

# Tigers Corral Mavericks 42 to 6

**By Mike Tooley**  
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 The Tigers of Hot Springs High capitalized on four Lordsburg Maverick turnovers in the first quarter, turning them into points for a 28-0 lead and then held-off the Mavericks for the remaining three quarters for a 42 to 6 win.

In their second play of the game, the Mavericks fumbled on their own 38-yard line to set up the first Tiger score of the evening. In three plays, the Tigers hit pay-dirt with Benito Villa sprinting into the endzone on a 30-yard run. The attempt for points after failed, but with 10:05 remaining on the clock, the Tigers were up 6-0.

On their second possession, the Mavericks had a great 40-yard kickoff

return, but again on their first play from scrimmage, fumbled the ball on the Tiger 46 yard line with Villa scooping the ball up and racing into the Maverick end-zone for the score. Villa then ran over for the 2-point conversion and with 9:38 still remaining in the first period, the Tigers were up 14-0.

And it wasn't over folks. Mid-way through the quarter, the Mavericks had moved the ball into Tiger territory but again fumbled the ball, with Shane Holman picking up the ball and returning it to the Maverick 3 yard line. In two plays the Tigers scored their third touchdown of the evening when Chris Kopet crashed over from 2 yards out and with Villa passing to Cameron Zamora on the 2-point

conversion, the Mavericks were up 22-0.

With 4:53 still remaining in the first quarter, the Tigers were on the scoreboard for their fourth touchdown of the quarter, this time on a pass interception by Carlos Maldonado who returned the ball 50 yards for the score. Villa missed the PAT.

Here's the fun fact – the Tigers only had 24 yards rushing and 13 yards passing in the first quarter, but they led 28-0. At the start of the 2nd quarter, the Mavericks finally put together a sustained drive, taking the ensuing kickoff and moved the ball 75 yards for the score. Maverick Greg Cuevas ran over from the 11-yard line but failed to score 2-points on a run following the TD.

Neither team moved the ball very well throughout the 2nd period, until the closing moments of the first half when Adan Aguirre snagged a Maverick pass on the Tiger 30 yard line, setting up the final scoring drive of the first half. The Tigers moved the ball to their own 47-yard line with only seconds remaining in the half, when Villa connected with Kopet on a pass play that covered 53 yards and another touchdown for the Tigers. Kopet ran the ball on the 2-point conversion, giving the Tigers a half-time lead of 36-6.

Neither team could sustain a drive in the third quarter and it wasn't until mid-way through the fourth period that the Tigers were able to put another 6-points on the scoreboard. With 6:22 remaining in the game, Maldonado crashed over the goal line on a 4-yard run giving the Tigers their final score of the evening and a victory over the Mavericks 42-6.

## HOST NMMI FRIDAY NIGHT

New Mexico Military Institute will invade Tiger Stadium Friday night, bringing a winless 0-4 into the game against the Tigers who now have 3 wins and 1 loss on the season. The Colts of the Institute lost their season opener to Ft. Sumner 50-0, and dropped another 50-0 game to Capitan. Taos defeated the Institute 48 to 7 and last week the Colts fell to Santa Rosa 28-0. Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m.

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Score by Quarters	28	8	0	6
Tigers	28	8	0	6
Mavericks	0	6	0	0

Tigers	Stats	Mavs
9	First Downs	12
150	Rushing	178
78	Passing	21
2 for 74	Ret/Yds	8 for 143
2 for 50	Int/Yds	0 for 0
352	Total Yds	342
8 for 55	Penalties	13 for 125
22:22	Possession	25:38

