

Sports

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WILDCAT VOLLEYBALL

Wildcats end with best post season showing since 2020

by ACE HENDRICKS

The Columbus Volleyball season came to end on October 22 in a 2A Region One Quarterfinal against Bellevue, but not before the Lady Wildcats had won a first round match against Louisa-Muscatine in a contest Columbus had hosted on October 20.

With the loss the Wildcats finished with an overall record 11-16. Bellevue moved to 16-10, and moved on to face Cascade (18-12) in a Region One Semifinal contest at Bellevue on October 27.

SUCCESSFUL SENIOR GROUP

The loss to the Comets ended the high school careers of Columbus seniors Jocelyn Hernandez, Jessica Del Rio, Daniela Diaz, Addison Marin, Hailey Wellington, and Kennedy Woepking.

Those six seniors were a part of a program

that won 11 contests this season and in 2024, the most since the 2020 squad won 12; had back-to-back double digit winning seasons, something that hasn't happened since at least prior to 2008.

Also, this was the second consecutive year that the Wildcats had reached the Regional Quarterfinals, the best postseason showing since the 2020 season.

The second place finish by the Lady Wildcats, with its 7-1 record in the SEISC North Division, was the best record for the program since, again, at least 2008.

LOUISA-MUSCATINE

Hosting the first round matchup, the Wildcats rolled to a three-set victory over North Division opponent Louisa-Muscatine, 25-21, 25-18, 25-20, in front of an energetic Columbus crowd on October 20.

The Wildcats, who lost to Louisa-Muscatine back on August 25, beat the Falcons for the second consecutive time this season, and move to 11-14. Louisa-Muscatine finishes their season at 14-13.

Zai Par brought her A game from serve as she led the Lady Wildcats from the back row, going 21-21 with five Aces. The Wildcats as a team were 69-75 from serve, a strong 92.0% with seven Aces.

Jocelyn Hernandez was 13-13 from serve, and Daniela Diaz was 11-11; both played major roles in other parts of the match for Columbus.

Hernandez had 20 digs, and Diaz had 33 assists and recorded seven digs. Hernandez had two kills. Par, along with her tremendous night from serve, had 11 digs, and an assist.

Kennedy Woepking was all over the court for the Wildcats, leading the way with 14 kills, and

tied with Hernandez with 20 digs. She was 9-10 from serve with an Ace, and had an assist.

Jessica Del Rio had nine kills, eight digs, and was 7-10 from serve. Hailey Wellington had nine kills, a dig, and a block. Maeleigh Grimm had two kills, a block and a dig.

As a team the Wildcats recorded 70 digs and 38 kills, outdistancing the Falcons in both categories, 66 to 31, respectively. Louisa-Muscatine was 51-60 from serve (85.0%) with seven Aces.

Madelyn Payne was 8-10 from serve with an Ace, and a dig. Kaylee McCullough had a block and a dig.

STATISTICS

Assists: Daniela Diaz 33, Zai Par 1, Kennedy Woepking 1;

Kills: Woepking 14, Hailey Wellington 9, Jessica Del Rio 9, Jocelyn Hernandez 2, Maeleigh Grimm 2, Diaz 2;

Blocks: Grimm 1, Wellington 1, Kaylee

McCullough 1;

Digs: Hernandez 20, Woepking 20, Zai Par 11, Del Rio 8, Diaz 7, Madelyn Payne 1, Wellington 1, McCullough 1, Grimm 1;

Aces: Zai Par 5, Payne 1, Wellington 1;

Serves: Zai Par 21-21, Hernandez 13-13, Diaz 11-11, Woepking 9-10, Payne 8-10, Del Rio 7-10;

BELLEVUE

Hitting the road to battle the Comets in a Region One Quarterfinal, the Wildcats fell to Bellevue (16-10) in straight sets, 10-25, 18-25, and 14-25 on October 22.

Both teams were outstanding from serve, with Bellevue successful on 95.9% (71-74), and the Wildcats at 95.3%, but had substantially less attempts, 41-43. Where the Comets dominated was 37-18 in kills, 40-19 in assists, and a slight 53-47 advantage on digs.

