



### **By Tim Linscott**

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The Lady Plainsmen had a chance to get even with Bayard in the first round of the sub-districts on Nov. 4 after losing to them Nov. 1 at the Bayard triangular.

Despite losing, the Lady Plainsmen did not go quietly, stretching the Tigers to four thrilling sets, keeping fans, and coaches, on the edge of their seats.

“We knew coming into the match that we were pretty even,” PCS head volleyball coach Penny Hite said. “Each having a win, we knew we would have to play smart and fight for everything. We did put up a good fight.”

PCS went down swinging in four sets, 19-25, 15-25, 25-19, 22-25.

Down 10-17 in the second set, the Lady Plainsmen ‘started playing,’ according to Hite, and were able to stage a brief comeback.

“Third set, it was do or die. The girls knew that and cleaned up our passing, with that, our serving game became more aggressive and we found holes in the floor enough to take them out of their game,” Hite said.

PCS was up late in the third when Bayard started a comeback of their own, but the Lady Plainsmen slammed the door shut to force a fourth set.

The ebb and flow of the game went back and forth between the two squads and PCS staved off elimination to make one final run at the Tigers, only to have luck run out.

“I am disappointed for the girls because they fought so hard. These seniors have really been great leaders. The team, as a whole, has improved so much this year,” Hite said. “The knowledge and skills they have gained will only help us in the years to come.”

Leading the team in kills was McClenahan with 10. She also had one block, seven assists and two ace serves.

Johnson had seven kills, six blocks (one ace) and two ace serves. Ostermiller finished with three kills, two blocks, one assist and two ace serves.

Lila Konecky finished the game with two kills, two blocks (one ace), one assist and two ace serves.

Maaliao had one kill, two assists and one ace serve while Schrotberger had a team high 11 assists.

Elizabeth Krajewski had one block and one assist.

Kiolbasa finished with two kills, two blocks, one assist and one ace serve.

PCS vs. Cozad

The momentum was there, the offense was rolling and the defense was on-point, but the Perkins County Lady Plainsmen volleyball team was just shy of defeating Cozad on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

PCS lost in three close sets, 18-25, 10-25, 21-25.

After battling back to cut into Cozad's lead in the first set, the team had a momentary lack of focus and many of the points given to the Haymakers were from PCS errors serving or at the net.

In the third set the team missed four serves, which was the difference in the match.

Hite explained Rebecca Johnson had a huge night at the net and was 100 percent from the serving line. She had five kills, nine blocks (one ace) and one ace serve.

Courtney Ostermiller had five kills, four blocks and a team high two ace serves.

Lila Konecky had three kills, one block and was 2 for 2 passing. Courtney McClenahan had four kills and a team high 12 assists.

Kylie Hansen was 4 for 4 passing (a team high) and had two assists. Josie Osler had one ace serve while Steph Schrotberger had three assists. Allison Kiolbasa ended the game with three kills, and one assist.

Bayard Triangular

PCS vs. Bayard

The Lady Plainsmen were at the Bayard Triangular on Nov. 1 and started the day against the host team.

"We didn't quite make it off the bus with the right kind of fire," Hite said. "We allowed them to take us out of our game."

The Tigers won in straight sets, 18-25, 17-25. Miscues and missed serves was the difference in the game.

McClenahan had four kills, four blocks, two assists and was 5 for 5 on passes. Konecky had four kills and one block. Leading the team in assists was Steph Schrotberger with eight. Kiolbasa ended the game with two kills, one block and two ace serves for PCS.

Johnson had three kills while Ostermiller had two kills and one block.

Josie Osler had one kill, one assist and was 4 for 4 passing. Claire Maaliao went 4 for 4 passing in the match.

PCS vs. Garden County

In their final game of the triangular and the regular season, the Lady Plainsmen downed Garden County in three sets, 29-27, 24-26, 25-17.

"What a great way to end the regular season and get a win before subs! Garden County has a couple of strong hitters but the girls did a great job of keeping them out of system," Hite said.

Kiolbasa was 100 percent serving in the match with four ace serves.

Using her keen court vision, Ostermiller saw spots on the floor where Garden County players couldn't cover fast enough and finished plays.

Ostermiller had 11 kills, two blocks and two ace serves, going 3 for 3 on passing.

Johnson had six kills, nine blocks (one ace) and five ace serves, going 3 for 3 passing.

Ending the game with four kills, one block and a team high 14 assists was McClenahan. She

also had three ace serves and was 8 for 8 passing.

Konecky had three kills, two blocks and two ace serves against the Eagles.

Schrotberger had six assists and Kielbasa had one kill, five blocks (one ace), two assists and four ace serves.

“They really wanted this win, the desire and heart was there,” Hite said. “I am very proud of how well they played.”