## SCORING SUMMARY

**1st Quarter**  
**Tigers** (10:05) - Benito Villa 30 yard run, 38 yard drive, 3 plays. Benito Villa run for 2 points failed. Poss: 1:48  
**Tigers** (9:38) - Benito Villa 46 yard fumble recovery. Benito Villa run for 2 points. Poss: 0:27  
**Tigers** (5:33) - Chris Kopet 2 yard run, 31 yard drive, 3 plays. Benito Villa pass to Cameron Zamora for 2 points. Poss: 0:40  
**Tigers** (4:53) - Carlos Maldonado 50 yard pass interception. Benito Villa kick no good. Poss: 0:40  
**2nd Quarter**  
**Mavericks** (9:00) - Greg Cuevas 11 yard run, 75 yard drive, 8 plays. Greg Cuevas run for 2 points failed. Poss: 3:00  
**Tigers** (0:12) - Chris Kopet 53 yard pass from Benito Villa. 70 yard drive, 6 plays. Chris Kopet run for 2 points. Poss: 1:12  
**4th Quarter**  
**Tigers** (6:22) - Carlos Maldonado 4 yard run, 60 yard drive, 5 plays. Victor Garcia run for 2 points failed. Poss:(2:20)



**ALMOST HAD IT** – Cameron Zamora (#2) made this reception Friday night against the Mavericks. Zamora caught two passes on the evening, one a 12-yard gain mid-way through the second quarter and another on a 2-point conversion following the Tigers' third touchdown of the 1st quarter.



**HANDOFF TO MALDONADO** – Carlos Maldonado (#44) takes a handoff from quarterback Benito Villa (#25) during Friday night's action. Maldonado carried the ball 4 times for 18 yards. He brought the Tiger fans to their feet during the first quarter when he intercepted a Mavericks pass and returned the ball 50 yards for a touchdown.



**PUNTING CHORES** – Tiger Logan Cummins (#56) handled the punting chores for the Tigers Friday night after returning to the lineup from a knee injury earlier in the season. Cummins was the anchor for the Tiger defense, making several plays in the Maverick offensive backfield giving the Mavericks minus-yardage on the plays.



**PITCH OUT** – Tiger quarterback Benito Villa (#25) makes a pitch out to one of the running backs against the Mavericks Friday night in Lordsburg. Villa led the Tiger offense with 87 yards rushing on 11 carries and scored two touchdowns. One touchdown was a 46 yard fumble recovery in the first quarter that put the Tigers up 14 to 0.

## TUCK'S TURF

**By Howie Tucker**  
**PGA Pro**

Results of the Sierra del Rio Men's Golf Association member guest tournament, two-man quota format, 36 holes:

1. Tee Thompson/Howie Tucker;
2. Scott Marriott/Rick Merrill;
3. Bobby Middleton/Bill Giles;
4. Shannon Whitehead/Todd Reeves.

Additional teams: Tom West/Steve Ivey, Jim Cliborne/Mark Morton, Ron Day/Les Dufour, Mike Tobin/Brian Jensen, Jim Lack/Carl Duran/Steve Tate/Rob Duran.

Players from Dallas, Colorado, Albuquerque and Tampa came to play the scenic SDR Championship Golf Course in Elephant Butte.

Many thanks to the Golf Shop staff and Maintenance staff, as well as the Smokin' Turtle Restaurant. Thanks also to Club President Cliborne and the tournament staff, headed by Tom West.

Rule of the week: Definition of "through the green" is the whole area of the course except a) the teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played, b) all hazards on the course.

Pointer of the week: The best way to control handicap abuse is to make sure that every time you play you turn in a proper score. Always use equitable stroke control. Tournament scores stay on your system for a minimum of one year. Whenever you need answers on your GHIN handicap, contact your club pro or handicap ratings chairman.

The Sierra del Rio Men's Club raffle has been extended to Oct. 25; contact a club member to purchase raffle tickets for your chance to win great prizes.

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**ON THE MOVE** – Gerson Montoya (#5) made several good gains during the evening as he carried the ball 10 times for 28 yards for the Tigers.



**OUTSTANDING GAME** – Chris Kopet (#7) scored two touchdowns for the Tigers Friday night against the Mavericks. He carried the ball 9 times for 17 yards, however his major impact on the game was pass receiving. Kopet made an outstanding reception just prior to halftime that covered 53 yards.



**TIGER PRIDE PUSH-UP SQUAD** – The JROTC Tiger Pride Push-Up Squad got quite the workout during Friday night's football game against the Crownpoint Eagles. The squad did one pushup for every point scored. Tigers won 46-6. Cadets on the squad include: Brannon Artman, Brandon Robinson, Tyler Knoll, Treasure Hazen, Marleny Granillo, Sequoia Mayfield, Christopher Newby, Andres Zamora, David Jared, Destiney Waite and Jasmine Avalos.

