

Warriors Defeat Tigers 28-12

**By Mike Tooley
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Tigers at Hot Springs High School, down by 13 points at halftime, came storming back in the second half to come within 1 point of the Warriors, 13-12.

Sparked by Chris Kopet, who picked up a loose ball in mid-air and raced into the Warrior endzone, the Tigers gained the upperhand in momentum which was out of their reach in the first half, to say the least.

Kopet's score came mid-way through the 3rd quarter when the Warriors dropped back to pass and the ball was knocked loose and knocked into the air. Kopet grabbed the ball and was in the end-zone quickly for the score.

Quarterback Benito Villa, who didn't play against the Hatch Bears because of an injury, was suited up for the Tigers, giving the Tigers a more versatile backfield. However, in the second quarter, both Benito and Logan Cummins were sidelined with ankle problems. Cummins, who shores up the Tiger line, along with the Villa, both are mainstays on the Tiger defense.

Already trailing by 13, Kopet was moved back into the quarterback position, and mid-way through the second quarter, brought Tiger fans to their feet when he broke loose on a 68-yard run, that took the ball down to the Warrior 5-yard line before he was tackled from behind. The Tigers were not able to capitalize on the play and after four tries were not able to penetrate the Warrior goal line.

With the momentum change in the 3rd period, following Kopet's fumble recovery for a score, the Tigers held the Warriors on a fourth down situation, forcing them to punt with 5 minutes remaining in the quarter. From their own 35-yard line, the Tigers mounted their first sustained offensive drive of the evening, marching 65 yards in 9 plays. The drive was climaxed in the opening moments of the 4th quarter when Kopet passed to Gerson Montoya on a touch-down pass that covered 17-yards. The Tigers were still short on the scoreboard by 1 point as they were unable to convert the extra point attempt by Kopet on a run-

ning play. The score came with 11:51 remaining in the game.

Socorro, aided by two 15-yard facemask penalties, retaliated with a 15-point scoring surge to finish out the game.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Warriors charged into the Tiger endzone on a 62-yard drive, adding 6 points with 10:10 remaining, and then mid-way through the final stanza, caught Kopet in the endzone for their 2nd safety of the evening, giving them another 2 points and forcing the Tigers to free kick from their own 20-yard line.

In their final possession of the evening, the Warriors pushed over the Tiger goal line for 7 points with only 1:02 remaining in the game. The win gave the Warriors a 2-0 district win-loss record while the Tigers fell to 0-2.

HOST SILVER COLTS FRIDAY
In their final home game of the 2017 regular season, the Tigers will host the Silver High Colts in Tiger Stadium. Although the Colts only have one win on the season (they beat the Cobre Indians 27-6 last Friday), the Colts have played a strong schedule. Their losses out of state have been to Clint, TX 42-8, Bowie, El Paso TX 40-17 and to Round Valley AZ 34-7. Their in-state losses have been to Ruidoso 33-32, Chaparral 45-6 and Deming 36-31. The Colts are 1-0 in district play with their victory over Cobre. Kick-off is slated for 7 p.m.

Municipal School Board Meeting
By Samantha Gonzalez
On Thursday, Oct. 12, the school board met with the community and teachers who attended the meeting. The meeting consisted of Article Nine revisions and a revised 2017-2018 calendar for the school year. The board also discussed with Larry McDonald, from Wilson & Company, about hiring a contractor to create the new workout room at Hot Springs High. The building is set to cost \$1.5 million and will be five thousand square feet in total. McDonald also went on to say that they needed more money for the project, if not then the school board needed to consider alterations to the building such as using less expensive material.

Rebecca Bartoo was next on the agenda with the students in her National Geographic program. The students went on an all expense paid trip to Washington to attend the Nat Geo project. The kids also presented a video to the school board asking for better water fountains at the middle school. The board politely said they would certainly take it into consideration.

For administrator reports, the Middle school grade levels are increasing in their testing scores and learning, the elementary have said they have good gains. They will be having a book fair coming up on Oct. 27-Nov. 3.

The third grade class will be going to the pumpkin patch on Oct. 26.

Arrey reported that their new lights have been fixed and are working fine.

