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Abbie Fanning attacks the ball from the back row during the Lady Broncos' five set win over Hayes Center Monday night.

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Despite defeating Wallace three times during the regular season, Wauneta-Palisade's volleyball season ended Tuesday in McCook with a 15-25, 25-10, 25-16, 21-25, 17-19 loss to the Lady Wildcats.

Subdistrict play

Wauneta-Palisade opened tournament play facing Hayes Center. The Lady Cardinals (8-20) advanced after defeating Maywood (1-26) 3-1 earlier in the evening.

The Lady Broncos got off to a poor start. Hayes Center opened up a 6-0 lead before Tailor Lee made it to the serving line. Wauneta-Palisade used two kills from Sydnee Harchelroad and one from Abbie Fanning to bring the score to 6-5 while Lee served.

The Lady Broncos continued to nibble away at the Hayes Center lead, pulling ahead for good at 11-10.

With Fanning serving, Wauneta-Palisade capitalized on three Lady Cardinal hitting errors to pull ahead 16-10.

The Lady Broncos went on to win the game 25-21.

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Wauneta-Palisade led through most of the second game.

Leading 17-13, the Lady Broncos saw the ball bounce Hayes Center's way after a long, scrambling rally. The Lady Cardinals used the momentum to take a 19-18 lead.

Wauneta-Palisade rallied and held off Hayes Center by the score of 25-22 to take a two-set lead.

For the second straight week the Lady Broncos struggled in the third set.

The Lady Broncos took a 11-9 lead, but couldn't shake Hayes Center.

After tying the game at 14, the Lady Cardinals went on a 10-2 run to set up game point. Two aces by Harchelroad narrowed the gap, but a lift by the Lady Broncos ended the set 25-16.

Hayes Center had five aces during the game as Wauneta-Palisade struggled to get its offense going.

The struggles continued into the fourth game.

Behind three kills from Fanning, the Lady Broncos opened up a 7-5 lead.

The teams totaled five service errors as the score climbed to 12-10.

With the help of an ace and a kill, Hayes Center took a 14-13 lead.

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Wauneta-Palisade looked to take the match behind the serving of Harchelroad. Harchelroad had two service aces and Fanning out-duelled two Lady Cardinals for a tip as the Lady Broncos pulled ahead 18-14.

Another late Hayes Center run doomed the Lady Broncos.

Hayes Center scored nine of the final 10 points and tied the match at two games apiece with a 25-21 win.

Hayes Center had six kills and Wauneta-Palisade three attack errors down the stretch.

Beating the Lady Cardinals to 15 in three of the four games, the Lady Broncos did it once again in the fifth set.

Trading points early, Wauneta-Palisade started to pull away for good at 4-3.

Brooklyn Nordhausen, who Coach Michelle Harchelroad says has stepped up her game lately, had three kills in the final game. Lee and Nordhausen combined for a block and Lee had a solo block late to help seal the 15-8 win.

The match featured several long rallies which Coach Harchelroad said were good for her team and reminded them to keep fighting.

Story and pictures from the subdistrict final game versus Wallace will be available next week.

The Lady Broncos season ends with a 13-11 record.

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Win wraps up regular season

The Lady Broncos finished the regular season Oct. 23 with a another four set win over Wallace, 25-18, 25-17, 21-25, 25-21.

Harchelroad led Wauneta-Palisade with 15 kills and four service aces.

Lee had nine kills and Fanning eight. Nordhausen added six kills.

Lee and Skelton each had three service aces.

Libero Brianna Einspahr led the team with 22 digs. Coach Harchelroad said Einspahr has embraced the move from hitter to libero, but still plays the position with a hitter's attitude.

The win propelled the Lady Broncos (41.7826) to the number one seed in Subdistrict D2 10 over Medicine Valley, 41.2500, and Wallace, 41.3500.

Coach Harchelroad said it was nice to pick up the number one seed and let Medicine Valley and Wallace "duke it out" in the first round.