

Volleyball 2014-15 Match by Match

Owens CC: Region XII Tournament

October 31, 2014 - November 2, 2014

The Jayhawks traveled to Perrysburg, Ohio to play in the Region XII Tournament held at Owens Community College. In the opening round on Friday, October 31 the Jayhawks beat Jackson CC Jets 3-0; match scores were: 29-27, 25-18, and 25-21.

Leading the way for the Jayhawks were sophomore Brandie Jones (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport HS) with 14 kills, 2 aces, and 12 digs. Sophomore Meghan Birr (Muskegon, MI/Mona Shores HS) had 5 kills, 37 assists, 1 ace, and 8 digs. Sophomore Danielle Jones had 9 kills and 5 blocks. Sophomore Lindsey Kotecki had 4 kills and 5 digs. Sophomore Autumn Winger (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport HS) had 6 kills, 2 aces, and 3 digs. Freshman Morgan Kelley Cadillac, MI/Cadillac HS) had 5 kills and 3 digs. Freshman Veronica Booth (Grand Haven, MI/Grand Haven HS) had 1 ace and 19 digs. Sophomore Brooke Morgan (Belmont, MI/Belmont HS) had 6 digs. Jayhawks finished 2-1 on Day 2 of the Region XII Championships in Perrysburg, Ohio. The Jayhawks started the day out against Vincennes 3-1; 25-20, 18-25, 25-20, and 25-20. The Jayhawks then played Lansing CC second and won 3-0; 25-21, 25-20, and 25-18. The Jayhawks suffered their first loss of the tournament against Cincinnati State Tech & CC 3-1; 19-25, 18-25, 26-24, and 16-25. The Jayhawks advanced to the Semi-finals on Sunday, November 2 and revenge their earlier loss to Cincinnati State 3-0: 25-20, 25-21, and 25-18.

The Jayhawks were led by sophomore Brandie Jones (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport HS) with 56 Kills and 7 Aces, sophomore Meghan Birr (Muskegon, MI/Mona Shores with 125 Assists, freshman Veronica Booth (Grand Haven, MI/grand Haven HS) with 56 Digs, sophomore Danielle Jones (Grand Rapids, MI/Northview HS) with 10 Blocks. The Jayhawks finish the Season with an Overall Record of 23 wins and 14 losses. The Jayhawks played the Raiders of Grand Rapids in the Regional XII Finals, but came up short losing 0-3. Set scores were: 22-25, 14-25, and 17-25. The loss ends the Jayhawks season with a 24-15 overall record.

Two Jayhawk players were selected to the Region 12 All-Tournament Team for their excellent play throughout the three day tournament. The Jayhawks won 4 matches while dropping two. Sophomore Meghan Birr (Muskegon, MI/Mona Shores HS) and sophomore Brandie Jones (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport HS) were both chosen to represent MCC on the All-Tournament Team.

Stat leaders for Sunday were Morgan Kelley with 25 Kills, Meghan Birr with 71 Assists, Autumn Winger with 3 Aces, Veronica Booth with 29 Digs, and Dani Jones with 3 Blocks MCC 3 Jackson CC 0 | Cincinnati State 3 MCC 1

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Oakland CC: MCCA State Tournament

October 25, 2014

Final	
Macomb CC	3
MCC	0

Jayhawks were in Auburn Hills, Mich. to play in the MCCA State Tournament on Saturday, October 25. The Jayhawks fell to Macomb Community College in the opening round 3-0. The set scores were 24-26, 24-26, and 15-25.

The Jayhawks stat leaders were: Brandie Jones with 12 Kills, Meghan Birr with 30 Assists, Lindsey Kotecki with 2 Aces, Veronica Booth with 18 Digs, Dani Jones with 3 Blocks.

The Jayhawks are now 20-13 overall and will be in action next Friday, October 31 against Jackson CC in the first round of the Regional XII Tournament at Owens Community College in Perrysburg, Ohio. Game time is 6:00 pm.

