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The Wallace Wildcats competed in the Wallace Triangular on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

Wallace vs. Brady

The Cats' first opponent was the Brady Eagles. The Lady Wildcats started out a bit timid in the first set, but they stepped it up a bit in the second. Unfortunately, a determined Eagles team battled to win the match in two, 21-25, and 26-28.

Leading the team offensively against the Eagles was senior Alexandria Lundvall (two aces) and junior Mickayla Sheets each with five points, followed closely by senior Sara Hubbard and freshman Maggie May each with (two aces) four points. Junior Morgan Messersmith had two points, and junior Christina Daniels (one ace) had one point.

Leading the team with set assists was Lundvall with 20, followed by Daniels with one.

Defensively, Daniels had 10 kills and one block. Hubbard had four kills and one block, junior Hayley Storm had three kills and one block, senior Jaclyn Nelson had two kills, and Sheets had one kill.

Wallace vs. Maywood

The Lady Cats then had to face the Maywood Tigers. The Wildcats won this match in three sets 20-25, 25-7, and 25-13.

Let down a bit by the close loss in the second set to Brady, the Lady Cats came out of the locker room a bit flat. The Tigers took advantage of the deflated Wildcat team and won the first set 20-25.

In striking contrast to the first set, the Cats were ready for the Tigers, taking the early lead in the second. The Tigers made every effort to fight back, but the Cats dominated the second set

25-7.

The third set saw a livelier Tiger team. Both teams rallied and tried to build momentum, but it was the Cats that finally broke the set open. The Tigers worked hard to make something happen, but the Lady Cats won the third set and the match 25 to 13.

When asked for a comment on the night, Coach Strand said, "We had some rough moments because of the change in the lineup, but eventually got back together for the Maywood game." She added, "We had too many service errors in both matches."

Leading the team offensively against Maywood was May with 11 (three aces), followed closely by Lundvall (six aces) with 10, and Messersmith (two aces) with nine. Daniels had (one ace) six points, freshman Myah McConnell had (three aces) five points, Hubbard had (one ace) four points, and Sheets had (one ace) one point. Leading the team with set assists was Lundvall with 29, followed by Sheets with two.

Defensively, Daniels led the team with 22 kills and one block. Hubbard had six kills, Storm had three kills, and Sheets had two kills.

Wallace vs. Brady

On Friday night, the Wildcats played host to the Brady Eagles for the second time in a week. The Wallace Lady Cats were looking for revenge but unfortunately they would fall short. The Eagles won the match in straight sets, 15 to 25, 18 to 25, and 14 to 25.

In the first set, the Lady Cats started out a bit flat. As the set progressed, however, the Wildcats started to gain some momentum. Unfortunately for the Cats, it was a little too late, and the Eagles took the first set, 15-25.

In the second set, the Eagles started out strong. The Cats continued to work hard, but were plagued by service errors, and Brady continued to build momentum. The Eagles won the second set 18-25.

In the third set, the Lady Cats seemed deflated. They tried to build momentum, but nothing would go their way. The Eagles continued to control the tempo, and the frustration continued to build for the Lady Cats. In the end the Eagles were able to sweep the Cats in three sets 14-25.

Coach Elizabeth Strand said, "We need to get back to doing our fundamentals; communicating, serving, and passing. We play pretty well when we do."

Offensively, Daniels led the team with seven points (one ace). Messersmith (one ace) and Sheets each had four points, Lundvall, Hubbard, and May each had one point. Leading the team with set assists was Lundvall with 15, followed by junior Emma Franklin with one.

Leading the cats defensively Friday night was Daniels with 10 kills and one block. Hubbard had three kills and one block, Sheets had two kills and one block, Nelson had one kill and two blocks, and Hubbard had one kill and one block.

Next Action

The junior varsity Cats played on Monday, Oct. 7 in Grant. On Thursday, Oct. 10, the Cats will travel to South Platte, and on Friday, Oct. 11, the Lady Cats will travel to Trenton to face Hitchcock County.