

# Outlaws continue volleyball winning streak

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The Outlaws have been on fire all season long and this past week was no different. Sisters defeated Elmira and Junction City, and pushed their record to a perfect 9-0.

In Tuesday's action at home against Elmira, the Outlaws stymied the Falcons with scores of 25-10, 25-6, and 25-13. The entire squad got in a lot of playing time, and players got to mix it up and play in positions they normally never play during the season.

Jessie Brigham, the Outlaws' top-notch libero, went to outside hitter, and Allie Spear jumped in as libero. Kendra Sitz got in a lot of playing time, and got a look at playing in the middle. Cassidy Ling-Scott came in off the bench as setter and did an outstanding job finding the hitters.

Players who normally start for the Outlaws saw reduced playing time, handled it well, and cheered on their teammates from the bench.

Brooke Knirk and Peyton Zanck, who played middle, got a lot of great sets, which resulted in 12 kills for Knirk and six for Zanck. Hawley Harrer recorded seven kills in the match.

Brigham did a great job at the service line, going 22/23 with nine aces. Spear went 14/15 with three aces, and Zanck was seven-for-eight

with one ace.

Alex Hartford dished out 20 assists and was seven-for-eight from the line.

Two days later, the Outlaws played on the road at Junction City (JC). It was senior night for the Tigers, who were pumped up and ready to play in front of a big home crowd.

The Outlaws came out a bit flat and couldn't seem to get into a groove or rhythm, but got it together and prevailed with scores of 25-18, 25-13, and 25-18.

The team has been mending some minor aches and pains, which seemed to slow them down enough to keep JC in the game.

"Junction City was playing with some intensity, and really did a great job on defense picking up our hits," said Coach Jason Myhre.

Sisters' serving was strong, and the Outlaws gained a lot of points due to solid serve-placement called by Coach Brad Bulloch.

Zanck went a perfect nine-for-nine from the line, with two aces. Spear was 11/13 with four aces, Harrer went 11/12 with three aces, and Hartford was 10/11 from the line with three aces. Brigham also had a good performance at the line, and went 10/11 with one ace. Ashlynn Cantwell rounded out the serving, and went six-for-eight, with one ace.

Brigham led the defense with 21 digs. Cantwell

recorded nine digs and Spear added eight. Hartford dished out 24 assists and Harrer tallied 14. Zanck and Harrer combined for 21 kills.

Myhre commented on the match.

"We just didn't seem to be ourselves out there, and played a much slower-tempo game than we are accustomed to," said Myhre. "It's getting toward the end of the season, and teams have seen us play, and so they are starting to put together game plans to compete stronger. This requires us to step up and get back to being innovative to stay ahead of our opponents. A lot of respect goes out to Junction City. They put up a great fight, and had our girls on their heels during a lot of the game."

The Outlaws were to play at home against Cottage Grove on Monday, October 19. Sisters is currently 9-0 in league and 22-1 overall, with their only loss to No. 2-ranked 6A Central Catholic at the Clearwater Classic Tournament.

Sisters added a game to



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Payton Zanck with a kill vs. Elmira.

their schedule. They will play 5A team in the state, on at Marist, the No. 1-ranked Tuesday, October 27.

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