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Hale volleyball team took part in NSL Little Dipper tourney

by Ben Murphy

HALE – The Hale volleyball team had a busy Saturday in Atlanta, taking part in the North Star League Little Dipper tournament.

The Lady Eagles were able to defeat Fairview 25-8 and 25-20 and also took down AuGres 25-22 and 25-19. They split with Hillman 20-25 and 25-16 and also split with Posen 25-13 and 26-28. They lost to Atlanta 25-14 and 25-11.

“I had a player sick and one injured during the Atlanta game, so we played three freshmen during the last half of the day,” head coach

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“It is an academy, they usually have some fast kids, some big kids,” Sanchez said. “They have a couple guys that are pretty fit, 180-to-200 pound guys, they look pretty fast. They are going to go out and put up a good game for sure. They aren’t sitting on the kind of record they have because they’re not (good).”

The Wolverines are, of course, no slouches themselves. They lost to Alcona and Posen; both playoff teams. In their loss last week to Posen, the Wolverines showed their toughness, making a game of it despite missing their starting quarterback and dealing with inju-

Toni Nieman said.

For the day, Cordelia Streeter had 22 kills, 11 assists and two aces, Ali Beebe had 19 kills, 29 assists and eight aces, Arianna Koepke had 14 kills, eight digs and five aces, Liz Wolanin had 30 assists, five kills and five aces, Erica Bernard had 12 kills, 20 digs and seven aces and Callie Hicks was able to get 36 digs, two kills and two aces.

On Thursday the Eagles hosted Hillman, in what was a 25-19, 25-22 and 25-22 NSL Little Dipper loss.

ries to several other key players. Despite that, the Wolverines have averaged 56 points a game on offense and have been giving up an average of 17.

Injuries will unfortunately be a factor for AuGres, as they look to find the pieces for their line-up.

“Anytime you get into the play-offs it is exciting,” Sanchez said. “Right now, we’ve got (several injuries), so I guess we will see what happens at practice this week. They said they were still banged up (on Sunday), but you get this late in the season with these small teams that happens.”

“(We) celebrated our seniors; Erica Bernard, Laken Caverly, and Arianna Koepke,” Nieman said. “Unfortunately, we did not obtain a win. The girls played well in the first two games, but could not seem to pull it together during the third game. We had one player out sick, so I pulled up a freshman for

the game.”

Streeter had six kills to lead the attack, Beebe had four kills, 14 assists and 10 digs, Hicks had two kills and 18 digs, Koepke added two kills and four blocks and Bernard was able to get three kills and 12 digs.

On Tuesday, Oct. 17 the Eagles



Photo by Ben Murphy

MAKES PLAY – Tawas Area’s Kevin Loew makes a play in the defensive end during the team’s loss to Roscommon in the district championship.

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Noah Smith was in goal for the Braves, making seven saves.

On Monday, Oct. 16 the Braves took down rival Oscoda in the district semifinals, 5-1.

“We controlled the game but we struggled shooting, putting less than 50 percent on net and missing the goal on two penalty kicks,” Cook said.

The Braves were able to get two

goals each from Reay and Maxfield and Austin Baker sent in one goal as well. Reuben Edwards and Maxfield had assists in the contest.

Smith was in goal for 60 minutes and made five saves and gave up one goal while Axel Eklund was in net for the final 20 minutes.

Tawas finishes the season 12-9-1 overall.

won a NSL Little Dipper game in Posen, on scores of 25-17, 25-14 and 25-18.

“The girls played well and worked on communicating more as a team,” Nieman said.

The team had Koepke get eight kills, four digs and one ace, Bernard had six kills, nine digs and served for two aces, Beebe finished with four kills, three aces, one block and five digs, Liz Wolanin had there kills, two blocks, four aces, 11 assist and four digs and Hicks finished with eight digs.

Hale wrapped up the regular season at Ellsworth on Tuesday and opens up the Division 4 post-season on Monday against AuGres, at Coleman.

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They followed that with a 25-12 and 25-9 win over the Charlton Heston Academy and a 25-6 and 25-18 win over Rogers City. From there it was a 25-11 and 25-16 win over Whittemore-Prescott and a loss to Mio, 25-12 and 25-16.

