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Chase County needs to find its rhythm and play more in sync.

That's the word from Lady Longhorn Coach Jodie Schuller this week after seeing her varsity team drop three matches last week.

Granted, the teams they fell to last week—North Platte St. Pat's, Southwest and Perkins County—all have winning records and have been in the state ratings.

But, Schuller said their losses last week likely had more to do with which team was showing up to play.

"We're either there or we're not," she said.

Errors were a problem in all three matches for the Lady Longhorns last week, Schuller said.

In the hitting and serving areas, Chase County committed 18 errors in the Southwest match, 33 against St. Pat's and 29 in the Perkins County match.

That just can't happen, Schuller said.

"If we don't make all those errors, we are all right. We have to figure out how to come hungry to play," she said.

Triangular at St. Pat's

Chase County forced St. Pat's into three games last week before losing the match. Coach Schuller credited her team for a good second game against the Lady Irish.

Scores were 18-25, 25-20 and 13-25.

The two teams were fairly even on offense, with Chase County tallying 28 kills to 32 by the Irish. Shannon Liewer and Lexee Reichert each had nine kills in the match.

But, the Lady Longhorns had a poor night at the service line, missing 11 of their 58 tries for 81%, and scored just two ace serves.

Leading the scoring were Paula Leibbrandt with 10 points. Chantal Heathers and Maria Ramos had nine apiece.

In Chase County's other match at the triangular, they lost in two to Southwest, 17-25 and 13-25.

The difference in this match was at the net, where Southwest scored 25 kills and had a .145 hitting efficiency.

Chase County had 15 kills and 15 errors on hitting, ending with a zero in hitting efficiency.

Liewer had seven kills, while Reichert scored five.

The Lady Longhorns had a better match at the line, serving 23 of 35 for 91%. Heathers and Leibbrandt each scored nine.

