

## Lady Dragons fall to Burlington in last Tuesday night's home opener

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In a disappointing home opening game, the HHS Lady Dragon volleyball team fell to Burlington Tuesday, Sept. 21.

Scores of the three-game match were 11-25, 19-25 and 17-25.

“The girls were disappointed to lose our home-opener, but we are learning and growing from every game we play,” said coach Sandra Rahe. “We lack discipline and consistency at this point, but we are able to recognize our weaknesses and therefore focus on them during practice.”

In each of the three games, Burlington took command of the court from the beginning, establishing a lead over the Dragons and making it difficult for Holyoke to catch up.

Rahe said Burlington was a strong offensive team, and Holyoke wasn't able to adjust well on defense and serve receive.

Burlington's longest serving series earned them eight points in the third game.

Action at the net including attacks and blocks was a high point for the Dragons. “We have a tall and aggressive front line which we are using to our advantage,” noted Rahe.

In the first set, two points were made from kills by Erin Vieselmeyer and Mallory Bennett while Vieselmeyer also landed two block kills.

KrisAnna Ham had three kills in the second game followed by Bennett, Erin Lebsack and Maddie King with one each. Block kills by Ham, Bennett and Lebsack grabbed the Dragons three points.

Whitni Redman, Bennett and Heather Duester all had kills in the final set while Vieselmeyer and Ham together landed a block kill.

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Because the Dragon front line is so aggressive, they did receive several net call violations on Tuesday.

“We have moments of brilliance, but we need to put an entire match together in order to get more wins,” said Rahe.

“I feel like we can't use the 'lack of experience' excuse any more as we are halfway through our season. It is time to have it put together and refine the small aspects of our game.”

Standing out in serving Tuesday was Redman with 10 serves for four points including two aces. Ham also served 10 for three points including one ace while Bennett had nine serves for four points.

In ball handling, Redman landed 33 followed by Lebsack with 23 including six assists for kills.

Bennett led the team in serve receives with 15; and Lebsack and Vieselmeyer both grabbed 19 digs.

At the net, Vieselmeyer grabbed two solo blocks and 10 block assists while Ham landed three solo blocks and six block assists.

### **JV and C teams play**

Holyoke junior varsity girls won a victory over Burlington Tuesday night. They took the first

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game 25-22, lost the next 19-25 and won the third 15-12.

In C team action, HHS lost to Burlington in two games 17-25 and 21-25.

### **Upcoming action**

Holyoke traveled to Sedgwick County for games Tuesday, Sept. 28. Results will be reported in next week's Enterprise.

The Lady Dragons will meet Wiggins on their home court Friday, Oct. 1 for the HHS Homecoming game. Action is set to begin at 3:30 p.m.