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Dundy County-Stratton's Aubrey Frederick hits the ball around the block of Hannah Nordhausen (left) and Brooklyn Nordhausen (right). (Diane Stamm | The Wauneta Breeze)

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With the volleyball season quickly coming to an end the Wauneta-Palisade Broncos travelled to the Axtell Invitational Saturday.

The Broncos played without Taylor Lee and Lesley Towery.

Lee continues to recover from an ankle injury and Towery is out for the rest of the school year with a knee injury.

W-P opened the tournament taking on Fremont Archbishop Bergan. After losing the first set 22-25, the Broncos won the match with 25-23, 25-12 wins in games two and three.

Sydnee Harchelroad hit .276 in the match with 11 kills. Harchelroad also had three service aces and 16 set assists.

Brooklyn Nordhausen hit .261 and had 10 kills.

Coach Michelle Harchelroad said the win over Fremont Bergan was a good, much needed win.

The Broncos followed the win with a two-set loss to Axtell, 25-12, 25-19.

Harchelroad, Nordhausen and Abbie Fanning each had three kills in the match. The team only had a total 13 kills. Leiauna Alberts had six assists.

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Nicole Strand, Harchelroad and Fanning each had service aces, while Nordhausen, Strand and Alberts each had solo blocks.

W-P wrapped up the tournament with a two-set loss to RPAC opponent Alma, 29-27, 25-18.

Nordhausen had six kills from her middle blocker position to lead the Broncos.

Fanning and Harchelroad each had four kills. Harchelroad also had five service aces and nine service aces. Alberts had three solo blocks.

“We played all three games back to back with no breaks, so girls were getting really tired,” said Harchelroad “I thought there were some good things that I saw from some of the girls that came in and played, especially Ellie Lee and Nicole Strand.”

The Broncos (16-6) will wrap up the regular season Tuesday, Oct. 29 at Wallace.

“We need another game going into subdistricts and Wallace is a good team to play,” Coach Harchelroad said. “The game gives me an opportunity to see if they have made any changes since we played them last.”

Subdistricts will begin Monday night for the Broncos to be played in McCook. W-P currently sits in position to be the top seed, followed by Wallace, Hayes Center, Maywood and Hitchcock County.

Playing its subdistrict opponents earlier in the season when the team was healthy, the Broncos are 6-0 against subdistrict opponents and have beaten Paxton and Arthur County from the other half of the district.

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With a win Monday night, W-P will advance to play Tuesday.

District finals will be played Thursday with the sight to be announced.