

The Wallace Wildcats competed in the Garden County Triangular in Oshkosh on Monday, Oct. 8. The Cats' first opponent was the Eagles of Garden County.

Wallace vs. Garden Co.

The Wildcats started the match a bit flat. The eerie quiet of the gym, and the low ceiling seemed to mess with the Cats' timing. Fortunately, the Eagles were also plagued with problems. The Cats really had to battle, but in the end the Lady Cats defeated the Eagles in straight sets 25-21 and 25-22.



Leading the team offensively against the Eagles was senior Anna Griffiths with six points, followed by junior Alexandria Lundvall and sophomore Christina Daniels each with four points (one ace). Junior Sara Hubbard had two points, and senior Chelsea Sowle and freshman Abbey Rohde each had one point.

Leading the team with set assists were senior Rachel Marquardt and Lundvall each with six, followed by Griffiths with two, and senior Katelyn Melton with one.

Defensively, Rohde led the team with six kills and one block, followed closely by Daniels with five kills. Sowle, Melton and Hubbard each had two kills.

Wallace vs Potter-Dix

The Lady Cats then had to face the Coyotes of Potter-Dix. The Coyotes were ready for a tough fight, but the Lady Cats were just too tough. Unlike the first match of the night, the Lady Cats were ready to play, and refused to give up.

The Coyotes bested the Cats earlier in the season, and they were able to take the second set from the Cats. The Lady Cats, however, were ready for revenge. The Wildcats won the match 25-19, 18-25, and 25-20.

When asked about the night, coach Strand said, "It was great to pick up two wins." She added, "We played much better in the second game against Potter-Dix after coming out flat against Garden County. We also did a good job of working as a team."

Leading the team offensively against the Potter-Dix Coyotes was Daniels with nine points (three aces), followed by Rohde with seven points (one ace). Sowle had six points (one ace), Griffiths had five points, Hubbard had three kills and two blocks, and Lundvall had three points.

Leading the team with set assists was Griffiths with nine, followed by Melton with seven, Lundvall with six, and Sowle, Daniels and sophomore Morgan Messersmith each had one.

Defensively, Sowle led the team with six kills and six blocks, followed closely by Daniels with nine kills and two blocks. Rohde had four kills and one block, Hubbard had three kills and one block, Melton had one kill and two blocks, Marquardt had two blocks, Griffiths had one kill, and junior Paige Aylward had one block.

Wallace vs Medicine Valley

The Wallace Wildcats travelled to Curtis to face the Medicine Valley Raiders on Friday, Oct. 12.

The Raiders were a formidable foe, and the Lady Cats were battling injuries and illness. The Lady Cats wanted the win, and passed well, but the Raiders were just too tough. The Lady Cats lost the match in straight sets, 18-25, 16-25, and 16-25.

When asked about the game, coach Strand said, "Statistically we played well, but we were a little shook with two main players missing from the lineup." She added, "The girls who stepped up and played in those spots did a nice job."

Leading the team offensively against the Raiders was Sowle with six points (one ace), followed closely by Griffiths with five points. Daniels (three aces) and sophomore Mickayla Sheets each had three points, Lundvall had two points (one ace), and Hubbard had one point.

Leading the team with set assists were Lundvall and Griffiths each with seven, and sophomore Hayley Storm with two.

Defensively, Daniels led the team with 13 kills and two blocks. Sowle had three kills and five blocks, Aylward had three kills, Hubbard had one kill, and Storm had one kill.

The Lady Cats began conference play on Monday, Oct. 15, in Paxton against the Wauneta-Palisade Broncos.