

**By Christy Sheets**

**Sports Writer**

The Wallace Wildcats traveled to South Platte on Thursday, Oct. 8. The Lady Cats were ready to play and won, decisively, in straight sets 25-8, 25-7, and 25-7.

When asked about the game, Coach Rhode said, "The girls played really well tonight. We passed the ball and that made the rest of our game go well." He added, "Some of our younger girls got to show what they could do and did a good job."

Leading the team offensively against South Platte was junior Laura O'Brien with 16 points (1 ace), followed by senior Katie West with 11 points (3 aces). Junior Shanice Harris had 9 points (2 aces), junior Whitney Smith had 8 points (1 ace), senior Jena Aylward had 3 points, senior Tarassa Swedberg, junior Katelynn Hild (1 ace), and sophomore Brooke Harris each had 2 points, and senior Josi Hasenauer had 1 point.

Leading the team with set assists was Hild with 14, followed by O'Brien with 13, sophomore Emily Hasenauer with 3 and senior Arlana Whitson and freshman Anna Griffiths each with 1.

Defensively, West led the team with 10 kills and 4 blocks, followed closely by Harris with 9 kills, and Smith with 8 kills. Aylward had 4 kills and 2 blocks, J. Hasenauer and junior Paige Aylward each had 2 kills, E. Hasenauer and Hild each had 1 kill, and sophomore Brooke Hochstetler had 1 block.

**Banner County**

On Friday, Oct. 9, the Lady Cats braved the weather and travelled to Harrisburg to face the Wildcats of Banner County.

The match was a real battle from the beginning, as the ladies squeaked out the first set 25-23. Wallace, however, was determined to prove they were the real Wildcats, battled back and closed the match 25-15, and 25-7.

When asked about the game, Coach Rhode said, "We came out pretty slow in the first set, but as the game went on, we played much more intense." He added, "Banner County has some very good athletes and a very good team."

Leading the team offensively against the Banner County Wildcats was O'Brien with 17 points (4 aces), followed by Aylward with 7 points (1 ace). Smith had 6 points (1 ace), West and Harris each had 5 points (2 aces), and Hild had 4 points. Leading the team with set assists was O'Brien with 18, followed by Hild with 12, and Aylward with 1.

Defensively, West led the team with 11 kills and 8 blocks, followed by Smith who had 9 kills and 1 block. Aylward and Harris each had 7 kills and 1 block, Hild had 2 kills, and E. Hasenauer had 1 kill.

The Lady Cats played in the Garden County triangular on Monday, Oct. 12. They do not have a match on Friday, but will start RPAC Conference play on Monday, Oct. 19.