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## Chorus Changes Practice Time

Practice for the Community Chorus has been moved to 6:30 p.m. on Mondays in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall at 409 Cedar. We hope this will be a better time for more singers and an assistant director and assistant accompanist. Our goal is a concert in early December. For more information, please call Doris at (575) 740-1674.



# In Volleyball, Resilient Hot Springs Can't Stop Powerful M.V. Christian

By Tony A. Archuleta  
HERALD Reporter

The Hot Springs varsity volleyball team showed its resiliency Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Tiger Gym, but visiting Mesilla Valley Christian demonstrated its superior firepower.

The Sonblazers defeated the Tigers 3-0 – winning the match 25-21, 25-10, 25-22– and completing the season sweep.

In the first set, Mesilla Valley Christian led 11-3 before Hot Springs closed the gap, coming within a point at 15-14, 18-17 and 21-20. The Sonblazers outscored the Tigers 4-1 down the stretch to take the first game.

The Sonblazers took another eight-point lead to start the second set, and won it going away.

The Tigers, however, refused to call it quits in the third set, taking a 10-6 lead. With the home team leading 19-15, it appeared a fourth set was in the offing, but the Sonblazers came back to take their first lead of the set at 20-19 and outgunned the Tigers the rest of the way for the straight-sets win.

Senior middle hitter Ella Cano-Linson led Hot Springs with 11 kills, followed by junior outside hitter Taeja McEuen with nine.

Senior outside hitter Alyssa Jeffers added five, sophomore outside hitter Shandi Treadwell recorded three and senior setter Makayla Lang notched one.

At the service line, Hot Springs went 37-of-44 for an 81.1 percent showing, with aces by Cano-Linson (3), McEuen (3), Treadwell (2), sophomore right-side hitter Taylor Hearn (2) and Jeffers (1).

Defensively, the Tigers were unable to stop the Sonblazers at net, with a team total of just three blocks.

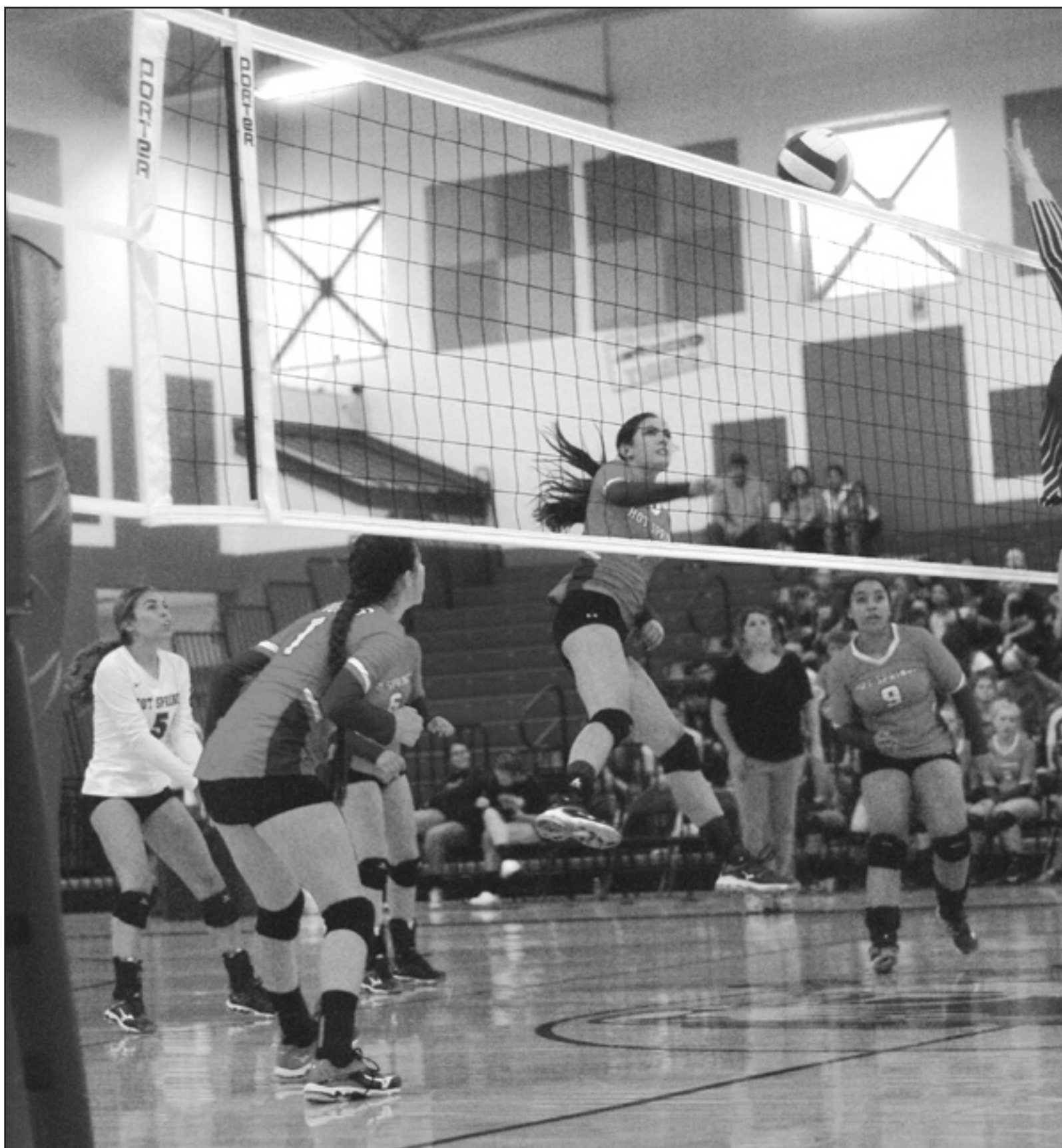
In the digging department a pair of Tigers, senior libero Mariah Montoya and Lang, rang up double figures with 15 and 10 digs, respectively.