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SCORE BY QUARTERS

TIGERS	0	0	6	6
WARRIORS	10	3	0	15

Tigers	Stats	Warriors
9	First Downs	15
43	# of Plays	56
107	Rushing	204
74	Passing	77
6 for 44	Ret/Yds	4 for 86
0 fo 0	Int Yds	0 for 0
225	Total Yds	367
12 for 68	Penalties	11 for 115
21.32	Possession	26.28

1st Quarter:

Warriors (7:09) - Payson Hicks 10 yard pass from Clinton Wellborn, 42 yard drive, 7 plays. Thomas Padilla run for 2 points. Poss. 3:15.

Warriors (2:50) - Safety

2nd Quarter:

Warriors (10:11) - Devan Webb 27 yard field goal. 66 yard drive 9 plays. Poss 4:36.

3rd Quarter:

Tigers (7:05) - Chris Kopet 9 yard fumble recovery. Chris Kopet pass to Victor Garcia no good. Poss: .03.

4th Quarter:

Tigers (11:51) - Gerson Montoya 17 yard pass from Chris Kopet, 65 yard drive 9 plays. Chris Kopet run no good. Poss. 5:09.

Warriors (10:10) - Thomas Padilla 1 yard run, 62 yard drive, 5 plays. Clinton Wellborn pass to Ian Jordison incomplete. Poss. 1:41.

Warriors (6:15) Safety

Warriors (1:02) - Thomas Padilla 11 yard run, 45 yard drive, 8 plays. Devan Webb kick good. Poss. 4:24.



LONG RUN – Tiger Chris Kopet (7) broke through the Warrior secondary Friday night in Tiger Stadium and raced 68 yards before the Warriors were able to bring him down on the Warrior 5 yard line.



SACK – Tiger Logan Cummins (56) tackles Warrior Clinton Wellborn (15) for a loss during first half action in Tiger Stadium. Logan sustained an ankle injury during first half of play and was sidelined for the remainder of the game.



SWARM OF TIGERS – Warrior Payson Hicks (5) is swarmed by a host of Tigers for a loss during the first quarter. The play ended with the Warriors losing 8 yards. Tigers making the play included Chris Kopet (7), Benito Villa (25) and Shane Holman (70).



STIFF ARM – Warrior Thomas Padilla (3) attempts to alude Tiger defender Chris Kopet with a stiff arm but to no avail. Kopet made the stop during the first half.



