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The Wallace Wildcats competed in the Paxton Tournament on Tuesday, Sept. 20. The Cats' first opponent was the Coyotes from Potter-Dix. The Wildcats were able to defeat the Coyotes for their first win of the season in three sets 25-21, 21-25, and 25-8.

The Wildcats seemed a bit nervous as they took the court, and the coyotes took the early lead in the first set. Senior Emily Hasenauer, however, rallied the Cats with a five-point service run to give the Cats the lead 16 to 15. The Cats continued to build momentum, and the final point of the set was an ace from junior Chelsea Sowle, 25 to 21.

The second set saw the Coyotes rallying back, but the Wildcats refused to yield. The Coyotes continued to build momentum, and once again a three-point service run from Hasenauer seemed to refuel the Cats (20 to 23), but time ran out and a missed pass allowed the Coyotes to take the second set 21 to 25.

The third set saw a determined Wildcat team. Refusing to let anything drop, and pounding points to the court, the Cats took the lead and refused to let go. Senior Brooke Hochstetler helped the Cats finish the match with a nine-point service run, 25 to 8.

Leading the team offensively against the Tigers were senior leaders Brooke Hochstetler (four aces) with 12 points and Emily Hasenauer (two aces) with 11 points. Junior Chelsea Sowle

(one ace) had six points, junior Anna Griffiths had four points, sophomore Sara Hubbard (one ace) had three points, and junior Katelyn Melton had two points. Leading the team with set assists was Hasenauer with 15, followed by Griffiths with three.

Defensively, Sowle led the team with seven kills and three blocks, followed by Hochstetler and Hubbard each with six kills and one block. Hasenauer had one kill.

The Lady Cats then had to face the Tigers of Paxton. The Tigers were tough, and perhaps because the Wildcats had gotten close to them in an earlier match of the season, they were determined to hammer home a victory. In the most frustrating match of the season, the Paxton Tigers won their home tournament 25 to 9, and 25 to 10.

Leading the team offensively against Paxton were Hochstetler and Griffiths each with just one point. Leading the team with set assists were Hasenauer and Griffiths each with two.

Defensively, Hochstetler led the team with one kill and one block. Sophomore Paige Aylward, Hasenauer, Hubbard, Sowle, and Melton each had one kill.

Wallace vs Med Valley

On Friday night the Wildcats hosted the Medicine Valley Raiders. The Raiders made some good plays, but the Cats were ready to fight. The Lady Cats defeated the Raiders, for their first home win of the season, in straight sets 25-17, 25-9, and 25-10.

Offensively, Hochstetler led the team with 18 points (eight aces), followed by Hasenauer who had 14 points (one ace). Hubbard (two aces) had six points, Melton (one ace), Sowle (one ace), and Hubbard each had four points. Leading the team with set assists was Hasenauer with six, followed by Griffiths with five.

Leading the cats defensively Friday night was Hochstetler with nine kills and four blocks, followed by Sowle with five kills and four blocks. Hubbard had six kills, Melton had four kills, and setters Hasenauer and Griffiths each had one kill.

Next Action

The Lady Cats hosted Brady and Maywood at the Wallace triangular on Tuesday, Sept, 27. On Friday, Sept. 30, the ladies will travel to face the Broncos of Wauneta-Palisade.