On Thursday, Sept. 14, Hot Springs traveled to Magdalena where the host Lady Steers prevailed 3-0 (25-12, 25-22, 25-23).

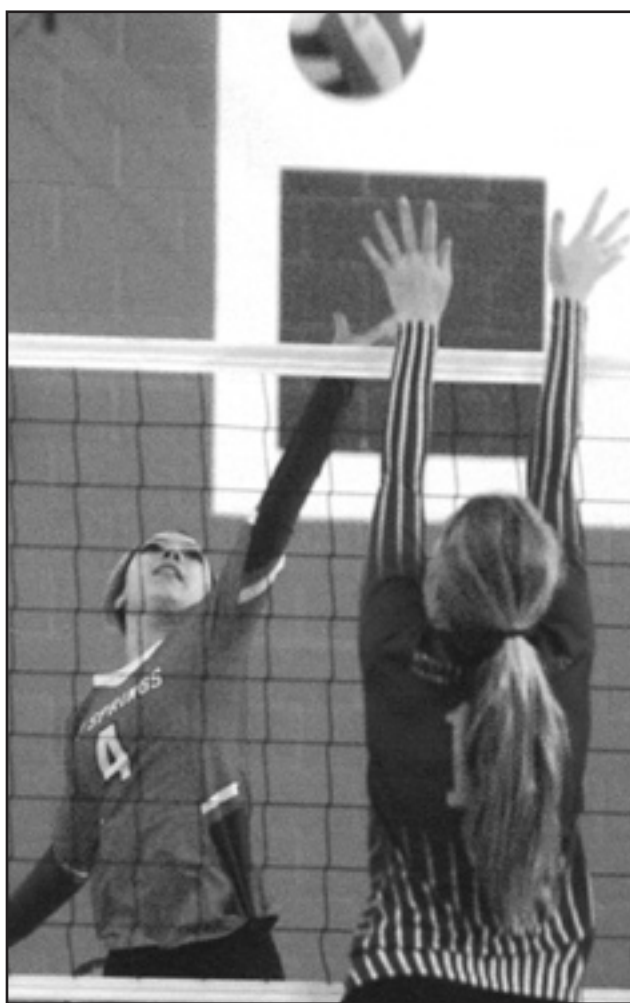
The Tigers were at Deming on Saturday, Sept. 16; a final score was not immediately available.

