

Jordan Valley takes Dig Pink sweep in Dayville

Tigers' homecoming is Oct. 13 in Monument

By Angel Carpenter
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It was time to "think pink" Saturday as the Dayville/Monument Tigers hosted the Jordan Valley Mustangs for a league match and their Dig Pink Rally, honoring those touched by cancer.

Earlier that day, the Tigers attended a Celebration of Life for longtime Dayville resident and Dayville School employee Cheryl Hubbird, who died of cancer.

The Mustangs, undefeated in the High Desert League (4-0), made the sweep with scores of 25-15, 26-24 and 25-11.

Dayville/Monument was trailing 19-11 in the second set when Aubrianna Osborne came up with some strong serving.

Tigers Faythe Schafer and Denali Twehues blocked a cou-



The Dayville/Monument Tigers celebrate as they tie the score late in the second set against the Jordan Valley Mustangs. From left: Brooklyn Near, Aubrianna Osborne, Faythe Schafer, Denali Twehues, Aubrey Bowlus (23) and Kyla Emerson (4).

ple Mustang shots to help the team move within 3 points of Jordan Valley.

Later, with Schafer serving, Dayville/Monument tied the score 21-21, the Tiger fans' cheering echoing loudly in the small gym.

After a Mustang timeout,

the Tigers moved ahead 23-21.

The teams knotted the score 23-23 and 24-24. Then Mustang Taylor Warn closed it out for a 26-24 win.

"It was close," said Tiger head coach Kristi Emerson, commenting on the second set.

She said her team fought

hard but had a hard time pulling out of a slump.

"We're working on coming out of those rough spots," she said. "It's hard to get our confidence back up."

Emerson said she works to build up her team during timeouts but leaves a lot of respon-



Dayville/Monument Tigers Faythe Schafer and Kyla Emerson block Mustang Taylor Warn's shot.

sibility to her team captains and seniors.

"They can work with each other on the court ... giving positive feedback and encourage them and work hard," she said.

On Saturday, the Tigers will host Long Creek/Ukiah at 2:30 p.m. and Crane at 4 p.m. in Monument.

Emerson said she's happy to have player Kyla Emerson, who had been out with an inju-

ry, back in the game.

The coach said the team will focus on working together and back row passes to the front.

Tiger senior Aubrey Bowlus said their game was dedicated to Hubbird.

Looking forward, she said she's hopeful about the Saturday, Oct. 20, High Desert District Tournament.

"We need to work on coverage, and I think we can do it," Bowlus said.

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