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Senior Cassidy Rathe passes the ball Thursday against Hayes Center. Rathe has spent the season trading playing time with Leianua Alberts. (Diane Stamm | The Wauneta Breeze)

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The Wauenta-Palisade Broncos' volleyball team worked hard to keep its number eight ranking last week. The team was undefeated in six games during a five-day span to move to 13-2 on the season.

Tuesday the team traveled to the Paxton Tournament.

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W-P defeated Wallace (6-3) in the opening game of the tournament 25-19, 25-20.

It was the second time the Broncos have defeated Wallace this season.

The Broncos then beat Paxton 27-25, 19-25, 25-14.

Lesley Towery led W-P in kills with six against Wallace and 12 versus Paxton, plus three blocks against Paxton.

Leiauna Alberts and Sydnee Harchelroad had 13 and 11 assists respectively against Paxton.

Taylor Lee had three blocks against Wallace and hit over .200 on the day.

W-P finished with a positive hitting percentage in both matches.

Wallace is in the Broncos' sub-district while Paxton is in the other half of W-P's district. Paxton is ranked number nine by the Lincoln Journal Star and Wallace has been rated this season.

Thursday the Broncos hosted Hayes Center, a team that took a set from the Broncos on Sept. 14.

Towery and Lee led W-P in the three-game sweep. Towery had seven kills and Lee had five kills; each hit over .300.

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Alberts had six service aces.

The busy week continued Saturday. The team left Friday and spent the night in North Platte so it could be in Brady to prepare for an 8:00 a.m. game.

The Broncos opened the tournament with a 25-20, 26-24 win over Anselmo-Merna.

Fanning hit .318 with eight kills.

W-P advanced to the championship game with a 26-24, 25-18 win over Maxwell.

Towery and Lee once again topped the kill category with seven and five, respectively.

The team finished the week undefeated with a 25-17, 25-20 win over Brady for the championship,

Brady is ranked 10th in Class D1 by the Lincoln Journal Star.

Coach Michelle Harchelroad said blocking played a big part in the win over Brady, forcing the Eagles into poor attacks.

She added the team played well, but still has things to work on.

Coach Harchelroad credited Brianna Einspahr with a very nice defensive game against Brady and Fanning for her leadership.

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W-P played 14 sets during the week, hitting for a positive percentage in 11 of those sets.

The Broncos will host 0-11 Hitchcock County Tuesday then travel to 4-9 Dundy County-Stratton Thursday.

The team will have a 12 day break before traveling to Medicine Valley Oct. 15.