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Chase County enters this week's SPVA conference volleyball tournament as the No. 3 seed, behind North Platte St. Pat's and Perkins County.

The Lady Longhorns will face No. 6 seed Sutherland in first round play tonight (Thursday) at about 4:30 p.m. MT

Chase County already has a win over Sutherland from play earlier this month, but Coach Jodie Schuller said her team didn't play their best that night.

"I'm glad we have some tape to review," she said.

If the Lady Longhorns win their first round match, they'll go up against No. 2 Perkins County on Saturday. That would be the two teams' third meeting this season, with the Lady Plainsmen coming out on top both times.

"I won't mind seeing Perkins County again. My goal is that we're playing on Saturday," she said.

If Chase County loses the match against Sutherland Thursday night, they'll play another match that night for fifth and sixth places.

Schuller isn't expecting to be staying around later Thursday.

North Platte St. Pat's with its 13-3 record this week earned the top seed in the tournament.

This year's tournament will be in Maxwell, about 16 miles east of North Platte on I-80, which joined the SPVA conference last year after Garden County stepped out.

All matches in the conference tourney will be best three out of five games.