

Great serving sets volleyball girls up for two wins

Written by Darci Tomky

Holyoke volleyball girls finished out their regular season with two big wins over Haxtun and Wiggins last week.

Thursday, Oct. 18 they dominated Haxtun in three sets 25-18, 25-16 and 25-20 in Bulldog territory.

The Lady Dragons grabbed another win for the home crowd Friday, Oct. 19. They beat Wiggins 25-21, 25-14 and 25-18.

These two wins put them in the No. 3 spot heading into district pool play on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

Coach Michelle Vieselmeyer said the thing that really put them on top of Haxtun and Wiggins was good, consistent serving. "When you serve so well, everything else is a lot easier," she said.

Coach Vieselmeyer noted good serves by Erin Vieselmeyer and Molly Brandt really got the team motivated to start off Thursday's game in Haxtun.

Erin Vieselmeyer followed that up in the second set with a long line of consecutive serves and five aces for the Dragons. Coach Vieselmeyer said it feels good to look up at the scoreboard and see it's 12-0.

The Lady Dragons stayed consistent for their game against Wiggins on Friday, putting up good serves and attacks.

Preparing for district pool play, coach Vieselmeyer said the key for HHS is consistency. The girls needed to remember everything they've done well all season.

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Holyoke's overall record for the regular season is 11-8.



HHS Dragon volleyball libero Tia Huffman receives a Wiggins serve in Holyoke's win in the Dragon gym Friday, Oct. 19.□□

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Stats recorded

In varsity action against Wiggins last Friday, Maddie King led attacks for HHS with 29 including 11 kills.

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Erin Vieselmeyer had the most serves with 19, and King and Lindsay Helgoth each landed three aces.

At the net, Helgoth grabbed two solo blocks and three block assists.

Setter Ashley Humphreys set up the ball 38 times including nine assists for kills.

In passing, Erin Vieselmeyer attempted 18 digs, and King had 11 serve receive passes.

JV and C teams finish season

In Haxtun last Thursday, Holyoke junior varsity beat the Bulldogs in three sets, 25-20, 15-25 and 15-7. C team lost to Haxtun 9-25 and 13-25.

Playing against Wiggins Friday, JV lost 12-25 and 17-25. Coach Theresa Tharp said a highlight of the game was Jentry Andersen's four ace serves in the Wiggins JV game.

C team was also defeated by Wiggins 24-26 and 15-25.

Looking back at the season, Tharp said she really enjoyed coaching the high schoolers, and she had a great group of girls who cared for each other on and off the court.

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She saw a lot of improvement for C team from start to finish, especially in serving.

Tharp said the junior varsity was a strong team who should be able to help out on the varsity court next year. They have some height to help them out, and on the defensive side, Tharp sees some future liberos stepping up to the varsity level.

District volleyball this week

Holyoke hosted district volleyball pool play Tuesday, Oct. 23. Results were not available for the Enterprise by press time and will be reported in next week's paper.

For Tuesday's games, the top three district teams hosted pool play. Winners from those three sites advance to district championships Friday, Oct. 26 and are guaranteed a spot at regionals the following weekend.

On Tuesday, No. 1 Akron hosted No. 6 Burlington and No. 9 Wray.

No. 2 Yuma hosted No. 5 Sedgwick County and No. 8 Haxtun.

No. 3 Holyoke hosted No. 4 Merino and No. 7 Wiggins.

The highest remaining seed was set to host districts this Friday, beginning at 3 p.m.

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