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Facing Chase County in Imperial, Neb. Tuesday, Sept. 14, the Lady Dragon volleyball team took the Longhorns to four games but could not find the win.

HHS started out strong and won the first game 25-19 but then lost the next three 12-25, 17-25 and 20-25.

Offensively Holyoke did very well, said coach Sandra Rahe. The Dragons actually “out-killed” their opponent in every game with an impressive 11 kills in the final set out of 24 total kills in the match.

Leading the Dragons in attacks Tuesday was KrisAnna Ham with 28 including seven kills. Out of Mallory Bennett’s 27 attacks, she added five kills to Holyoke’s total.



Dragon Erin Vieselmeyer puts up a nice block at the net in varsity volleyball action at Imperial, Neb. —Enterprise photo

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Scores were tight in the first game, but Holyoke's seven-point run in the end gave them the lead over Chase County. Several key kills, block kills and aces put them on top for the six-point win.

The difference in the next three games was the serving as Chase County had very aggressive servers, said Rahe. The Longhorns had several ace serves while Holyoke's serve receive passing was weak. Among Chase County's top servers, Shayla Dinnel landed her team 10 points in a row during her serving rotation in the second game.

Top server for the Dragons was Bennett with 18 serves for 11 points including one ace.

Also on the offensive side, Rahe noted the setters did a great job throughout the match. Erin Lebsack had 54 sets including 17 assists for kills followed by Whitney Redman with 35 sets including seven assists for kills.

In defensive stats, Maddie King led HHS with four solo blocks and four block assists. Ham totaled two solo blocks and five block assists.

Heather Duester grabbed 32 digs followed by Bennett with 31. Tuesday's serve receive leader was Ham with 22.

"We see improvement every week," said Rahe. "We will continue to work hard as we enter into mid-season."

JV and C teams play

Holyoke's junior varsity team took on the Longhorns Tuesday, but lost in two games 18-25 and

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17-25.

C team players lost their first game 17-25, won the second 25-13 but fell in the last 13-25 giving Chase County the victory.

Upcoming action

HHS had another slow week with only one game against Burlington Tuesday, Sept. 21. Results will be reported in next week's Enterprise.

Next on the schedule for the Lady Dragons is an away game with Sedgwick County Tuesday, Sept. 28 starting at 4 p.m.