Kalamazoo Valley CC

October 21, 2014

Final	
MCC	3
Kalamazoo Valley CC	0

The MCC Jayhawk volleyball team closed out its conference schedule with a 3-0 win over Kalamazoo Valley Community College on Tuesday night in a game that paid tribute to the seven outstanding sophomores who were playing their last home match. The win gives the Jayhawks a 12-2 conference record as they head into the MCCA State Tournament on Saturday at Oakland Community College. Although the first two sets were both very close, MCC still pulled out wins in both by scores of 25-20 and 26-24 before dominating the third set 25-15. Over its last four conference matches MCC has only dropped one single set while winning all four matches in convincing fashion. Leading the way for the Jayhawks was Morgan Kelley (Cadillac, MI/Cadillac) with 13 kills, 8 digs, and 3 blocks. Autumn Winger (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport) had 8 kills without committing a single error. Autumn also had 2 aces, 3 digs, and one block. Brandie Jones (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport) contributed 8 kills and Lindsey Kotecki (Williamston, MI/Williamston) had a solid all around match with 6 kills and 9 digs. Once again setter Meghan Birr (Muskegon, MI/Mona Shores) did an outstanding job running the offense as she kept the KVCC team off balance using all five of her attackers on her way to 38 assists while also getting 3 kills or

her own. Meghan also had 3 aces, 7 digs, and 3 blocks. Defensively the Jayhawks back court was led by Veronica Booth (Grand Haven, MI/Grand Haven) with 12 digs while Brooke Morgan (Belmont, MI/Belmont) chipped in with 6 digs to go along with pinpoint passing all night. The Jayhawks overall record now stands at 19-13.

Lansing Community College

October 16, 2014

Final

MCC

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Lansing CC

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Jayhawk Volleyball secures a 2nd place conference finish with a 3-0 road victory in Lansing, Mich. over #18 Lansing Community College on Thursday, October 16. Set scores were 25-18, 25-22, and 25-21. The win over Lansing Community College gives the Jayhawks a conference record of 11-2 as Lansing drops to 9-4. Overall the Jayhawks stand at 18-13 on the season with one conference match left.

Leading the way for MCC were sophomore setter Meghan Birr (Muskegon, MI/Mona Shores HS) as she had 39 assists, 5 kills, and 9 digs. Freshman outside hitter Morgan Kelley (Cadillac, MI/Cadillac HS) finished the night with 12 kills, 6 digs, and 1 ace. Other key contributors on offense were sophomore Danielle Jones with 9 kills, sophomore Brandie Jones (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport HS) with 8 kills and sophomore Lindsey Kotecki (Williamston, MI/Williamston HS) with 6 kills.

Defensively the Jayhawks were led by freshman libero Veronica Booth (Grand Haven, MI/Grand Haven HS) with 14 digs, Kotecki with 9 digs, and sophomore Autumn Winger (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport HS) with 6 digs. The Jayhawks will be in action on Tuesday, October 21 at home against Kalamazoo Valley CC before the MCCA State Tournament gets under on October 25.

Lake Michigan College

October 14, 2014

Final

MCC

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Lake Michigan

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The MCC Jayhawks Volleyball Team ran their conference record to 10-2 on the season as they defeated the visiting Red Hawks from Lake Michigan College 3-0 on Tuesday, October 14 at Bartels-Rode Gymnasium. The Jayhawks won 3-0 with match scores of 25-11, 25-10, and 25-9.

This was the first match in nearly a month that all of our Jayhawks were healthy and able to play and it showed as the offense got on a roll early and never let up.” said Head Coach Rick Rykse. Sophomore Meghan Birr (Muskegon, MI/Mona Shores HS) set a very balanced offense led by freshman Morgan Kelley (Cadillac, MI/Cadillac HS) with 12 kills while sophomore Brandie Jones (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport HS) seeing her first action after sitting out the past 10 matches. Brandie contributed 8 kills of her own plus 4 aces. Meghan also had 6 kills while dishing out 33 assists plus 2 aces. The Jayhawks also received 5 kills each from sophomore Lindsey Kotecki (Williamston, MI/Williamston HS), sophomore Dani Jones (Grand Rapids, MI/Northview HS), and sophomore Autumn Winger (Fruitport , MI/Fruitport HS) while hitting at an impressive 41.9% for the match.

The serving and passing game of the Jayhawks was also very impressive as the Jayhawks served up 12 aces on the night while only allowing 2 reception errors. Defensively the Jayhawks were led by freshman Veronica Booth (Grand Haven, MI/Grand Haven HS) and Kotecki with 8 digs each. The Jayhawks will be in action again on Thursday, October 16 as they travel to Lansing, Mich. to face Lansing Community College that is only one game back in the conference standings.

Kellogg Community College

October 9, 2014

Final	
MCC	3
Kellogg CC	1

The Jayhawks traveled to Battle Creek, Mich. on Thursday, October 9 to play Kellogg Community College. The Jayhawks won 3-1: 25-15, 26-24, 21-25, 25-22. The Jayhawks sweep the season series from the Bruins as conference play winds down.

