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The Lady Plainsmen had a tough week on the court in home and away tournaments Sept. 25 and 29. Unable to win a set in either competition, they placed third in their home triangular Tuesday, following Chase County and Gothenburg, and lost to Holdrege, Ord and Gothenburg at the Gothenburg tournament on Saturday, Sept. 29.

**Gothenburg Tourney**

Perkins County was matched first against Holdrege, where they lost in two, 18-25 and 18-25.

Serving is still the issue, and is something the team will continue to seek improvement on.

Head Coach Penny Hite commended the performances of several players.

“Michi [Prante] had a fantastic defensive game,” she said. “She was everywhere!”

“Shania [Metcalf] did an excellent job of attacking the ball and also led in blocks (five),” she added.

She was impressed with the girls’ enthusiasm and their willingness to fight to the end.

In game two, against a powerful Ord team, the Lady Plainsmen had some good moments and outthusted their opponents, according to Hite. However, the Plainsmen lost in two sets, 19-25 and 17-25.

“We kept them out of system a lot,” she said. “Triple blocking Shania [Metcalf] didn’t stop her from getting 11 kills and frustrating their defense.”

Game three saw the Lady Plainsmen matched against Gothenburg, who they had met just a few days earlier.

“We played more aggressively against them today than the first of the week,” commented Coach Hite. “The girls know what they need to work on and now it’s up to them to see it through.”

**Plainsmen Triangular**

Gothenburg’s powerful hitting proved too much for the home team to overcome, although the Lady Plainsmen were off to a good start and had the other team scrambling on serve receive early in the game.

Hite had good things to say about the consistency of senior Jessie Woodmancy who she said did well on both sides of offense and defense.

“Her consistency and hustle really showed.” Hite said. “She was perfect on the serving line as well.

Six missed serves against Chase County in the first set caused a shift in momentum or the outcome may have been different in the match that ended in overtime in Chase County’s favor, 27-29.

“We just have to find the right combinations to seal the win,” said Hite. “The girls showed a lot more heart in this game.”

Kills and blocks were much improved Hite said.

“Both Brandie [Ross] and Courtney [McClenahn] set well and Courtney Ostermiller did a great job outside,” said Hite.

“Michi [Prante] and Carlie [Waitley] both did an exceptional job of adjusting our defense in the back row.”

**PC vs. Holdrege**

18-25, 18-25

Kills: S. Metcalf 7, A. Osler 4, C. McClenahan 2, C. Ostermiller, J. Woodmancy and B. Ross, 1 each. Ace blocks: A. Osler 1. Ace serves: C. Waitley 2, J. Woodmancy 1, C. McClenahan 1.

**PC vs. Ord**

19-25, 17-25

Kills: S. Metcalf 11, C. McClenahan 2, B. Ross, A Osler and C. Ostermiller 1 each. Ace serves: J. Woodmancy 1, B. Ross 1, S. Metcalf 1.

**PC vs. Gothenburg**

20-25, 21-25

Kills: C. McClenahan 5, S. Metcalf 3, J. Woodmancy 2, B. Ross 2, M. Prante 1, L. Konecky 1. Ace serves: B. Ross 4, J. Woodmancy, C. Waitley and S. Metcalf 1 each.

**PC vs. Gothenburg**

12-25, 10-25

Kills: S. Metcalf 5, B. Ross 2, C. Ostermiller 1.

**PC vs. Chase County**

27-29, 18-25

Kills: S. Metcalf 14, C. Ostermiller 3, A. Osler 3, C. McClenahan 3, J. Woodmancy 2, M. Prante 2. Ace blocks: S. Metcalf, C. McClenahan, B. Ross and A. Osler 1 each. Ace serves: M. Prante 1, S. Metcalf 1.