“Unfortunately, we couldn’t get out of our energy slump as we headed into playing Mio,” Curley said. “I think we just didn’t play very energetic, which leads to not making smart decisions. Mio took full advantage of our slump and came out ready to play.”

In bracket play, Oscoda was able to defeat Alcona in the semifinals, 25-20 and 25-16.

“Liz Fulco played great at the net in this match and had really well-placed attacks,” Curley said. “The girls were out of their energetic slump and played really well. Our communication stepped up, which is huge for us. Everyone was ready to help each other out.”

In the finals, they had a rematch with Mio. They lost game one 20-25, but rallied for wins of 25-12 and 15-9 to win the championship.

“Mio didn’t give us much court to get the ball down when we faced them in pool play, so we knew we needed to stay aggressive,” Curley said. “We missed more serves and hits than I’d like to see in game one, but we came back ready to fight in game two. Our servers took control and combined for seven aces in the game. Luella Whipkey had some great swings in this game, which kept the energy level high on our side.

“Game three was a back-and-forth battle until midway through, and behind the six point serving run of Luella Whipkey. A pass from Sophie Otremba, two big digs from Emma Michaud led to two big kills for Kingsley Backstrom to take the championship match.”

Backstrom finished the day with 53 kills, three blocks, 52 digs and 12 aces, Whipkey had 33 kills, two blocks, 49 digs and 18 aces, Fulco had 30 kills, six blocks and eight digs, Aurora Casarin had 17 kills, three blocks, 36 digs and four aces, Ava Gooch added nine kills, 29 digs and two aces, Michaud had 124 assists, four kills, 31 digs and five aces, Josi Kellstrom added 22 digs and 11 aces and Sophie Otremba added 11 digs and 10 aces.

On Thursday the Owls played a NSL Big Dipper game at Rogers City and won in four sets, 16-25, 28-26, 25-16 and 25-16.

Backstrom was able to get 18 kills, two blocks, eight digs and three aces, Whipkey had 11 kills, nine digs and one ace, Michaud finished with 33 assists, three kills, 10 digs and one ace, Fulco had four kills, one block and two digs, Casarin added three kills, three aces and six digs and Kellstrom chipped in with three aces and eight digs.

On Tuesday, Oct. 17 Oscoda was at home against the Charlton Heston Academy in another NSL Big Dipper game, winning this one 25-15, 25-10 and 25-7.

“We stayed much consistent with our serving, all of our servers had nice serving runs,” Curley said. “Charlton Heston kept us on our toes and got many balls back over the net, but we stayed ready and kept our passes strong so we could take big swings.”

The Owls had Backstrom get 11 kills, Whipkey had six kills, Fulco had five and Gooch and Casarin had two kills each. Gooch and Whipkey had seven digs apiece.

Oscoda heads to Mt. Morris on Saturday for a tournament and begins play in the Division 3 district tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 1 in Alcona against the winner of Monday’s game between Whittemore-Prescott and Roscommon.

“I was excited to see the amount of teamwork, focus and determination the team showed this week,” Curley said. “Every single player came out every day ready to play hard. Our hitters are taking some of their best swings of the season and our passers are stepping up their communication, speeding up their footwork and covering much more court space. We really need to keep these things going and making some improvements every day to finish the season strong.

“Districts is going to be tough, but if we play together and smart, communicate and play aggressively, I think we could pull out another district championship. It will take all nine players (freshman Sophia Mendyk will be joining us for the remainder of the season) staying focused and working hard to make that happen, but this is definitely a group that can make that happen.”

PUBLIC NOTICE
Former Wurtsmith Air Force Base
Restoration Advisory Board Meeting

The Air Force Civil Engineer Center is holding a Restoration Advisory Board meeting for the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Michigan, from 5 to 8 p.m. ET November 8, at the Oscoda United Methodist Church, and virtually on Teams. Air Force officials will provide an update on the PFAS remedial investigation and interim remedial actions and other restoration activities taking place at the former installation. The event is open to the public, and an informal poster session from 4 to 5 p.m. ET before the RAB session will be available for in-person attendees.

RAB attendance is required for RAB members.

For more information visit the AFCEC website at:
<http://www.afcec.af.mil/Home/BRAC/Wurtsmith.aspx>

The Oscoda United Methodist Church is located at 120 W. Dwight St., Oscoda, MI 48750.

To register for the virtual RAB meeting, follow the link below:

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