With the win the Jayhawks have secured a spot in the MCCA State Tournament, but more importantly a spot in the Region 12 District F Tournament to be held in Toledo, Ohio on October 31- November 2.

Jayhawks are now 9-2 in conference play with 3 matches remaining. Overall their record is 16-13. Leaders for the match were: Freshman Morgan Kelley (Cadillac, MI/Cadillac HS) with 20 Kills, sophomore Meghan Birr (Muskegon, MI/Mona Shores HS) with 37 Assists, sophomore Autumn Winger (Fruitport MI/Fruitport HS) with 3 Aces, sophomore Lindsey Kotecki (Williamston MI/Williamston HS) with 16 Digs, sophomore Dani Jones (Grand Rapids, MI/Northview HS) with 2 Blocks. Jayhawks next match is Tuesday, October 14 at Home against Lake Michigan College.

Grand Rapids CC

October 7, 2014

Final	
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Grand Rapids

MCC	3
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The Jayhawks lost 3-0 to visiting Grand Rapids CC

Jackson College

October 2, 2014

Final

MCC

Jackson

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The Jayhawks won 3-2 in Jackson, MI.

Ancilla College

September 30, 2014

Final

MCC

Ancilla

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Bartels-Rode Gymnasium. Jayhawks continue their winning ways at home by defeating the Chargers of Ancilla College 3-0 on Tuesday, September 30. Set scores were 25-20, 25-18, and 25-23. This marked the first match of the second half of the conference schedule and the Jayhawks were determined to keep themselves in position to challenge for another conference title. The Jayhawks are now 7-1 in conference play.

Stat leaders were: Dani Jones with 12 Kills. Meghan Birr with 33 Assists, Morgan Kelley with 4 Aces, Brooke Morgan with 13 Digs, Lindsey Kotecki with 3 Blocks. The Jayhawks will be in action again this Thursday, October 2 in Jackson, Mich. to play Jackson Community College.

Raider Invitational @ Grand Rapids CC

September 27, 2014 - September 28, 2014

In day one of the Raider Classic in Grand Rapids, Mich. the Jayhawks split their two matches. The Jayhawks won their first match against St. Clair 3-1: 26-24, 23-25, 25-22, and 25-22. The Jayhawks weren't as lucky in the second matching losing a close match to Oakland 3-2: 29-31, 25-19, 21-25, 25-18, and 15-12. The Jayhawks season record is now 12-11.

Leaders for the day were: Freshman Morgan Kelley (Cadillac, MI/Cadillac) with 33 Hits, sophomore Meghan Birr (Muskegon, MI/Mona Shores HS) with 91 Assists, freshman Veronica Booth (Grand Haven, MI/Grand Haven HS) with 7 Aces, sophomore Brooke Morgan (Belmont, MI/Comstock Park HS) with 63 Digs, and sophomore Dani Jones with 11 Blocks. On Sunday, September 28 the second day of the Raider Invitation hosted at Grand Rapids Community College the Jayhawks split their two matches losing to nationally ranked Owens Community College 3-0 and then beating Lawrence Tech JV 3-0 in the last match of the day.

The Owens match was a rematch from 4 weeks ago when the Jayhawks beat them 3-2 as part of the Owens Invitational. Set scores were 25-13, 25-18, and 25-20. The Jayhawks were led by freshman Morgan Kelley (Cadillac, MI/Cadillac HS) with 15 kills and sophomore Meghan Birr (Muskegon, MI/Mona Shores HS) with 5 kills and 25 assists, but could not generate enough offensive to get the win.

In the closing match of the day the Jayhawks rebounded with a strong showing against Lawrence Tech JV beating them 25-18, 25-15, and 25-16. On offense the Jayhawks were led by sophomore Dani Jones (Grand Rapids, MI/Northview HS) with 11 Kills while Morgan Kelley chipped in with 8 Kills. Meghan Birr turned in a solid all-around game as she had 6 Kills, 31 Assists, 5 Aces, and 7 Digs. Sophomore Lindsey Kotecki (Williamston MI/Williamston HS) contributed 7 Kills, 3 Aces, and 10 Digs while sophomore Brooke Morgan (Belmont, MI/Comstock Park HS) led the way defensively with 14 Digs.

The Jayhawks overall record now stands at 13-12 with two conference matches this week against Ancilla College at home on Tuesday, September 30 and at Jackson CC on Thursday, October 2.

