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The Perkins County Lady Plainsmen were unable to pick up a win at the Hershey triangular on Oct. 15, but there were some improvements by the team.

Against Hershey, PCS lost in two sets, 17-25, 9-25.

“We served really well against Hershey,” PCS head volleyball coach Penny Hite said. “Our serving was tough and settled down into our game.”

The team fought back in the first set to prevent Hershey from fully settling into their offense. Hite explained that in the second set a lack of team communication led to the loss.

“I still believe that if they find their fight, they will be able to do great things,” she said.

Rebecca Johnson led the team in kills with four while Courtney Ostermiller had three kills. Elizabeth Krajewski had three blocks while Steph Schrotberger led the team in assists with six. Allison Kiolbasa was 5 for 5 on passes in the match.

Against Dundy County at the same triangular, PCS lost in straight sets, 11-25, 20-25.

Serving once again was a driving force for the Lady Plainsmen.

“We focused well as a whole on serving,” Hite said.

The team was 27 of 31 in the first set and a perfect 24 for 24 in the second.

“We fought back in the second set but came up just short,” Hite said. “Our serve receive was much better, but we struggled at the net with hitting.”

Courtney McClenahan led the team in kills with seven while Krajewski had three blocks (one ace) and Johnson had five (one ace). Ostermiller had two ace serves. Schrotberger had seven assists.

SPVA

PCS vs Southwest

On Oct. 17 PCS faced Southwest and lost in three straight sets, 10-25, 4-25, 16-25 in first round of SPVA at North Platte St. Pat's.

Communication issues led to the loss.

“We needed to work on our communication...we shut down early in set one and needed to find some change in our demeanor,” Hite said.

Making some adjustments in the third set, Hite noted the team ‘did a really good job of responding’ to those changes.

“Our defense is working on reading our blockers and when they started to put their practice into their game, they did a good job of moving and reading the court better,” Hite said.

McClenahan had three kills while Kiolbasa had two. Johnson had five blocks (one ace).

McClenahan had three assists and two ace serves. Alyssa Young ended the contest 4 for 4 passing.