

## Competition heats up for Lady Broncos

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**Juniors Leiauna Alberts (above) and Sydnee Harchelroad led the Broncos' offense from their setter positions.**

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After a relatively easy start to the volleyball season, the Wauneta-Palisade Broncos moved into the meat of its schedule, taking on Southwest and Chase County last week.

Hosting Southwest Tuesday, Wauneta-Palisade played its first game as a ranked team, number eight in Class D2. The Roughriders were number five in Class D1 and proved it in the three set win.

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The Broncos were flat in set one, letting Southwest win the game 25-9.

W-P held a 12-10 lead in the second set and were tied at 22 before Southwest had two kills and an ace to win the game.

Southwest started set three with a five point run en route to a 25-13 win.

The Broncos hitting percentage improved each set. Abbie Fanning led the Broncos with seven kills. Tailor Lee added six.

Coach Michelle Harchelroad said it was good to face tougher competition and the match was a good reminder to her players that they need to play a complete game.

Harchelroad said the team had a good practice Wednesday, then headed to Chase County Thursday.

W-P was on fire in set one, hitting 0.310. Lee, Lesley Towery and Brooklyn Nordhausen totaled four blocks in the game. Fanning and Towery had three kills apiece.

Behind five points from Towery, the Broncos forced set point at 24-16. Chase County finished the set strong, outscoring W-P 4-1.

The Broncos led 9-5 in set two, but the Longhorns used an eight point run to pull ahead, including three attack errors and a double hit by the Broncos, then won the game 25-16.

Coach Harchelroad said her team played too conservative the second set and couldn't keep the

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momentum.

The teams were tied at 12 in set three before Chase County started to pull away. Trailing 24-17, the Broncos played strong down the stretch before losing 25-21.

Unlike Chase County in set two, W-P couldn't continue the momentum into set four.

Though the Broncos hit 0.205 in the set and held a 19-17 lead, Chase County would win the set 25-20.

W-P totaled nine blocks in the contest. Towery had three solo blocks. Lee had two solo blocks and one assist. Sydnee Harchelroad also had two blocks.

Towery led the Broncos with 15 kills.

Friday night the Broncos cruised to a 3-0 win.

W-P opened up an 8-1 lead in set one before cruising to a 25-10 win.

Arthur County played better in set two, closing the score to 17-16 before W-P pulled away to win 25-18.

Beginning set three with a 7-0 lead, the Broncos wrapped up the match with a 25-12 win.

Now sitting at 12 in the D2 wildcard point standings, W-P (7-2) has another tough week ahead. The team travelled to Paxton Tuesday for the Paxton Tournament. Wallace (4-2), Paxton (5-4)

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and Potter-Dix (2-5) round out the tournament field.

Thursday (today) the Broncos will face Hayes Center (4-4), which W-P beat 2-1 Sept. 14 at the Hitchcock Invite.

Saturday, will be the Brady Tournament which will have 8-2 Brady, 2-5 South Loup, 3-9 Eustis-Farnam, 2-5 Maxwell, 6-4 Mullen, 5-7 SMC and 0-9 Anselmo-Merna.