The Jayhawks will play next at home in Bartels-Rode Gymnasium against Ancilla College on Tuesday, September 30. Game time is 5:30 pm. MCC 3 St. Clair County 1 Oakland CC 3 MCC 2 Owens CC 3 MCC 0 MCC 3 Lawrence 0

Kalamazoo Valley CC

September 25, 2014

Final	
MCC	2
Kalamazoo Valley	2

The Jayhawks came away with a 3-2 victory over Kalamazoo Valley Thursday, September 26 on the road to secure their hold on 2nd place in the MCCA West Division. MCC now has a 6-1 conference record as it wrapped up the first half of the conference schedule. Sets one and two were all Jayhawks as the scores were 25-17 and 25-14 as the Jayhawk offense was rolling and the MCC blockers were controlling

the net. Set three was a completely different game as KVCC finally started getting their offense going and the Jayhawks struggled on offense and defense. During the third set MCC lost sophomore Brandie Jones (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport HS) to an ankle injury which had an impact on the offense as Brandie not only leads the team in kills but also the entire nation. Set number three went to KVCC by a score of 25-22. The Jayhawks followed that up with a 25-19 victory in set four. Finally in set five the Jayhawks were able to settle down and played a better team game as they struck for 6 kills on only 12 attempts but had zero attack errors. After MCC built a 13-11 lead the set and match were closed out on two consecutive errors by KVCC which gave the Jayhawks the 15-11 victory. The Jayhawks are now 11-10 overall on the season as they prepare to play in the Raider Classic in Grand Rapids this Saturday and Sunday, September 27 & 28.

Lansing Community College

September 23, 2014

Final

MCC

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Lansing

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The Jayhawks extended their dominance at home on Tuesday, September 23 by defeating the visiting Lansing CC Stars 3-1 at Bartels Rode Gymnasium. Set scores were: 18-25, 25-9, 25-20, and 25-12. The Jayhawks record now stands at 5-1 in conference play and 10-10 overall.

After a slow start the Jayhawks pulled together in sets two through four and outscored the Stars by a combined total of 75-41. Although Lansing was a very athletic and energetic team they didn't have enough offense to threaten again after the first set. The Jayhawks had 46 kills compared to just 30 for the Stars.

Stat leaders were: sophomore Brandie Jones (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport HS) with 20 Kills, sophomore Meghan Birr (Muskegon, MI/Mona Shores HS) with 41 Assists, sophomore Lindsey Kotecki (Williamston, MI/Williamston HS) with 4 Aces, sophomore Brooke Morgan (Belmont, MI/Comstock Park HS) with 23 Digs, sophomore Dani Jones (Grand rapids, MI/Northview HS) with 4 Blocks. The Jayhawks next match is Thursday, September 25 at Kalamazoo Valley in Kalamazoo, Mich. at 6:30 p.m.

Parkland Invitational Tournament

September 19-20, 2014

Final

Kirkwood

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MCC

The #17 ranked Jayhawks participated in the Parkland Invitational in Champaign, Ill. this Friday and Saturday, September 19 and 20. The Jayhawks finished the tournament 0-4, but are gaining valuable experience at the national level. Jayhawks now stand at 9-10 on the season.

The Jayhawks started their day on Friday against #7 Kirkwood and lost 3-1: 25-12, 22-25, 25-21, and 25-20. Next they played #6 Illinois Central and fell 3-1: 25-17, 20-25, 25-16, and 25-21. Things didn't get easier as the Jayhawks started Saturday play against the #1 ranked Parkland and lost in a close tough fought match 3-2: 25-23, 22-25, 25-9, 22-25, and 15-12. Finally the Jayhawks finished the tournament with Lincoln Land and fell short again 3-1: 25-22, 22-25, 26-24, and 25-15.

Leading the way for the Jayhawks was: Brandie Jones with 58 Kills, Meghan Birr with 158 Assists, Autumn Winger with 9 Aces, Brooke Morgan with 74 Digs, and Dani Jones with 11 Blocks. The Jayhawks play next at home in Bartels-Rode Gymnasium Tuesday, September 23 against Lansing CC

Lake Michigan College

September 18, 2014

Final

MCC

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Lake Michigan

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The #17 Jayhawks traveled to Benton Harbor, Mich. Thursday, September 18 to play Lake Michigan College. The Jayhawks dominated Lake Michigan in three straight sets by a score of 25-10, 25-19, and 25-14. MCC is now 4-1 in league play and 9-6 overall.

