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Wallace vs Hayes Center
The Wallace Wildcats competed in the Hayes Center Triangular on Tuesday, Sept.11. The Cats' first opponent was the Hayes Center Cardinals. The Wildcats bested the Cardinals 25 to 15 and 25 to 12.
The Cardinals were ready to defend their home court, but the Lady Cats were ready to play. The Wildcats refused to let the ball fall, and the Cardinals became frustrated and were plagued by mistakes. The Lady Cats won the first set 25 to 12.

In the second, the Cardinals tried to rally back, but Cats continued to build momentum. Every time the Cardinals would get anything going, the Cats would rise to another level. The Lady Cats won the second set 25 to 12.
Leading the team offensively against the Cardinals was senior Chelsea Sowle (one ace) with 8 points, followed closely by sophomore Mickayla Sheets and freshman Abbey Rohde (one ace) each with seven points. Senior Anna Griffiths had five points, junior Alex Lundvall had four points, and sophomore Christina Daniels had one point. Leading the team with set assists were Griffiths and Lundvall each with six, and senior Rachel Marquardt with two.
Defensively, senior Katelyn Melton led the team with five kills and three blocks, followed closely by Sowle with four kills and three blocks. Rohde had three kills and one block, Daniels had three kills, Marquardt had one kill and one block, and junior Sara Hubbard had one kill.
Wallace vs Dundy County
The Lady Cats then had to face the hard-hitting Tigers of Dundy County/Stratton. The Wildcats fought hard, but in the end the Tigers won 22 to 25, and 13 to 25.
In the first set, the Lady Cats were ready to continue their winning spree. The Cats were brutal at the net, and continued to dig, but their communication seemed to fall off compared to their first match of the night. The Tigers had a seven point lead and the Wildcats rallied back to tie it at 22. Unfortunately, after a well-timed time out the Tigers were able to close the first set 22 to 25.
The Tigers were strong, and their intensity seemed to rise in the second set. The Wildcats on the other hand seemed deflated after falling just short in the first set. Lack of communication and timing wouldn't allow the Cats to build any momentum. The Tigers won the second set and the match 13 to 25.
Leading the team offensively against the Tigers was Rohde with five points (one ace), followed

by Lundvall with three points. Griffiths (one ace) and Sowle each had two points, and Daniels had one point. Leading the team with set assists was Marquardt with five, followed by Griffiths with three, and Hubbard and sophomore Morgan Messersmith each with one.

Defensively, Sowle led the team with five kills and two blocks, followed closely by Melton with four kills and one block. Daniels had two kills and two blocks, Rohde had one kill and Marquardt had one block.

When asked about the triangular, Coach Strand said, “When we are talking we are hard to beat, but when we stop we give our opponent the advantage.”

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The Lady Cats traveled to Paxton to play in their tournament on Tuesday, Sept.18, and on Friday, Sept. 21, the Cats will host the Hayes Center Cardinals for Homecoming with play starting at 4 p.m.