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The Perkins County Lady Plainsmen ended their season with a loss to the St Pat's Lady Irish in C-2 District Finals on Friday night in Sutherland, taking the runner-up plaque home.

"It stings a lot but they have nothing to hang their heads about," said Head Coach Penny Hite.

The Lady Plainsmen fell in five sets, 24-26, 25-22, 22-25, 25-23, 14-16 against the Irish.

Victories earlier in the week against the Lady Tigers of Bayard and the Lady Tigers of Dundy County, moved the Perkins County team into finals and a shot at the state tournament, which was not to be with the loss to St. Pat's.

"Of all the disappointments we have had this season, I can only say how proud I am of these girls," said Hite. "They kept after it and four of them were in double digits—I have always believed in their ability."

Kills: G. Patrick 16, S. Metcalf 16, . Humphrey 14, T. Metcalf 10, T. Osler 7, K. Beck 2.

Blocks: S. Metcalf 16 (4 ace), G. Patrick 6, T. Metcalf 6 (1 ace), T. Osler 4 (2 ace), K. Beck 2, M. Humphrey 1.

Set assists: K. Beck 51, M. Humphrey 5, G. Patrick 2, one each: T. Metcalf, M. Prante, S. Pollard.

Ace serves: S. Metcalf 4, K. Beck 3, J. Woodmacy 1, S. Pollard 1.

Perkins Co. vs Dundy Co.
25-20, 15-25, 25-15, 25-17

In a great effort by the entire team, Perkins County defeated the Lady Tigers of Dundy County Tuesday night, Nov. 1 in second round of the sub-districts to advance to finals.

"I have to commend the senior leadership of Kristin [Beck] and Tanya [Metcalf] on the court to keep things in perspective, and never letting down," said Coach Penny Hite. "Tanya let nothing get by her tonight."

It took four sets to get the job done, as the girls struggled with their energy level during the second set, losing 15-25 after a successful win in the first set 25-20. The Lady Plainsmen struggled with a couple of good servers from Dundy County.

"We needed to spark the fire in the third, and we did that," said Hite. The girls won the set 25-15—enough to carry them into the fourth set and a 25-17 win—giving them the victory they needed to head into finals in Sutherland on Friday night to face the St. Pat's Lady Irish.

Kills: S. Metcalf 11, T. Metcalf 9, M. Humphrey 5, T. Osler 5, G. Patrick 4, K. Beck 2, C. McClenahan 2, M. Prante 1.

Blocks: T. Metcalf 18 (5 ace), S. Metcalf 6 (2 ace), K. Beck 3, C. McClenahan 2, M. Humphrey 1, T. Osler 1.

Set assists: K. Beck 31, one each: G. Patrick, M. Prante, C. McClenahan, S. Metcalf.
Ace serves: S. Metcalf 5, J. Woodmancy 4, S. Pollard 3, T. Metcalf 2.

Perkins Co. vs Bayard

25-22, 25-15, 25-23

Being the top seed going into sub-districts Oct. 31 against Bayard was a little unnerving for the Lady Plainsmen, said Head Coach Penny Hite.

"You know you're the top seed, however, everyone is out to take you down," said Hite.

Despite the pressure, the girls were able to defeat the Lady Tigers 25-22, 25-15, 25-23.

"Bayard did a god job at times of taking us out of system," said Hite. "But kudos to Kristin [Beck] to get the ball to our hitters and finish the game with 35 assists.

The win advanced the girls to play Dundy County the following evening at Chase County High School.

Kills: S. Metcalf 11, M. Humphrey 8, T. Metcalf 7, C. McClenahan 5, G. Patrick 4, K. Beck 1.
Blocks: T. Metcalf 5 (2 ace), G. Patrick 3, K. Beck 2.
Set assists: K. Beck 35, M. Prante 1.
Ace serves: S. Metcalf 6, K. Beck 3, T. Metcalf 2, J. Woodmancy 1, M. Humphrey 1.