

Volleyball ends Homecoming with heartbreaker

Written by Darci Tomky

Emotions ran high Friday night in Homecoming volleyball action when the Lady Dragons narrowly lost their battle against Wiggins after five long games.

After losing the first set 16-25, the Dragons stepped up their game to win the next two 25-16 and 25-22. Scores were close in the fourth and fifth games at 21-25 and 15-17, leaving HHS without the victory.

Holyoke had a rough start to their week, facing Sedgwick County on Tuesday. The Dragons lost in three sets 16-25, 7-25 and 21-25.

“We saw two completely different teams show up this week,” said coach Sandra Rahe. She noted they looked slow and had bad passing on Tuesday, so in practice they did little other than work on serve receive and defensive passing.

“We did much better on Friday night, but it wasn’t enough to pull a win.”

The Oct. 1 game against Wiggins as well as the Sept. 28 game against Sedgwick County counted toward league standings.

Rahe said the team is struggling with playing at a consistent level of play for an entire match. Other things to work on are communication and teamwork.

On a positive note, all of the girls are doing some really great things and their individual skills are improving, added Rahe.

The team has been using more substitutions to keep the girls fresh during the game. They also switched up their offense from a 5-1 to a 6-2 with Erin Lebsack handling all the setting duties.

The Lady Dragons continue to prepare for tough competition as they head into the second half of the season.

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HHS senior Lauren Blomme goes up for a spike in the Dragons homecoming game against Wiggins. □ □
—Enterprise photo

Holyoke vs. Wiggins

HHS athletes were fired up for volleyball action and Homecoming festivities Friday night when they hosted Wiggins.

They landed several great kills in the opening set, but because of a number of bad passes, Wiggins took the lead and Holyoke couldn't seem to catch up, trailing by nine points at the end of the game.

Aces and kills became the norm for the Dragons in the second and third sets.

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They secured the lead from the start of the second game and never looked back, giving them the nine-point win.

Heather Duester landed three aces while Mallory Bennett and Whitney Redman had two apiece and KrisAnna Ham one. Bennett grabbed two kills, and Erin Vieselmeyer, Lauren Blomme and Ham each had one.

Scores were tight throughout the third game. Wiggins had control of the first half, holding the advantage most of the time, however, the Lady Dragons made a run for the lead, tying up the score three times.

Key kills by Bennett and several aces by Duester and Bennett halfway through the game gave the Dragons what they needed to stay on top of Wiggins.

Bennett ended that set with three aces and four kills. Duester had two aces and Lebsack one while Blomme landed two kills.

The Lady Dragons continued to look good in the fourth set. Scores between the two teams flopped back and forth with Wiggins claiming the top spot in the end.

Holyoke took the early lead in the final game, knowing they didn't have much time to catch up if they fell behind.

Kills by Vieselmeyer and Maddie King gave the Dragons the advantage in the beginning of the set.

Wiggins didn't want to end the game without a fight. They challenged Holyoke's lead, and scores were tight until the end with the Dragons falling to Wiggins 15-17.

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In team stats, Bennett led in serving with 29 serves for 18 points including six aces. She landed 32 hits including 11 kills. The HHS senior also had 33 serve receives, 34 digs, two solo blocks and two block assists.

In ball handling, Lebsack grabbed 98 sets with 35 assists for kills.

Holyoke vs. Sedgwick County

HHS struggled in Tuesday night's game in Sedgwick County.

Holyoke kept up with Sedgwick County at the beginning of the first set, but the Cougars pulled ahead for the nine-point win in the end.

Duester, Bennett and Vieselmeyer all got kills while Redman landed an ace serve.

A number of errors cost the Dragons in the second game which they lost 7-25.

In the third set, Holyoke played much better with kills by Vieselmeyer, Ham and Blomme as well as aces by Duester, Bennett and Lebsack. However, in the end their efforts were not enough for the win.

Lebsack led the Dragons in serving with nine for five points including two aces followed by Duester with seven for three points including two aces.

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Vieselmeyer had 18 attacks including four kills while Ham and Bennett both added 15 hits. Redman stood out with 37 sets including 12 assists for kills.

On defense, Vieselmeyer led with 22 digs and 20 serve receive passes. Bennett had one solo block and four block assists while Ham had one solo block and three block assists.

JV and C teams play

Holyoke's junior varsity team earned a big win over Wiggins Friday night. They won the first set 26-24, lost the next 16-25 and finally won the third 15-12.

C team lost to Wiggins in two games, 11-25 and 26-28.

JV and C team athletes teamed up for a match against Sedgwick County Tuesday. The JV girls won the first two games 25-22 and 25-13. C team got in on some action for the third set, finishing with a score of 9-25.

Upcoming action

HHS volleyball travels to Akron Friday, Oct. 8 for games starting at 3:30 p.m. The next day they will head to St. Francis, Kan. for tournament action.

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The Lady Dragons will host Caliche Tuesday, Oct. 12 with games scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.