HSHS (with a 1-7 record following the loss to Magdalena) entertained Lordsburg on Tuesday, Sept. 19, and hosts Chaparral on Thursday, Sept. 21, with C-Team action starting at 4 p.m. in Tiger Gym.

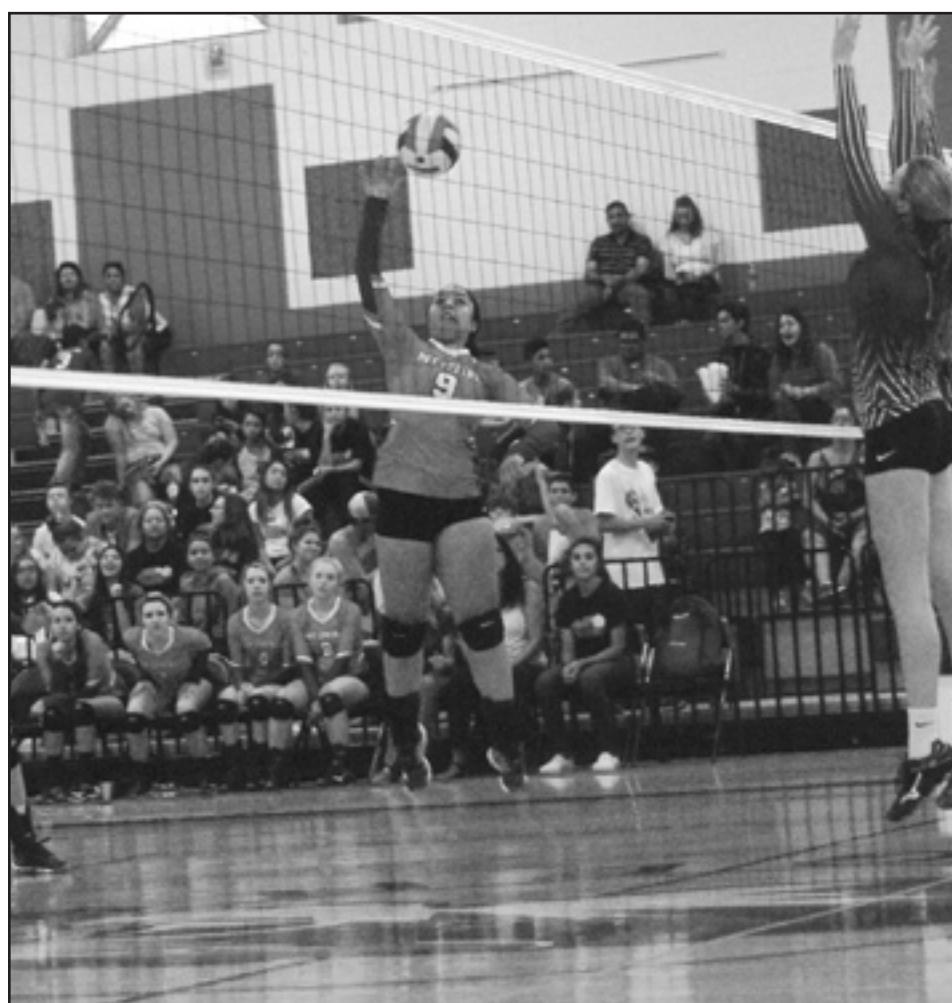
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**FIGHTING BACK** - Hot Springs senior middle hitter Ella Cano-Linson delivers a kill again visiting Mesilla Valley Christian on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Tiger Gym. The visiting Lady Sonblazers defeated the Tigers 3-0 to complete the season sweep.  
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HSHS senior outside hitter Alyssa Jeffers (#4)



HSHS junior outside hitter Taeja McEuen (#9)



HSHS sophomore right-side hitter Taylor Hearn (#11) and senior outside hitter Alyssa Jeffers (#4)



HSHS senior libero Mariah Montoya (#5)