Leading the way for the Jayhawks was sophomore Brandie Jones (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport HS) with 11 Kills, sophomore Meghan Birr (Muskegon, MI/Mona Shores HS) with 33 assists, freshman Morgan Kelley (Cadillac, MI/Cadillac HS) with 4 Aces, sophomore Brooke Morgan (Belmont, MI/Comstock Park HS) with 8 Digs, sophomore Autumn Winger (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport HS) with 3 Blocks.

The Jayhawks are challenging themselves with great competition at the Parkland Tournament in Champaign, Ill. this weekend Friday, September 19 against #7 Kirkwood and #6 Illinois Central then on Saturday, September 20 against #1 Parkland and Lincoln Land.

Kellogg Community College

September 16, 2014

Final

MCC

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Kellogg

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The #17 Jayhawk team continued its winning ways at home in Bartels-Rode Gymnasium on Tuesday, September 17 by beating the Kellogg Community College Bruins by a margin of 3-1. Scores were 19-25, 25-20, 25-20, and 25-11. MCC now has a conference record of 3-1 and an overall record of 8-6.

The Jayhawks came out slow in set one committing a total of 18 errors while only coming up with 7 kills and 2 aces. "The Bruins aggressive serving accounted for many of our errors and also led to some easy transition points and we never got our offense going." said Head Coach Rick Rykse. "Sets 2 and 3 our offense finally got going as we struck for 17 kills in set #2 and 14 kills in set #3. Our passing also improved greatly and allowed many more options on offense. Set #4 was all Jayhawks as they jumped out to a huge early lead before settling in for a 25-11 win."

The Leaders for the Jayhawks: Sophomore Brandie Jones (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport HS) with 18 Kills, sophomore Meghan Birr (Muskegon, MI/Mona Shores HS) with 41 Assists, sophomore Autumn Winger (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport HS) with 4 Aces, sophomore Brooke Morgan (Belmont, MI/Comstock Park) with 12 Digs, freshman Morgan Kelley (Cadillac, MI/Cadillac HS) with 3 Blocks. The Jayhawks will play next Thursday, September 18 in Benton Harbor, MI against Lake Michigan College.

Grand Rapids CC

September 11, 2014

Final

GRCC

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MCC

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On Thursday, September 11 the Jayhawks traveled to Grand Rapids to play the #2 NJCAA ranked Grand Rapids CC. The Jayhawks lost a close 5 set match and now stands at 2-1 in conference and 7-6 overall.

Stat leaders for the Jayhawks were: sophomore Brandie Jones (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport HS) with 18 Kills, sophomore Meghan Birr (Muskegon, MI/Mona Shores HS) with 48 Assists and 20 Digs, sophomore Brooke Morgan (Belmont, MI/Comstock Park HS) with 3 Aces, and sophomore Danielle Jones (Grand Rapids, MI/Northview HS) with 10 Blocks.

The Jayhawks will be in action next on Tuesday, September 16 at home in Bartels-Rode Gymnasium against Kellogg Community College at 5:30.

Jackson College

September 9, 2014

Final

MCC

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Jackson	
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The 13th ranked MCC Jayhawks defeated Jackson Community College 25-19, 25-13, and 25-21 on Tuesday, September 9, on their home court in Bartels-Rode Gymnasium. Over the past 4 seasons the Jayhawks have a home record of 28-1.

Now 2-0 in conference play and 7-5 overall, the Jayhawks were led by sophomore Brandie Jones (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport HS) with 19 kills, sophomore Meghan Birr (Muskegon, MI/Mona Shores HS) with 38 assists, freshman Morgan Kelley (Cadillac, MI/Cadillac HS) with two Aces, sophomore Lindsey Kotecki (Williamston, MI/Williamston HS) with 16 digs, and sophomore Autumn Winger (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport HS) with four blocks.

On Thursday, September 11 MCC travels to Grand Rapids to play Grand Rapids CC for a key conference showdown as both teams are 2-0 in conference play and are expected to compete once again for the conference title. Game time is 6:30 pm.

Ancilla College

September 4, 2014

Final

MCC

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Ancilla	
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The Jayhawks traveled to Donaldson, Ind. to Ancilla College on Thursday September 4. The Jayhawks won 3-1 by the scores of 21-25, 25-21, 25-15, & 25-18. This is the sixth straight for the Jayhawks. To add to MCC's accomplishments, sophomore Brandie Jones (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport HS) was named the National Junior College Athletic Association Div. II Player of the Week.

