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Sporting the best record for a Chase County team since 2006, the Lady Longhorn volleyball team is now looking to next year.

A win at McCook in the team's final season game on Oct. 29 pushed the team's win column to 20, then a first round win at subdistricts Nov. 4 in North Platte gave Chase County a 21-victory mark.

However, the subdistrict win over Cozad sent them up against top-seeded Ogallala later that night, when Chase County saw its season end with a respectable 21-9 record.

Coach Jodie Schuller, who also bypassed the 300-win mark this year as a head coach at Chase County, said her squad just didn't have the offense it needed to beat a strong team like Ogallala.

Ogallala went on to beat Gothenburg in the subdistrict finals last Tuesday, and overcame Chadron in Friday's district finals.

The Lady Indians head to this week's state tournament in Grand Island as the No. 2 seed in Class C1.

Here's a recap of last week's subdistrict games. A season review with stats will be in next week's issue.

Cozad match

Chase County had one of its better nights on offense in the first round of subdistricts Nov. 4 with a .259 hitting efficiency against Cozad.

Scores were 25-19, 25-21 and 26-24.

Cozad had an 18-14 lead late in the third game, but Chase County rattled off six straight points to go up 20-18. That scoring spree started with a kill from Paige Spady, who then served the next five straight points. Kaycee Bubak had two kills during that run, as Cozad committed three errors.

Cozad pulled back within one, 20-19, but the Lady Longhorns responded with four more points matched by one from Cozad. Chase County now had a 24-20 lead.

Not giving up, Cozad tied the game 24-24 after a couple of Chase County errors and an ace serve.

With Cozad at the serving line, Chase County went up 25-24 on a Makala Bartels kill, then MaKenna Ketter closed out the match with a kill, as Chase County won it, 26-24.

The Lady Longhorns finished with 41 kills and 13 errors, lead by Ketter who racked up 16 kills. Kristen Jussel, Spady and Bubak each tallied six kills, while Bartels added five.

Cozad had 34 kills in the match, but recorded 19 errors, as they finished at a .152 hitting efficiency.

At the service line, Chase County was 90 percent (67-74) with five aces. Ketter had two of them to lead the team.

Shelby Jaeger led the team on defense with 11 digs.



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