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SMC no match for Eagle hitters

Brady started a busy week off hosting a triangular with Paxton and SMC Sept. 10.

Paxton is usually a team that beats us early in the year so it's a good feeling to have beat them, Eagle head coach Lynne Johnson said.

Paxton was ranked eighth at the time in Class D-2 by the Omaha World Herald.

The Eagles defeated Paxton in three sets, 26-24, 25-12 and 26-24.

Valerie Most led Brady with nine kills. Most also went 15-15 from the service line.

Brady took on Stapleton/McPherson County (SMC) in their second match of the triangular.

The girls used momentum from the big win over Paxton, and continued to play well against SMC, Johnson said.

"When they start playing together and establish some confidence and trust within each other, the better they will get," Johnson said.

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One factor that helped the Eagles beat both teams is the number of hitters they have with experience.

There are six or seven girls on this team that can hit well in any game, Johnson said. That makes it difficult for the other team to just focus on one or two girls.

She added that being the first home matches of the season there was a sense of familiarity.



“No matter who is playing against us, at home, things will be a little easier because we’re comfortable at home,” Johnson said. “That doesn’t mean we can take teams lightly.”

Brady was back on the road at Amherst on Friday and played in the Seven Valleys Tournament in Callaway on Saturday.

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