Diaz finished off her career going 6-6 from serve, with 17 assists, 10 digs, and a kill.

Hernandez had 18 digs, a perfect 7-7 from serve, and Del Rio was 7-7 from serve, an Ace, nine kills, five digs, an assist, and a block.

Woepking was 10-11 from serve, with an Ace, five digs, and four kills. Wellington rounded out the seniors, statistically, with three kills.

Zai Par and Payne had exceptional evenings as well, with Zai collecting eight digs, a kill, an assist, and was perfect from serve at 4-4; Payne was 7-8 from serve with a dig.

STATISTICS

Assists: Diaz 17, Del Rio 1, Zai Par 1;

Kills: Del Rio 9, Woepking 4, Wellington 3, Diaz 1, Zai Par 1;

Blocks: Del Rio 1;

Digs: Hernandez 18, Diaz 10, Zai Par 8, Woepking 5, Del Rio 5, Payne 1;

Aces: Woepking 1, Del Rio 1;

Serve: Hernandez 7-7, Del Rio 7-7, Diaz 6-6, Zai Par 4-4, Woepking 10-11, Payne 7-8.



Daniela Diaz • Hailey Wellington • Addison Marin • Jocelyn Hernandez • Kennedy Woepking • Jessica Del Rio

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PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22,
2025, 5:30 P.M.
CIVIC CENTER / CITY HALL

OFFICER PRESENT: HUSTON
COUNCIL PRESENT: PRIOR,
MAPEL, HARRIS, TODD
COUNCIL ABSENT: BUCKMAN

PUBLIC HEARING-ADOPT DANGEROUS BUILDING ORDINANCE & AMEND PARKING ORDINANCE-

There being no comments or objections from the audience and none received by the City Clerk, the public hearing was closed by Mayor.

REGULAR MEETING
CONSENT AGENDA

Previous minutes and claims.
Liquor license for Las Palmas.
Motion to approve consent agenda by Prior, second by Todd. Prior-yes, Mapel-yes, Harris-yes, Todd-yes. Council absent-Buckman. Approved

CITIZEN'S CONCERN-None

1st READING DANGEROUS BUILDING ORDINANCE-Mayor Huston contacted the City of Wapello on their Dangerous Building ordinance. It gives the city a chance to attempt to make owners clean up properties and or make them livable. Harris made motion to pass 1st reading, Mapel second. Prior-yes, Mapel-yes, Harris-yes, Todd-yes. Council absent-Buckman.

1ST READING NO PARKING BOTH SIDES OF 2ND STREET AND MAPLE STREET-With the detour coming thru town the city had no parking on these streets. The council felt like this was safer for our community to make this permanent. Harris made motion to pass first reading, Prior second. Prior-yes, Harris-yes, Todd-yes, Mapel-yes. Council absent-Buckman.

AMBULANCE UPDATE
NEW TABLETS-Dan Conry dis-

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cussed that the ambulances needed to update the tablets that are in the ambulances. They are getting outdated. They use these to import patient info into billing system and do the reports. He also talked about new hire Xandree Campbell working out very well. Getting to know the public, hard worker and catching on quickly.

NEW WATER/SEWER LINE ON COLLINS RD-The council has discussed this subject for many weeks now and has finally decided to have Mohrfeld bore in the lines. It will be the city's responsibility to pay for the water line, and the building owner pays for the sewer line. Todd made the motion to use Mohrfeld, Harris second. Prior-yes, Harris-yes, Todd-yes, Mapel- opposed. Approved.

GENERATOR MAINTENANCE-Tabled until next meeting due to Public Works Director not able to attend meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Utilities-Water leak on Main Street, it was a service line. Plan on fixing water leak on 9th and Locust.

Streets & Sidewalks-None
Public Safety-Todd wanted to thank the IDOT for helping with the detour on Columbus Day. Mapel also wanted to thank everyone that helped with Columbus Day.

