

Cowgirls defeat Lady Rough Riders, continue district success

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Coppel Cowgirls volleyball celebrate their win against Saginaw Lady Rough Riders. Photo by Rowan Khazendar.

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The Coppel Cowgirls volleyball team defeated the Saginaw Lady Rough Riders with ease, Friday night, in a three set match with scores of 25-12, 25-11, and 25-4.

Coming off of a disappointing defeat against their long time rivals, the Southlake Carroll Lady Dragons, the Cowgirls refused to back down. The Cowgirls showed their dominance from the beginning of the match by taking an early lead and maintaining it not only for the first game, but also for the entire match.

“The loss to Southlake made us reevaluate our game plan to winning, Junior Cassidy Pickrell said. “ We changed up our lineups last night and worked on a new defense, which seemed to work. We also had a much more positive attitude coming into last nights game against Saginaw than we did against Southlake. The loss was only a small ditch in the road for us. Were going to be prepared for them next time.

Besides their loss earlier this, the Cowgirls were also dealing with a change in the lineup. The Cowgirls brought up sophomores Libero Alex Silver, right side hitter Mary-Kate Marshall, and defensive player Lindsey Stivers. With all three playing on the court together, the underclassmen dominated the match and showed they could play on the varsity level

The Cowgirls offensive dominance over the Lady Rough Riders was unquestionable. All of the Cowgirls played well, but it was middle blockers, junior Erica Bohannon and Senior Kierra Holst, who led the team. In the second game of the match, when the Cowgirls were tied 9-9 with the Lady Rough Riders, Holst scored with a powerful hit that won back the ball for the Cowgirls for almost the entire remainder of that game.

During the third and final game of the match, the Cowgirls put up a big block against the Lady Rough Riders offense led by Bohannon, Holst, and Pickrell. Holst and Pickrell had huge block against the Lady Rough Riders that forced them to call a time out with a score of 9-2. They continued to put up a strong defense, only allowing the Lady Rough Riders four points in the entire game. The match ended on an ace serve by Holst.



Saginaw Lady Rough Riders congratulate the Coppel Cowgirl's win with high-fives after the game. Photo by Rowan Khazendar.

The Cowgirls currently have a 20-4 overall record and a 4-1-district record, and are ranked second in the 7-5A district behind the Lady Dragons. The Lady Rough Riders, who are ranked sixth in their district, have an overall record of 6-11 and a district record of 0-5.