Top performers for the Jayhawks were: Brandie Jones with 24 Kills, sophomore Meghan Birr (Muskegon, MI/Mona Shores HS) with 52 Assists, sophomore Autumn Winger (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport HS) with 4 Aces, Brandie Jones with 21 Digs, and sophomore Danielle Jones (Grand Rapids, MI/Northview HS) with 2 Blocks.

The Jayhawks are currently 1-0 in the Conference, 6-5 Overall Record, and Ranked #13 nationally. The Jayhawks will be in action next at home Tuesday, September 9 against Jackson CC. Game time is 5:30.

Owens CC Tournament

August 29, 2014

The #13 ranked Jayhawk Volleyball Team won its last 5 matches at the Owens Express Invitational, August 29-31. The Jayhawks five game winning streak was highlighted by a 3-2 victory over Owens CC on Sunday afternoon. The Owens match was back and forth the entire way with Muskegon winning the first set by a score of 25-22, after trailing most of the match. Set two was also very close with each team holding leads before the Express scored the final two points to secure the 25-23 win. Sets 3 and four were not quite as close with Muskegon winning the 3rd set 25-15 and Owens winning the fourth set 25-19. The fifth and deciding set saw Muskegon jump out to an early 7-5 lead before Owens scored the next 4 points to go ahead 9-7. After that it was all Muskegon as the Jayhawks scored 8 of the next 10 points to pull out the 15-11 victory.

At the tournament, MCC also defeated Vincennes 3-0, Lakeland 3-1, South Suburban 3-0 and Edison 3-0. The Jayhawks lost to Columbus State 3-1.

On the season sophomore Brandie Jones (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport HS) leads the nation in total kills with 208 and 5.47 kills per game. Sophomore Meghan Birr (Muskegon, MI/Mona Shores HS) leads the nation with a total of 407 assists and is 5th in assists per set at 10.71. Sophomore Lindsey Kotecki (Williamston, MI/Williamston HS) is also among the leaders at 6th overall for digs with 153.

The Jayhawks are now 5-5 for the season; all five losses are to teams ranked in the Top 20 in the nation. The Jayhawks prepare to begin conference play this Thursday, September 4 when they travel to Donaldson, Ind. to play Ancilla for a 6:30 pm match. Columbus State 3 MCC 1 MCC 3 Vincennes 0

Wisconsin Dells Tournament

August 22-23, 2014

The Jayhawk Volleyball Team traveled to Wisconsin for the Battle of the Dells Tournament on Friday and Saturday, Aug 23 & 24 in Wisconsin Dells, Wisc. The tournament featured many of the top teams in the Nation for NJCAA for DI, DII, and DIII. Muskegon played four teams that were ranked in the top 17, but unfortunately came away on the wrong end of each match and struggled to a 0-4 record.

The Jayhawks started out Friday by playing #9 Des Moines Area CC in a back and forth match. Des Moines came out on top 3-2. The match scores were 23-25, 25-23, 22-25, 26-24, and 14-16. Muskegon has several swings at match point but couldn't score the final point. In the 2nd match the opponent was #17 Iowa Central and again the Jayhawks struggled at game point losing the match 3-1. Match scores were 35-37, 26-28, 25-22, and 20-25.

On Saturday the Jayhawks first match featured the #13 MCC Jayhawks vs #7 Kirkwood CC. Muskegon struggled from the beginning and was never really in the match and lost 3-0. Scores were 16-25, 10-25, and 17-25. There was no time for rest though as the Jayhawks immediately got back on the court to face the #1 team in the country in Parkland Community College. Muskegon showed great character after a tough start and came ready to play. The Jayhawks lost 3-1, but played a very good match overall. Match scores were 13-25, 21-25, 27-25, and 18-25.

“Although we failed to win a match, we did play very competitively in 3 of the 4 matches and gained some valuable experience along the way.” Said Head Coach Rick Rykse. “Closing out games was a weakness that will need to be fixed.” Several Jayhawks played well over the weekend including sophomore Brandie Jones (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport HS) with 90 kills, sophomore Meghan Birr (Muskegon, MI/Mona Shores HS) with 159 assists, sophomore Lindsey Kotecki (Williamston, MI/Williamston HS) with 5 aces, freshman Allison Beck (Fruitport, MI/Fruitport HS) with 8 blocks. The Jayhawks travel to Toledo, Ohio for six matches next weekend at the Owens CC Tournament.