



One-day tourney set for North Platte on Tuesday

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Chase County's Lady Longhorns, who picked up a big win Tuesday over Class B McCook, will be the No. 3 seed in Tuesday's C1-11 subdistrict volleyball tournament at North Platte High School.

The official bracket from the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) won't be out until today (Thursday), but based on point standings Wednesday morning, the Lady Longhorns, now 15-13, will be playing in the 6:30 p.m. CT game Tuesday night.

Their first opponent will be No. 2 Gothenburg, 22-4, who was seeded just behind top-seeded Ogallala, 22-10. The two schools were just under one-tenth of a point Wednesday morning in point standings that had been updated after Tuesday night's matches.

Gothenburg defeated Cozad Tuesday night, but Ogallala did not have a contest on the schedule. However, Ogallala was able to hold on to their slight edge in points to claim the C1-11 subdistrict top seed.

Coach Jodie Schuller said Gothenburg will be a tough opponent, but in a previous meeting earlier this season, Chase County won one of the three games in the match.

"We are going to have to play motivated and they need to want it," Schuller said Monday.

She said not shooting themselves in the feet with unforced errors will be key, and they need to be celebrating every point they make.

"I'm looking forward to it. We all have to be 'on' and our hitters will need to be hot," she said.

The first game of the night at 5 p.m. CT will pit the No. 1 Ogallala against No. 4 Cozad, who is 4-22 this week.

The winners of the first two matches will advance to the 8 p.m. CT championship game Tuesday night.

Hershey matches

Chase County lost a varsity rematch on the road to Hershey last Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Scores were 12-25, 16-25 and 14-26.

The two teams had met just three days earlier in the SPVA tournament, where Hershey also took the win.

Coach Schuller said her team was flat last week against a Hershey defense that just didn't let anything drop.

"It just wasn't our night. Hershey put up a good defense and things fell their way," she said.

Chase County had one of its lowest nights on hitting efficiency at .042. That came on 19 kills and 15 errors.

Meanwhile, Hershey scored on 43 kills with just five errors, for a .400 hitting efficiency against the Lady Longhorns.

Leading Chase County hitters were Kristen Jussel with nine kills and MaKenna Ketter, five. At the serving line, the Lady Longhorns managed 92 percent, making 38 of 41. Jussel scored the team's only ace.

Defensively, Morgan Fisher had 18 digs, while Jussel picked up 15.

Bethany Sorensen was credited with 17 set assists.

Chase County's JV team was the only one to get a win at Hershey last week, and it came with three very close games.

Scores were 25-23, 22-25 and 16-14.

Chase County JVs had a .203 hitting efficiency (25 kills, 9 errors) and were led by Makala Bartels, Mindy Castle and Makenna Wallin, each with five kills.

At the line, Chase County was 41-47 on serves for 87 percent. Wallin had the team's two ace serves.

In the C match, Chase County took the loss, 27-25, 22-25 and 5-15.

The team was 85 percent at the serving line (48-56). Bailey Springer had three of the team's 10 ace serves.

At the net, Shaylee Dorn led the hitters with five kills, while Kayla Brown and Kymberli Rowley each had four.

9-10 tourneys

Chase County sent a grade 9-10 team to the Southwest High School tournament Monday in Bartley.

There, the Lady Longhorn team beat McCook 25-8 and 25-12. Chase County also defeated Dundy County 25-8 and 25-14.

Another 9-10 tournament on the schedule at Dundy County/Stratton Saturday was not held.