. Pollard, M. Hite 1.Set assists: M. Hite 20, J. Sis 1, L. Burge 1. Ace serves, M. Hite 3, J. Day 1, T. Metcalf 1, C. Lee 1. Defensive digs: J. Day 11, J. Sis 9, M. Hite 7, L. Burge 5, S. Pollard 1, C. Lee 1.

Wallace's offensive team of Shanice Harris and Katie West proved to be a major obstacle in the Lady Plainsman quest for a victory.

The Plainsmen fell in three sets, winning the first, and falling short in the second and third.

"We came out strong and played with great power in set one," said Hite. "We hit well and served very well. We just couldn't regroup and stay strong."

PC vs. Wallace

25-22, 15-25, 21-25

Kills: J. Day 8, J. Sis 5, T. Metcalf 5, S. Pollard 3, G. Patrick 3, M. Hite 1. Blocks: T. Metcalf 11 (3 ace), J. Sis 8 (2 ace), G. Patrick 8, M. Hite 2, S. Pollard 2. Set assists: M. Hite 24, J. Sis 1, K. Beck 1. Ace serves: M. Hite 4. L. Burge 2, C. Lee 1. Defensive digs: J. Sis 14, M. Hite 6, J. Day 5, T. Metcalf 5, L. Burge 4, S. Pollard 3, K. Beck 3, D. Dahlkoetter 2, G. Patrick 1.

Next Action

The next contest will be a triangular against South Platte and Paxton held at Big Springs Thursday, Sept. 17.