Library Report-None
Employee Safety & Health-None

Ambulance-None
MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Huston thanked everyone who helped with Columbus Day. He talked about the DOT meeting on Tuesday; they hope to have road completed around November 15th.

Motion by Harris, second by Mapel to adjourn. Meeting adjourned by Mayor.

/s/ Mark Huston, Mayor, /s/ Attest:
Jodi Edwards, City Clerk

Claims

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GENERAL LIABILITIES
AVESIS THIRD PARTY ADMINI VISION.....29.33
COLLECTION SERVICE CNIER GARNISHMENT...55.84
EFTPS FED/FICA TAX...5,049.58
IPERS JULY IPERS.....3,049.93
TRANSAMERICA EMPLOYEE BEN SUPPLEMENTAL.....37.88
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA STATE TAX.....525.69
WELLMARK INC DENTAL/HEALTH.....282.22
050LIABILITIES TOTAL 9,030.47
POLICE
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO TOILET PAPER/TOWEL...59.11
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACAD. ETHICS CLASS.....25.00
OFFICE EXPRESS INK/OFFICE SUPPLIES.....169.93
RELIABLE NEWTWORK SOLUTION OFFICE 365.....16.80
VERIZON WIRELESS CELL PHONES.....199.65
WELLMARK INC HEALTH INS.....5,088.75
110 POLICE TOTAL.....5,559.24
LIBRARY
ACCESS LEASING COPIER504.46
AMAZON SUPPLIES/BOOKS/CATTERIES.....411.79
BARNES & NOBLE INC BOOKS.....217.72
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT BOOKS.....113.67
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO. TOILET PAPER/TOWEL...59.12
IA DEPT OF INSPECTIONS & APPEAL ELEVATOR PERMIT ..87.50
.....893.11
650 CITY HALL/GENERAL BLDGS TOTAL.....1,588.62
MISCELLANEOUS
ESI TOILETS/SINKS COL DAY575.00
JM FAMILY TREE SERVICE CLEAN UP 201 CHERRY/322 MAIN.....3,000.00
LOUISA COMMUNICATIONS LC SWINGING BRIDGE CAMERAS.....69.95
690 MISCELLANEOUS TOTAL.....3,644.95
001 GENERAL TOTAL 30,307.82
AMBULANCE
LIABILITIES
AVESIS THIRD PARTY ADMINI VISION.....13.37
EFTPS FED/FICA TAX...1,395.73
IPERS IPERS REGULAR.....965.88
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA STATE TAX.....160.28
WELLMARK INC DENTAL/HEALTH.....90.86
050LIABILITIES TOTAL 2,640.78
ROADS, BRIDGES, SIDEWALKS
CJ MOYNA & SONS, LLC SINAGE STREET REPAIR1,500.00
GIERKE-ROBINSON CO. LOOPER CONES.....986.94
SCREAMER INC TRUCKING ..279.27
210 ROADS, BRIDGES, SIDEWALKS TOTAL.....2,766.18
STREET LIGHTING
ALLIANT UTILITIES ELECTRIC.....2,398.20
230 STREET LIGHTING TOTAL.....2,398.20
110 ROAD USE TAX TOTAL7,805.16
CITY OF CJ ROUNDY WAY COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION GREENSCAPE TURF AND DESIG MULCH/WEED/TRIM SHRUBS.....2,213.75
510 COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION TOTAL.....2,213.75
167 CITY OF CJ ROUNDY WAY

