

Subdistricts begin Monday at McCook



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It was awesome.

Those were the words from Chase County Coach Jodie Schuller as she talked about last week's win over SPVA conference rival Hershey.

The Lady Longhorn match victory, which took the full five games, came during the final home appearance of the season on Tuesday, Oct. 20. It was also Parents Night for the volleyball team.

"It was so much fun. For our seniors, it was a great way to have their last home game," Schuller said.

Chase County's defeat of Hershey came just three days after the Lady Longhorns' loss to them in the SPVA tournament consolation finals.

However, CCS was plagued with sickness at the tournament. All of the starters were back at nearly 100% for last week's match.

Scores in last week's win were 10-25, 25-18, 23-25, 25-23 and 15-9.

Schuller said her team's serving and hitting against the Lady Panthers were the difference-makers.

Even though Chase County had 11 service errors in 97 attempts (88 percent), Schuller said the 12 aces they scored were very effective.

Six of the ace serves came from Chantal Heathers, and Paula Leibbrandt didn't miss a serve in the match, also scoring two aces.

And, four of Chase County's hitters were in double figures, led by Shannon Liewer with 14.

Maria Ramos had 12, Shayla Dinnel, 11, and Karlee Kunnemann, nine, as the team tallied a total of 51 kills with just 18 errors.

What was key, Schuller added, was the kills came with fewer errors than they have been making.

"That's what we have to do. We can't hit the ball out" resulting in more errors, Schuller said.

Chase County's .168 in hitting efficiency last week was one of their best in recent weeks.

Hershey wasn't too far behind on number of kills with 47, but had 25 errors, for a hitting efficiency of .129.

Schuller said it also helped that they altered their defense to stop one of Hershey's hitters who liked the line.

