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The Wallace Wildcats competed in the Paxton Tournament on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

### Wallace vs Paxton

The Cats first opponent was the long time rival Paxton Tigers. The Wildcats fought the good fight, but in the end, the Lady Cats were plagued by small, but costly mistakes, which allowed the Tigers to sneak out a win.

The Wildcats were primed and ready to defend their spotless record, winning the first set in extra points 30 to 28.

The Wildcats made some good plays in the next set, but errors seemed to rob any momentum, and the Tigers took the second set 19 to 25. In the final set the Cats fought hard, but the Tigers, having the home court advantage, sealed the match 17 to 25.

“We had too many little mistakes,” said Coach Rohde. “We played really well at times, and I look forward to playing Paxton again this season.”

Leading the team offensively against the Tigers were senior Katie West and junior Shanice Harris each with 6 points, followed closely by juniors Laura O’Brien and Whitney Smith each with 5 points (1 ace).

Senior Jena Aylward had 2 points, and junior Katelynn Hild had 1 point. Leading the team with set assists was O’Brien with 16, followed by Hild with 14, and Aylward with 1.

Defensively, West led the team with 10 kills and 3 blocks, followed closely by Aylward with 9 kills and 5 blocks. Smith had 7 kills and 1 block, and Harris had 6 kills and 1 block.



### Wallace vs Potter Dix

The Lady Cats then had to face Potter-Dix. The cats won this match in straight sets 25-13 and

25-13.

The Cats seemed ready for revenge as they played Potter-Dix. The varsity was able to get a substantial lead.

This lead allowed the coaching staff to give some of the less experienced players some valuable court time. Although disappointed by the loss to Paxton the Cats played hard and defeated Potter-Dix.

Coach Rohde said, "We played really well. Some of the Junior Varsity girls got some varsity time and did a good job."

Leading the team offensively against the Potter-Dix was Aylward with 10 points, followed closely by O'Brien with 9 points (4 aces). Smith had 6 points (2 aces), Hild had 3 points, and Harris had 2 points (2 aces).

Leading the team with set assists was O'Brien with 8, followed by Hild with 7.

Defensively, Aylward led the team with 7 kills, followed by West with 4 kills and 1 block. Harris had 3 kills, Smith had 2 kills, Hild had 1 kill, and sophomore Brooke Hochstetler had 1 block.

Hayes Center

On Friday night the Wildcats faced the Cardinals of Hayes Center for the second time this season.

The Cardinals made some good plays, but the Cats were ready to fight and both their offense and defense were outstanding.

The Lady Cats defeated the Cardinals in straight sets 25-4, 25-9, 25-12.

In the first set the Lady Cats came out swinging, as junior Laura O'Brien, the lead server, racked up a quick five points.

After a point off of one of our blocks, the Cards. tried to put something together, but the Cats were out for blood dominating the court 9 to 2.

Harris and Hild went back to back with four point service runs, taking the Cats to a 18 to 3 lead.

Senior Jena Aylward stepped up to finish the first set on a six-point service run, sealing the set with an ace 25 to 4.

The second set again seemed to be total Cat domination, with senior Katie West slamming the ball to the court every chance she got.

Aylward put together another awe inspiring service run of 10 points, stopping only after being subbed out. The second set meant some valuable playing time for some second string players.

The Cats closed the set 25 to 9.

The third set, much like the two prior, saw the Cats leaving it all on the court, but the Cardinals refused to go quietly into the night, determined to defend their home court. Unfortunately for the Cards., the Cats were just too tough.

The Cats took the third and final set 25 to 12.

"We played really well tonight," said Rohde. "I was very pleased with the effort and intensity that the girls showed."

Offensively, Aylward led the team with 21 points (3 aces), followed by O'Brien who scored 11 points (1 ace). Hild scored 9 points (1 ace), Harris scored 7 points (2 aces), West scored 4 points (2 aces), and Smith scored 1 point.

Leading the team with set assists was O'Brien with 13, followed by Hild with 9, and sophomore Emily Hasenauer with 1.

Leading the cats defensively Friday night was West with 11 kills and 2 blocks, followed by

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Smith with 7 kills and 1 block.

Aylward had 2 kills and 3 blocks, Harris had 3 kills, O'Brien had 2 kills, and Hild and senior Tarassa Swedberg each had 1 kill.

Next Action

The Lady Cats hosted the Wallace triangular on Tuesday, Sept. 29.

On Friday, Oct. 2, the Cats will once again face the Tigers of Paxton starting at 4:30.