Sports Connection

Wildcats Fall to Hudson, Ed-Co

Home or away, you had the opportunity to see our Wildcats take the court recently.

Tuesday night the team traveled to Hudson and dropped their match in three: 9-25, 9-25 and 17-25. The loss put their overall record at 1-5.

Coach Doyle noted that our poor serve receives in the first two games really set the tone for the match. "I told the team that our offense starts with a good pass and that we need to work harder."

In the final game, the Cats played better and were able to run their offense and did a better job of executing.

"We'll have to build on our game three effort," stated Coach Doyle.

Offensively, Lisa Jesenovec led the teams in hitting with three kills. Sara Wenthold, Kara Lechtenberg and Kristen Evers all added two kills each. Sara Glanz led the team in serving with an ace as did Carrie Goldsmith. Goldsmith and Krystal Johnson tied for the leading in setting with two assists. Defensively, Jesenovec led the team in blocks and digs with two and six, respectively. Johnson and Evers had three digs each.

At Hudson, the JV team won, 2-1 while the freshmen/sophomore team split 2-2.

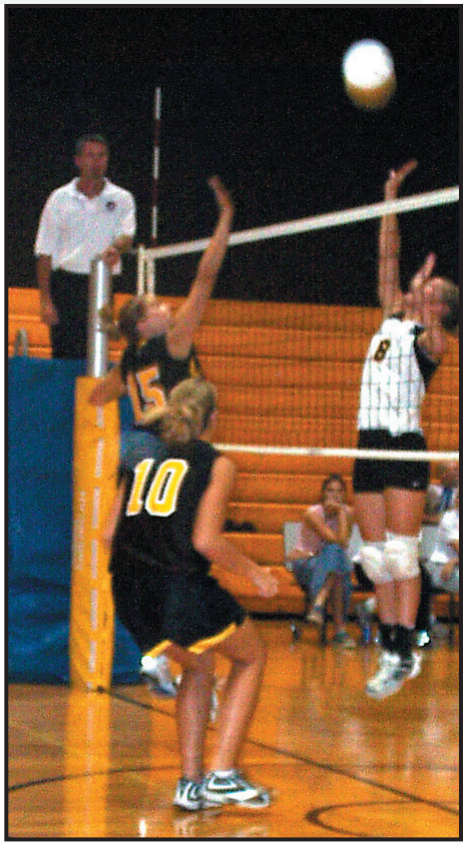
Last Thursday night you saw the battle of black and gold as Ed-Co traveled to Delhi. Ed-Co won 3-0, 25-15, 25-14, 25-20.

Coach Doyle stated, "We got off to a poor start in game one but after that we began to play better. In the final game we had a chance to win and I told the team that we need to be in that positive in every game."

He also noted that the team needs to improve their serve receive and passing skills. "When we execute better in these areas, we play a lot better all around."

Offensively, Jesenovec led the team in hitting with six kills, Lynn Nefzger had four, Michelle Boge three, Kara Lechtenberg two and Sara Wenthold and Becki Burkle each added one. Johnson led the team in setting with six assists. Goldsmith had four, Wenthold and Heather Weber each had one. Sheila Wenthold led the team in serving with four aces. Cassie Bawek contributed two and Nefzger had one.

Defensively, Johnson led the team in digs with six, Jesenovec had five, Sara Wenthold four, Bawek three, Sheila Wenthold two and Boge two. Jesenovec led the team in blocks with two stuffs, with Lechtenberg having one. Sara Wenthold and Boge each added one assist.



Michelle Boge goes up for a big hit at the Ed-Co game last Thursday night.

The JV team lost 2-0 and the freshmen/sophomore team won 2-0.

The Cats played Springville last night. The results will be in next week's Echo.

JV Wildcats Attack Alburnett

by Brittney Mead

The JV Wildcats played Alburnett last Friday night and dominated.

" The kids made a great turn around from a last week's game vs. Marion," stated Coach Marting. He also said, "We still have a long way to go before we start playing our best ball. Between week one and week two we made outstanding progress. If we continue to make improvements like this past week, the rest of the year will be very fun to play, coach, and watch."

The Wildcats leading receivers were Jeremy Dircks with two receptions for 29 yards, Casey Lechtenberg with one reception for 15 yards and Philip Rolling with one reception for 11 yards.

Brian Jacobsmeyer and Donny Nordmann were the Wildcats' leading rushers. Brian had 11 attempts for 61 yards. Donny Nordmann had 16 attempts for 64 yards.

Coach Marting stated, "Offensively we racked up nearly 300 yards of total offense and a great final drive that lasted nearly the entire 4th quarter."

Leading tacklers for the Wildcats were Jacobsmeyer and Lechtenberg with four tackles, Casey Lechtenberg with tackles , and Jacob McDowell with three tackles.

"The defense stepped up and played much better as a team," stated Coach Marting. "The defense found four turnovers and allowed Alburnett only 52 yards of total offense."

Tonight the Wildcats take on the Cougars of Cascade. Go Cats!