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The Paxton Tournament

The Wallace Wildcats competed in the Paxton tournament on Tuesday, Sept. 18.

### Wallace vs Paxton

The Cats' first opponent was the Tigers of Paxton. The Tigers were tough, and perhaps because the



Wildcats had gotten close to them in an earlier match of the season, they were determined to hammer home a victory. In the most frustrating match of the season, the Paxton Tigers won at home in straight sets 25 to 10 and 25 to 19.

Leading the team offensively against Paxton was senior Chelsea Sowle with four points (one ace). Sophomore Christina Daniels had two points, and senior Anna Griffiths, juniors Alex Lundvall and Paige Aylward, and sophomore Mickayla Sheets each had one point. Leading the team with set assists were Griffiths with six and Lundvall with four.

Defensively, Daniels led the team with two kills and two blocks, and Sowle with four blocks. Senior Katelyn Melton and junior Sara Hubbard each had three kills, and freshman Abbey Rohde had two kills.

### Wallace vs Potter-Dix

The Cats' second opponent was the Coyotes from Potter-Dix. The Wildcats started out strong, determined to improve on their night. The Lady Cats won the first set, and were leading in the second, but they allowed the Coyotes back into the match. In the end the Coyotes were able to defeat the Wildcats in three sets 25-19, 21-25, and 17-25.

Leading the team offensively against the Tigers was Rohde (five aces) with 12 points. Hubbard had seven points (two aces), Daniels (one ace) and Sheets each had five points, Lundvall had two points, and Sowle had one point. Leading the team with set assists was Lundvall with five, followed by Griffiths, senior Rachel Marquardt, Daniels and Rohde each with two.

Defensively, Melton led the team with five kills and two blocks, followed by Daniels with one kill and four blocks. Hubbard had three kills and one block, Rohde had two kills and two blocks, and Sowle had one kill and two blocks.

### Homecoming

### Wallace vs Hayes Center

On Friday night the Wildcats played host to the Hayes Center Cardinals for Homecoming. The

Lady Cats started out strong; ready to make a statement. The Cardinals battled back and forced the Cats to dig deep to win a tough set. The second set saw a repeat of the first, but the Cats played hard, and refused to let the Cardinals gain any kind of a lead.

After two tough sets the Cardinals seemed deflated as the Wildcats continued to build momentum. The Lady Cats defeated the Cardinals, for their first home win of the season, in straight sets 25-23, 26-24, and 25-17.

When asked about the match, Coach Strand said, "The girls passed well, set well, and hit well." She added, "We were talking and working together as a team, and it was a great win for us."

Offensively, Lundvall and Hubbard led the team each with 10 points (one ace), followed by Rohde who had eight points (two aces). Sheets (one ace) and Sowle each had six points, and Daniels had one point.

Leading the team with set assists was Lundvall with 14, followed by Griffiths with nine, Marquardt with six, Rohde with four, and Sheets and sophomore Morgan Messersmith each with one.

Leading the cats defensively Friday night was Daniels with 16 kills and one block. Sowle had four kills and three blocks, Melton had five kills, Hubbard had four kills, and Rohde had two kills and one block.

### **Next Action**

The Lady Cats hosted Brady and Maywood at the Wallace triangular on Tuesday, Sept. 25th. On Friday, Sept. 28, the ladies will travel to face the Brady Eagles.