

Sports Connection

Cats Get Conference Win Over North Linn

The Cats started the week with a road loss to E. Buchanan, losing in three, 25-21, 25-23, and 25-13. The first two games went back and forth with the Cats coming up short in both.

Coach Doyle noted, "Overall we played fairly well, but we need to do a better job of stopping the other teams runs a lot sooner. We put ourselves in tough situations when we get behind early and it really hurts us."

Offensively, Michelle Boge led the team in kills with nine on 31/37 attacks, Sheila Wenthold had eight kills on 18/21 attacks, and Kristen Evers added six kills on 25/29 attacks. Carrie Goldsmith led the team in assists with 16 on 61/65 attempts, Jordan Gibbs and Kendra Krause both added two assists on 9/9 attempts respectively. Gibbs and Wenthold led the team in serving each getting one on 13/13 and 12/12 respectively.

Defensively, Wenthold led the team in digs with 12, Staci Wenthold had eight, Boge, Gibbs, and Amanda Nefzger each added six. Boge and Allison Evers had two blocks with each getting a stuff.



Amanda Nefzger receives the ball against Cascade last week.

The Wildcats lost to Cascade in four games falling 25-19, 23-25, 25-11, 25-13.

Coach Doyle stated, "Plain and simple our inability to serve/receive effectively cost us the match. As a team we gave up to many ace serves, we will really have to improve our serves playable percentage to have a chance to win." The loss left the Wildcats conference record at 0-5 and overall record at 4-13.

Offensively, Michelle Boge, Sheila Wenthold, and Kristen Evers tied for the team lead in kills with six on 20/24, 13/15, and 16/19 attacks respectively. Allison Evers added five kills on 9/13 attacks, Jordan Gibbs, Krista Steger, and Sarah Stelken each added two kills. Carrie Goldsmith led the team in assists with 20. Gibbs led the team in serving aces with four on 20/21 attempts, Wenthold added three aces on 13/14 attempts, and K. Evers added two aces on 8/10 attempts.

Defensively, A. Evers and Steger led the team in blocks with four each. Goldsmith, Evers & Gibbs each added two. Wenthold led the team in digs with seven, Gibbs added six, Boge, K. Evers, and Goldsmith each had four.

Wildcat netters get first conference win beating N. Linn 3-1! The Wildcat girls beat the Lynx in four games 25-20, 23-25, 26-24, & 25-17, to earn their first Tri Rivers Conference win. The match went back and forth from the start with each team able to mount several long runs in each of the games. In the first game the Wildcats were down early and fought back late to get the win. In the second game they held a late lead and gave it up. In the final two games they did a better job of stopping their runs and it helped them get a win at home. Coach Doyle was pleased with the win.

"We did a better job of finishing out the match. Tonight we were much more aggressive at the net, we were in position to block most of the night."



Sheila Wenthold serves on up against North Linn Tuesday night. (photo by Amy Cummings)

The win gives the Wildcats a 1-5 conference record and a 5-13 overall record.

Offensively the team was led in kills by Michelle Boge with 10 on 28/34 attacks, Allison Evers had eight kills on 19/23 attacks, Kristen Evers and Sheila Wenthold each added six kills on 19/19 & 27/35 attacks respectively.

Wenthold led the team in service aces with six on 22/25 attempts, K. Evers added four aces on 19/20 attempts, Carrie Goldsmith and Amanda Nefzger each had three aces on 11/12 attempts and 10/10 attempts, Boge had two aces on 13/14 attempts and Gibbs added one ace on 18/18 attempts. Goldsmith led the team in setting with 15 assists and Gibbs added three.

Defensively Boge and A. Evers tied for the team lead in blocks with four each including two stuffs. K. Evers had three blocks including two stuffs, and Wenthold added two blocks including a stuff. Wenthold led the team in digs with 13, Boge added 12, Gibbs and Nefzger added nine each.

WAY TO GO CATS!