

Hot Springs Falls to Socorro In District 3-3A Tourney Opener

Hatch Valley, Cobre, Socorro Headed to State Tourney

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The Hot Springs varsity volleyball team's 2018 season ended last week during the first round of the District 3-3A Tournament.

Hot Springs, seeded fourth out of four teams, traveled to Socorro, where the Lady Warriors beat the Tigers for the third straight time this season.

Socorro won the Tuesday, Nov. 6, match 3-1 (25-23, 18-25, 25-21, 25-18).

Hot Springs senior middle Jaileen Loera and junior left hitter Shandi Treadwell led the way offensively with six kills each, followed by senior left hitter Taeja Mceuen with four kills and junior middle Kaylee Gonzales with three kills. The Tiger registered a total of 21 kills, compared to Socorro's 46.

The Tigers were a touch better in the service department, hitting 96.7 percent versus Socorro's 84.6 percent.

Defensively, Gonzales led the way with five blocks, followed by Loera with three.

Socorro advanced to play at Cobre on Nov. 8, and won the match 3-1.

Hatch Valley hosted Socorro on Saturday, Nov. 10, winning the District 3-3A Tournament title in straight sets.

HVH (16-5 overall, 6-0 district) will represent District 3-3A as a No. 7 seed during this week's State Volleyball Tournament, while Cobre is a No. 8 seed and Socorro a No. 9 seed.

Also in the tournament: No. 1 St. Michael's, No. 2 Navajo Prep, No. 3 Sandia Prep, No. 4 Tularosa, No. 5 Robertson, No. 6 Santa Fe Indian School, and No. 10 Laguna-Acoma.

Hot Springs finishes the season with an overall record of 2-19 and 0-8 in district.

HSHS head coach Robert Haro, in his first year back as head coach, said he plans to return for the 2019 season, preceded by an active off-season, unlike last year when the school district initially struggled to find a new coach.

Haro said the talent level was sufficient to win many more matches this year, but team chemistry and teamwork were continuing issues dating back a number of years now.

[Note: The Herald staff thanks Haro and his assistant coaches and managers for providing season-long scores and statistics on the NMAA's official website.]

Hatch Valley Bears Stay Alive in Class AAA Playoffs

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The Hatch Valley Bears defeated New Mexico Military Institute 44 to 21 to stay alive in the Class AAA football playoffs, Saturday, Nov. 10. Socorro's Warriors, also from the District 3AAA received a 'bye' in the first round and will play their first game in the quarterfinal round.

In other first round match-ups, Robertson High (#5) defeated Ra-



TIGER VERSUS WARRIOR - The Hot Springs varsity volleyball team lost 3-1 at Socorro on Nov. 6 during the first round of the District 3-3A tournament. In photo, HSHS senior middle Jaileen Loera (#10) eyes a kill.



HSHS senior middle Taeja Mceuen (#12)



HSHS senior libero Alex Carter (#5)



HSHS junior setter Taylor Hearn (#11)



HSHS senior setter Logan Green (#13)



HSHS junior left-hitter Shandi Treadwell (#6)

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