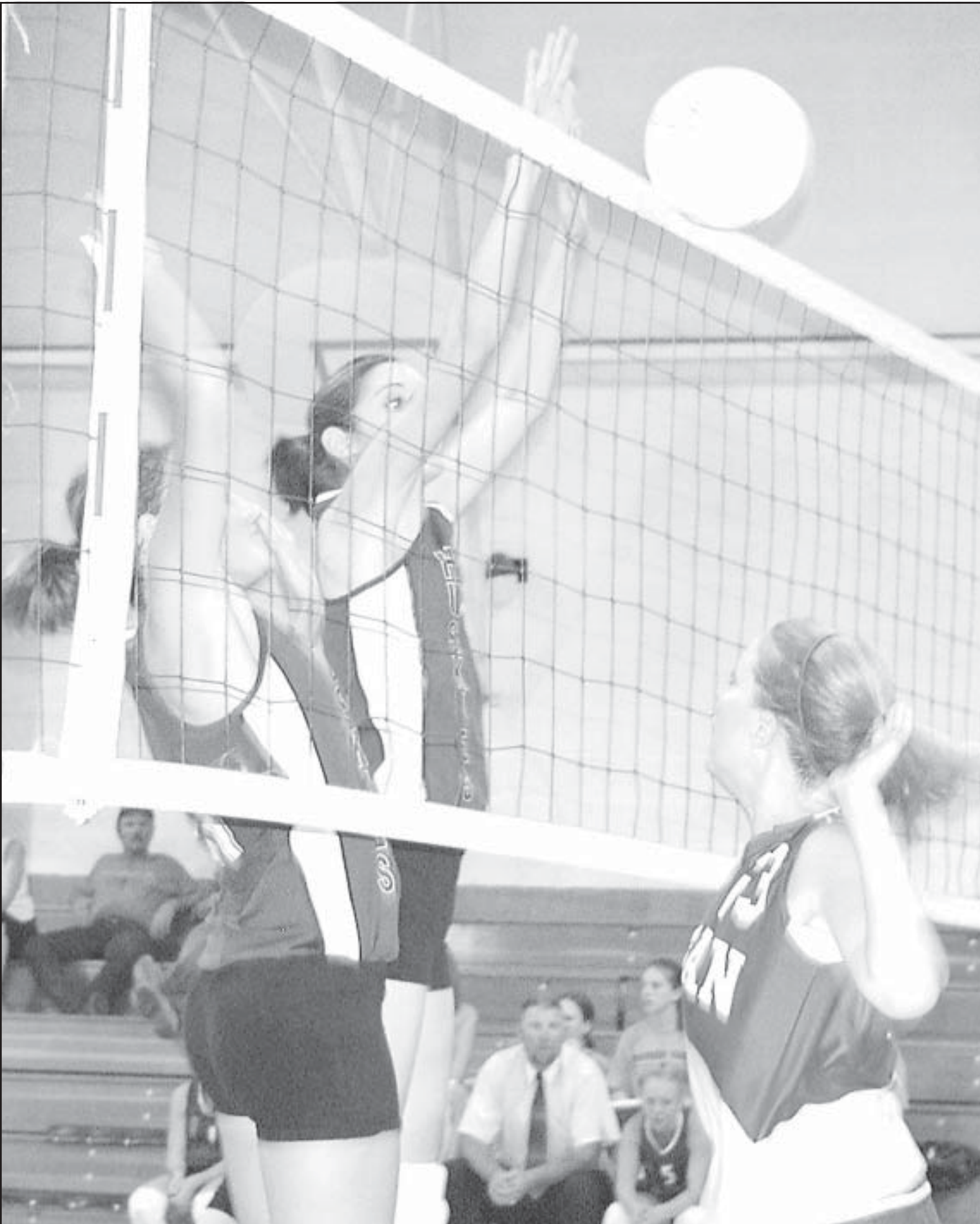


Huskies lose in volleyball



The Northern Valley volleyball team lost to Alma and Logan Tuesday.

"The first match was a little difficult for us," said Coach Christine Eveleigh. "We had to rearrange some players due to injuries and this was the first match to try out the new line-up. We did a great job adjusting to the changes, but Alma did not make it easy for us due to them being such a good team."

"I was very happy with the varsity team against Logan. They were able to come back from their loss against Alma and were able to attack Logan. I feel both teams played a very competitive match."

The Lady Huskies were defeated by Alma 11-25, 14-25.

- Top players were:
- Serves — Kelsey Kinderknecht, 2 aces;
 - Digs — Serena Woodside and Jessica Holmes, 6 each;
 - Blocks — Alyssia Shearer, 3;
 - Sets — Kinderknecht, 10 assists;
 - Attacks — Holmes, 6 kills.
- Logan beat Northern Valley 22-

25, 25-23, 13-25.

- Top Lady Huskies players were:
- Serves — Holmes, 3 aces;
 - Sets — Holmes, 8 assists;
 - Attacks — Shearer, 5 kills;
 - Digs — Woodside, 18.

The junior varsity was beaten by Logan 25-21, 14-25, 13-15.

"The junior varsity did well with having to adjust to a new line-up, due to players being injured," said Coach Eveleigh. "I am very happy with their play and every time they step out on the floor, they are getting better and better."

