

HHS volleyball dominates Wray in first home game

Written by Darci Tomky

Crowd support was huge in the Dragon gym Saturday, Sept. 15 when Holyoke secured a first home game win over the Wray Eagles.

The Lady Dragons took charge of the court and dominated Wray in three sets 25-14, 26-24 and 25-12.

“It’s always fun to win your first home game,” said coach Michelle Vieselmeyer. “I was proud of them.”

She said they had some good attacks, especially by Lindsay Helgoth and Maddie King, but the team could have played at a much higher level. The second game was closer than it should have been.

The Saturday win felt good for the Dragons coming off a loss in Imperial, Neb. Tuesday, Sept. 11. Holyoke lost to Chase County in three sets 22-25, 15-25 and 24-26.

“They were out of sync,” said coach Vieselmeyer, noting the girls just weren’t playing as a team.

The first and third games were close, but the girls panicked toward the end and couldn’t push forward for a win. If they could have won one of those games, said Vieselmeyer, it could have changed their whole momentum.

She said they learned a lot from that game and changed up their lineup a bit for the Wray game.

On Saturday, Tia Huffman came in as the libero position, meaning she is a back row defense specialist who can substitute for more than one player, in this case, the two middle hitters.

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Coach Vieselmeyer said it makes it a lot more consistent for the hitters since they can focus primarily on their front row responsibilities.

She's excited for this rotation, because now that the libero can handle more of the back row playing, other team members can be available to substitute in other positions as needed. She said Megan Vieselmeyer came off the bench as a good substitute in the third set of the Wray game.



Jacinda Krueger, pictured at right, completes a hit over the hands of the defending Wray player in volleyball action in Holyoke Saturday afternoon. Krueger had 14 attacks, including two kills in Holyoke's win in three games.□ □

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In their home win against Wray on Saturday, King led Dragon hitting with 16 attacks including eight kills. Jacinda Krueger landed 14 attacks including six kills. Also at the net, King grabbed two solo blocks and four block assists.

Setter Ashley Humphreys handled the ball 38 times for eight assists for kills while Erin Vieselmeyer had 26 sets including 12 assists for kills.

Krueger totaled the most serves with 15 including one ace, scoring 14 points for the Dragons. King and Helgoth each had two ace serves.

In passing, Erin Vieselmeyer grabbed 12 serve receives and eight digs for the Dragons.

At Tuesday's Chase County match, King had 10 hits for seven kills with Erin Vieselmeyer adding eight kills out of nine attacks. King was at the net for two solo blocks and five block assists.

Humphreys had 56 sets including 10 sets for kills, and Vieselmeyer assisted for kills 12 times.

In serving, King had 13 attempts and Molly Brandt 12, each landing one ace and scoring nine points.

Leading in digs was Krueger and Humphreys with five apiece, and Krueger landed five serve receives for Holyoke.

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JV and C teams play

Holyoke JV girls went 1-1 last week. They fell to Chase County in two games 9-25 and 10-25. On their home court on Saturday, JV easily took down Wray 25-12 and 25-15.

In C team action, the Dragons lost to Chase County 15-25 and 11-25. They also fell to Wray 15-25 and 12-25.

On Monday, Sept. 17, the girls competed in a tournament at Fleming, finishing with a 0-3 record.

In a match with Fleming, they lost 18-25, won 25-22 and lost 11-15. Holyoke fell to Merino 19-25 and 23-25. They took Hi Plains to three sets, winning the first 25-12 but losing the next two 18-25 and 3-15.

Upcoming action

Holyoke traveled to Peetz Tuesday, Sept. 18. Results will be reported in next week's Enterprise.

They play next week against Sedgwick County in Ovid Tuesday, Sept. 25 starting at 5 p.m. Akron games are away on Thursday, Sept. 27 at 4 p.m.

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