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The Perkins County Lady Plainsmen volleyball team dropped to the consolation bracket with their loss to Chase County in round one of conference tournament last week.

SPVA team placings were: Sutherland, first place; North Platte St. Pat's, second; Hershey, third; Chase County, fourth; Perkins County, fifth and Maxwell sixth.

The Plainsmen were defeated in four sets by the number four seeded Lady Longhorns at Chase County Thursday, Oct. 11.

"We kept after it and I could tell they wanted to prove they could beat them," said Head Coach Penny Hite of the PC girls who rallied in the third set, winning in overtime, 26-24.

"Michi [Prante] covered the entire back row and worked very hard! Jessie [Woodmancy] also did an excellent job defensively and served 12/13."

"Shania [Metcalf] served us in set two from points three to 10," Hite added.

PC vs. Chase County

13-25, 19-25, 26-24, 14-25

Kills: S. Metcalf 16; A. Osler 9; C. Ostermiller 6; B. Ross 3; C. McClenahan 2; L. Konecky 1; J. Woodmancy 1. Ace blocks: A. Osler 1. Ace serves: S. Metcalf 6; B. Ross 2.

SPVA Game 3

The Lady Plainsmen met Maxwell in the battle for fifth and sixth place following their loss to Chase County in Game three of South Platte Valley Association conference tournament.

Not settling for anything less than a win, the Plainsmen finished off the match in four sets, 22-25, 25-23, 25-17 and 25-18.

"We were aggressive and needed to finish the play," said Hite. "When they relax and play with their heart they can do many great things."

Setting a career high 23 kills in a single game was senior Shania Metcalf, who also put up a double figure in blocks with 12.

Courtney McClenahan also had a season high eight kills with seven blocks as well as 24 assists.

Jessie Woodmancy and Michi Prante offered excellent defense with 13 and 30 digs respectively, and six and 11 passes.

PC vs. Maxwell

22-25, 25-23, 25-17, 25-18

Kills: S. Metcalf 23; C. McClenahan 8; C. Ostermiller, J. Woodmancy, B. Ross and R. Johnson 2 each; L. Konecky 1, A. Osler 1. Ace blocks: S. Metcalf 3; A. Osler 1. Ace serves: S. Metcalf, J. Woodmancy, B. Ross, M. Prante 2 each; C. Waitley 1.

Triangular

On Tuesday, Oct. 9, the Lady Plainsmen traveled to Dundy County to participate in a triangular with Hershey and Dundy County-Stratton.

Coming out on fire, they overtook Dundy County in the first set 25-15, but were unable to maintain their momentum, losing the second two sets 17-25 and 20-25.

Several replays affected their rhythm, but they won three of the four.

"The focus was good tonight," said Hite. "The girls battled very hard and I was pleased that they went down swinging."

Much improved and aggressive serving was noted by Hite, with Shania Metcalf serving 15 of 15 with two ace; Jessie Woodmancy serving seven out of eight with two ace; Brandie Ross eight of eight and Michi Prante eight out of 10 with two ace serves.

PC vs. Dundy Co.-Stratton

25-15, 17-25, 20-25

Kills: S. Metcalf 9; A. Osler 4, C. Ostermiller 3; C. McClenahan 3; L. Konecky 2; B. Ross 1; M. Prante 1. Ace blocks: C. Ostermiller, A. Osler and S. Metcalf 1 each. Ace serves: C. McClenahan 3; S. Metcalf 2; J. Woodmancy 2; M. Prante 2; C. Waitley 1.

Hershey

Again, the Lady Plainsmen started with a vengeance, winning 25-19 over Hershey in set one, but losing in sets two and three 16-25 and 20-25.

"We served them aggressively and kept them out of system in the whole first set," said Hite.

Sophomore Lila Konecky was nine for nine at the net, putting up four kills for the Lady Plainsmen. "I'm very pleased with her net play," said Hite.

"Courtney McClenahan also had really good net play being 13 of 14 in hitting," she added.

"Shania [Metcalf] played smart," Hite said. "She really did a good job of finding the open court."

PC vs. Hershey

25-19, 16-25, 20-25

Kills: S. Metcalf 16; L. Konecky 4; C. McClenahan 4; C. Ostermiller 3; A. Osler 3; B. Ross 2. Ace blocks: S. Metcalf 3. Ace serves: M. Prante 3; B. Ross 1.