Top players were:

- Serves — Shearer, 3 aces;
 - Digs — Holmes and Jessica Largent, 2;
 - Assists — Holmes, 8 assists;
 - Attacks — Stephanie Tubbs, 4 kills;
 - Blocks — Kylene Hager, 1.
- Northern Valley will compete in the Plainville Junior Varsity Tournament on Saturday. The Lady Huskies will compete in the Ellis Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 1. Both tournaments start at 8:30 a.m.

Northern Valley's Kelsey Kinderknecht and Stephanie Tubbs go up for a block in the varsity match against Logan Tuesday in Almena. Northern Valley and Logan went three games before Logan took the win. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

Seventh-grade Lady Jays win volleyball match

The Norton seventh-grade Lady Jays came out on top against the Lady Tigers on Sept. 15 in their third match of the season. The ladies chalked up the victory in two games to win the match with scores of 25-15, 25-13.

"Good serves and passes were what helped us get our second win of the season," said Coach Erin Hill. "We have been working extremely hard on these areas in practice the last couple of weeks and it has really been showing once we step into the games. I think our girls are improving more and more each game, due to their hard work and focus in practice."

"In the first game, our girls served well and played well on the defensive side. Our passes and serve receive really helped us out in this first game. Meaghan Peterson and Dustyna Sprigg served well for us in this first game."

"In the second game, we had trouble breaking Stockton's first server and we fell behind early, 0-4. However, our girls regrouped and really came on strong from then on out. Again, our passes and serves were pretty impressive. Peterson again gave us some great serves as she served six in a row with one ace. Kelsie Griffith also added five good serves to the mix."

"Overall, I was pleased with our girls' performance. They came out focused and ready to play after a slow week of practice. They are really excited to see how they do against McCook and this weekend, as we travel to Hoxie for the girls' first tournament experience. They should be fun to watch and I think the girls are ready to go."

The seventh-grade volleyball team will compete in the Hoxie Round Robin Saturday. The tournament is set to start at 9 a.m.

Norton eighth-graders defeat Tigers

The Norton Junior High eighth-grade volleyball team defeated the Stockton Tigers 25-12, 20-25, 15-7 on Sept. 15.

"The Lady Jays found an area that the varsity needs to improve on if they want to accomplish the top goal of all players, to win a league tournament title," said Coach Chuck Zimmerman.

"We soundly defeated the Tigers in the first game 25-12 with very good serving from the whole team. Amanda Ray was perfect with 7 serves and 6 team points, while Bethany Roy, another perfect server, helped the team to score 4

team points by getting all 5 serves in. Ashlie Stewart matched Roy's totals, while Alyssa Thomson was 4 of 4 with 3 team points. As you can tell, we were on with our serving as the team served 23 of 25 for 92 percent, which kept Stockton on the move trying to return and play our serves.

"But, the next game is where this group tends to have a weakness. They relax. In volleyball, as I have said before, you must get to 25 as soon as possible and not get the feeling that the next game will be as easy as the last because in this sport momentum is a fleeting

thing. Well, we relaxed, served only 68 percent and the Tigers lived up to their name sake, playing well enough to win 20-25 to force a third game.

"In the final deciding game, we started to 'make our own magic' as we focused more, with the result being 14 of 15 serves in for 93 percent. Bethany Winkel did the most damage to the Tigers by being perfect on her 8 serves and allowing the team to score 7 straight points, which helped us pull away. Raven Brown came in to serve and the team scored on all three of her serves as we went on

to win 15-7.

"Our junior varsity played well against the Stockton team and came away with a hard fought 25-21 victory with all of our players contributing to the victory."

The Lady Jays will compete in the Hoxie Round Robin Saturday beginning at 9 a.m.

Northern Valley junior high stays undefeated in volleyball

The Northern Valley junior high volleyball team remained undefeated by beating Arapahoe 25-15, 25-22 on Sept. 15.

"The girls did a great job," said Coach Kirsten Baird. "We were aggressive at the net. We still need to focus on passing and serve receive."

Karen Wenzl led serving with 15 of 16 for 14 points, followed by Amber Sheley, 12 of 14 for 11 points; Staci Dole, 10 of 11 for 9 points; Alison Cole, 11 of 11 for 8

points; Christina Anderson, 6 of 7 for 4 points; and Megan Cole, 5 of 7 for 4 points.

Top servers were Wenzl and Sheley.

The junior varsity team was defeated 9-25, 25-19, 14-16.

Cassie Field led serving with 12 of 13 for 12 points, followed by Miriah Florence, 8 of 8 for 6 points; Kenzi Husted, 5 of 6 for 5 points; Kenzie Chandler, 6 of 6 for 4 points; Kayla Field, 5 of 5 for 4 points; Ashley Constable, 5 of

5 for 4 points; Caitlyn Patterson, 5 of 5 for 3 points; Melissa Hawks, 5 of 5 for 3 points; Kelsey Raburn, 4 of 5 for 3 points; Kynzie Stevens, 3 of 3 for 2 points; Callie Read, 2 of 2 for 1 point; and Sarah Whitney, 1 of 1 for 1 point.

C. Field was the top server. The junior Lady Huskies will host Logan in Long Island on Thursday, Sept. 29. The first match begins at 5 p.m.

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