

Viks from 1B

Middle blockers senior Elyssa Rose and sophomore Makenzie York combined for nearly a dozen blocks and 10 kills, while freshman Mia Collins had a pair of kills and three blocks.

From the service line, sophomore Jordan Long sent 3 aces over the net, along with 2 aces from senior Brittany Long.

In the first set, Siuslaw had the advantage early on, establishing a quick 8-1 lead.

The Cheesemakers came from behind to tie the set at 10-10, then the Vikings moved ahead 18-16. However, Tillamook commanded the serve for the next nine points to take the opening game, 25-18.

In the second match, Tillamook had eight service errors but still managed a narrow 25-23 win to move one game away from a sweep.

The Lady Viks managed to take the advantage twice in the third set, with leads of 8-4 and 12-7. The Cheesemakers rallied for a slim 14-13 lead, only to have Siuslaw tie the game at 16-16.

Like the first set, Tillamook came on strong, riding the momentum of a 9-2 run to complete the sweep, 25-18.

The loss ends the season for the Vikings, with Tillamook advancing into the quarterfinals against fellow Cowapa League team and No. 1-ranked Valley Catholic.

“We had a great season and have a lot to look forward to next year,” said Horning, who returns a large portion of this year’s line-up next season. “We’re going to work hard and continue to improve.”



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Clockwise from left: Senior Abby Watkins bumps the ball for a set as senior Elyssa Rose (right) moves to the net for a kill; junior libero Maci Wells gets a dig against Tillamook; senior Brittany Long makes a diving save in the third set.

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