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LC SWINGING BRIDGE CAMERAS.....69.95
430 PARKS TOTAL.....6,188.14
COMMUNITY CTR/ZOO/MARINA
JM FAMILY TREE SERVICE 2 TREES MUSEUM.....1,400.00
460 COMMUNITY CTR/ZOO/MARINA TOTAL.....1,400.00
LEGAL SERVICES/ATTORNEY FINKE LAW FIRM PLC PHONE CALL.....75.00
640 LEGAL SERVICES/ATTORNEY TOTAL.....75.00
CITY HALL/GENERAL BLDGS GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO TOILET PAPER/TOWEL...59.12
IA DEPT OF INSPECTIONS & APPEAL ELEVATOR PERMIT ..87.50
OFFICE EXPRESS INK/OFFICE SUPPLIES.....273.25
SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR COMPA ELEVATOR MAINT193.04
VESTIS MAT SERVICE.....82.60
WELLMARK INC HEALTH INS.....893.11
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AVESIS THIRD PARTY ADMINI VISION.....13.37
EFTPS FED/FICA TAX...1,395.73
IPERS ELECTRONIC IPERS.....1,130.42
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA STATE TAX.....199.79
WELLMARK INC DENTAL/HEALTH.....437.57
050LIABILITIES TOTAL 3,520.50
AMBULANCE
AIRGAS USA LLC MEDICAL OXYGEN.....132.15
BONNIE NOLL MILEAGE

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.....182.00
BOUNDTREEMEDICALSUPPLIES.....39.21
HENRY SCHEIN INC MEDICAL SUPPLIES.....157.13
IOWA GEMT PAYMENT PROGRAM STATE SHARE.....1,026.28
JAMIE BRAME CPR CLASS2,826.32
.....350.00
MEDIACOM BUSINESS INTERNET.....250.00
THE SHREDDER SHREDDING SERVICE.....300.00
UNITY POINT HEALTH MEDICATION.....159.83
WELLMARK INC HEALTH INS.....2,826.32
160AMBULANCE TOTAL 5,422.92
002 AMBULANCE TOTAL8,943.42
ROAD USE TAX
LIABILITIES
AVESIS THIRD PARTY ADMINI VISION.....28.03
EFTPS FED/FICA TAX...1,395.73
IPERS IPERS REGULAR.....965.88
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA STATE TAX.....160.28
WELLMARK INC DENTAL/HEALTH.....90.86
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GIERKE-ROBINSON CO. LOOPER CONES.....986.94
SCREAMER INC TRUCKING ..279.27
210 ROADS, BRIDGES, SIDEWALKS TOTAL.....2,766.18
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ALLIANT UTILITIES ELECTRIC.....2,398.20
230 STREET LIGHTING TOTAL.....2,398.20
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CITY OF CJ ROUNDY WAY COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION GREENSCAPE TURF AND DESIG MULCH/WEED/TRIM SHRUBS.....2,213.75
510 COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION TOTAL.....2,213.75
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TOTAL.....2,213.75
COMMUNITY DEC CENTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CJ LIONS CLUB ADOPT A PARK200.00
ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ADOPT A PARK200.00
520 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOTAL.....400.00
173 COMMUNITY DEV CENTER TOTAL.....400.00
WATER
LIABILITIES
CITY OF COLUMBUS JCT CC/DEBIT REIM
050 LIABILITIES TOTAL
WATER
ALLIANT UTILITIES ELECTRIC.....3,313.37
FRENEKER-ASSOCIATE HWY 92 PROJECT.....350.00
USA BLUEBOOK WATERPLAN INV 784546.....16.40
VERIZON WIRELESS CELLPHONES.....66.54
WELLMARK INC HEALTH INS.....2,740.95
810 WATER TOTAL.....6,487.56
600 WATER TOTAL.....6,487.56
SEWER
SEWER/SEWAGE DISPOSAL
ALLIANT UTILITIES ELECTRIC.....5,055.42
VERIZON WIRELESS CELLPHONES.....56.48
WELLMARK INC HEALTH INS.....1,829.08
815 SEWER/SEWAGE DISPOSAL TOTAL.....6,940.98
610 SEWER TOTAL.....6,940.98
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTAL.....63,098.69
001 GENERAL.....30,307.82
002 AMBULANCE.....8,943.42
110 ROAD USE TAX.....7,805.16
167 CITY OF CJ ROUNDY WAY2,213.75
173 COMMUNITY DEV CENTER.....400.00
600 WATER.....6,487.56
610 SEWER.....6,940.98
TOTAL FUNDS.....63,098.69

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