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VOLLEYBALL

Wolves top Roughriders in 4 games

Sequim starts 2-0

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Sequim and Port Angeles battled back and forth in a rivalry volleyball match on Sept. 9, with the Sequim Wolves coming out on top 3-1 (23-25, 25-21, 26-24, 25-12) to improve to 2-0 on the young season.

Wolves coach Jennie Webber Heilman said her squad went back to the fundamentals in the middle of the match.

“In the fourth game we were able to run a quicker offense, we got settled in a little bit better,” she said.

Kendall Hastings was the offensive player of the match for Sequim with 16 kills, five stuff blocks and 14 digs.

Jordan Hegtvedt was the Wolves’ defensive leader, but also contributed offensively.

“She had a kill out of the back row as she is our libero for the time being,” Webber Heilman said.

“She served 12 for 12 with an ace, two perfect passes and 24 digs. She was our defensive leader.”

Allie Gale, Sequim’s lone setter, had 38 assists to go along with seven digs and an 18 of 19 serving performance with three aces.

Jolene Vaara also contributed offensively, 10 kills and only two hitting errors. She also served 15-of-17 with two aces and had 10 digs.

“She was leading serve receive from the middle — not a normal spot to do that,”



Above: Sequim’s Kendall Hastings, center, looks to hit past the block of Lillian Halberg, left, and Karma Williams in the Wolves’ 3-1 win over their rivals Sept. 9. Right: Sequim’s Kelsi Bergeson, right, looks to hit past Port Angeles’ Ava Hairell in the second Sequim Gazette photos by Michael Dashiell

Webber Heilman said.

Jordan Kidd was perfect on nine serves and had seven digs, while Kelsi Bergeson added three kills and seven digs.

It was the season opener for the Roughriders and coach Jennifer Reynolds enjoyed how her team performed.

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SHS football home opener canceled

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Low on experienced varsity players and dealing with COVID-19 quarantine issues, Sequim canceled its scheduled home football game for Sept. 10 against the No. 6 Squalicum Storm (Bellingham), Wolves athletic director Dave Ditlefsen said last week.

“We do have some kids that have had to be quarantined this week and we are certainly very, very light on (roster) numbers,” Ditlefsen said in a previous interview.

“In the interest of full transparency, we told Squalicum that we are not likely to have a full varsity level team because we don’t want to leave them hanging,” he said earlier on the week and confirmed the cancellation on Sept. 8.

Squalicum’s varsity is a state tournament contender this fall and is led by Washington State commit running back Djouvensky Schlenbaker.

It’s possible a junior varsity contest could be played between the two teams.

Sequim is still scheduled to host rival Port Angeles on Sept. 17; game time is 6 p.m.

State Department of Health guidelines say fully vaccinated athletes, coaches, athletic trainers and other support personnel identified as close contacts should be tested three to five days following a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and wear a mask for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.

Unvaccinated athletes, coaches and personnel should quarantine for at least 10-14 days following a COVID exposure.

Masks for fans

Sequim School District and the Port Angeles School District recently announced a “unified voice” concerning guidelines for spectators while cheering on athletic teams.

Masks are required for all spectators, regardless of vaccination status, while attending all indoor and outdoor school sporting events.

Occupancy allowances must be followed. Audience members should be seated or stand in “family units,” spaced at least 3 feet apart. Student sections will be allowed, provided students wear masks and allow 3 feet of distancing.

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