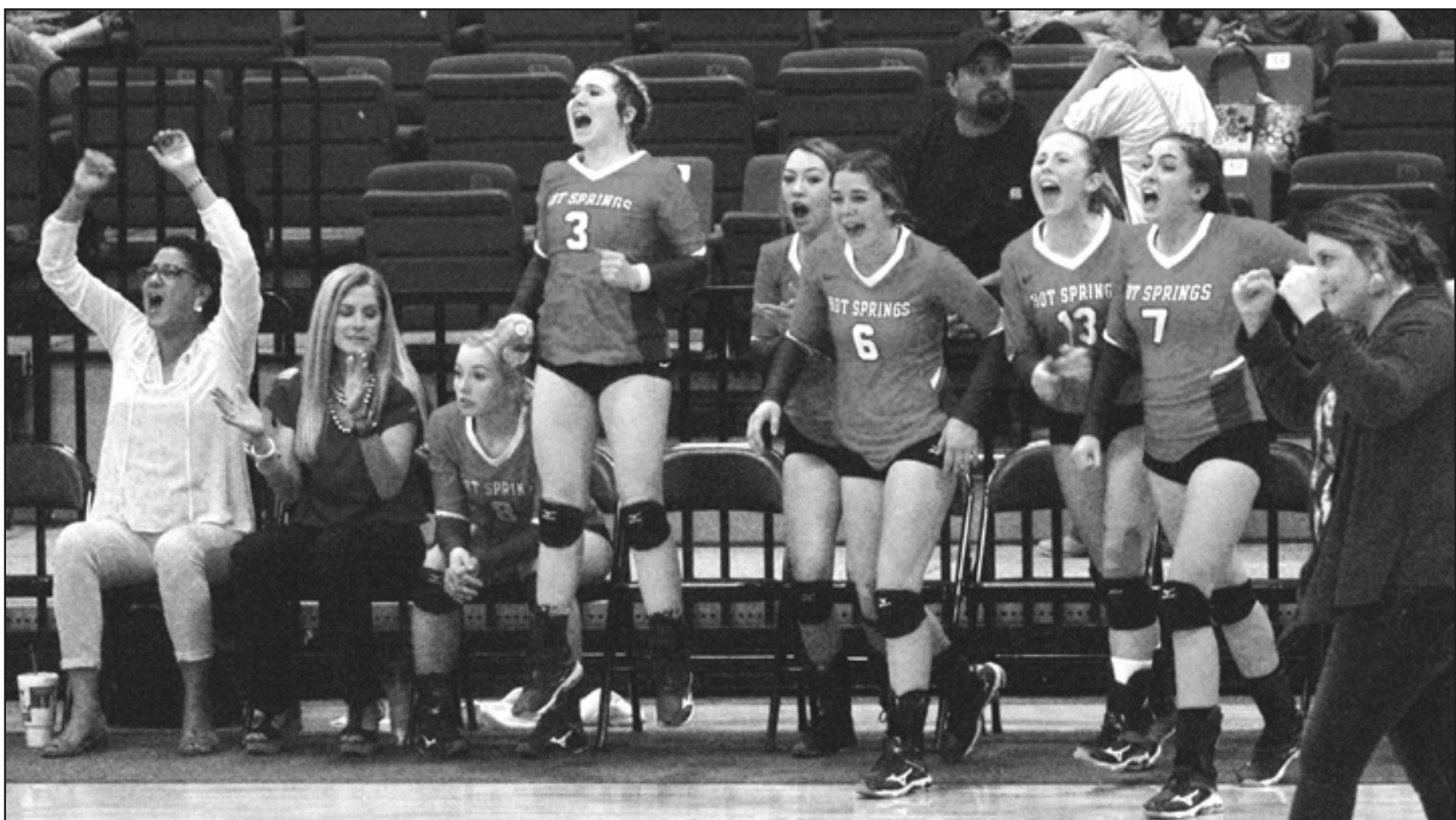
ALMOST BLOCKED – Tiger Benito Villa (25) almost blocked a pass by Warrior Clinton Wellborn (15) Friday night. Benito caused the pass to go incomplete.



CAUGHT FROM BEHIND – Tiger Seth Childress (20) is brought down from behind during Friday night's football action in Tiger Stadium. The Warriors held the Tigers to 107 yards rushing.



DRAW A CROWD – Tiger Gerson Montoya (5) seemed to draw a crowd every time he ran the ball. Montoya was held to 35 yards rushing Friday night, however, he caught 4 passes for a total of 54 yards and scored one of the two touchdowns for the Tigers.



STAYING ALIVE - Hot Springs head coach Schalicia Degase (far right) and her Tiger bench celebrate after forcing a fifth set during District 3-4A volleyball action against visiting Silver on Thursday, Oct. 12. The Lady Colts escaped the home team's upset bid, earning a hard-fought five set-match. The Tigers are at Cobre and Socorro this week, and close out the regular season next week against visiting Hatch Valley. **HERALD photos/TONY A. ARCHULETA**

Silver Survives Upset Minded Hot Springs

By Tony A. Archuleta 13, 25-18, 25-10.
HERALD Reporter Hot Springs, 4-13 overall and 1-4 in district, is Call it the Silver mystique or call it series dominance.

Either way, the visiting Lady Colts foiled hard-charging Hot Springs' come-from-behind upset bid on Thursday, Oct. 12, in District 3-4A volleyball action.

The visiting Colts – not as imposing height-wise as in recent years – still stood tallest in Tiger Gym, winning the hotly-contested match in five sets – 25-12, 22-25, 25-13, 21-25 and 15-11.

The Tigers struggled in the first set.

But third-year head coach Schalicia Degase and her team ignored the early adversity and pushed on, bringing the HSHS bench and fans to their feet on multiple occasions throughout the match.

Earlier in the week, the Tigers traveled to Hatch Valley where they lost the league rivalry match in three straight sets. The Lady Bears won it 25-

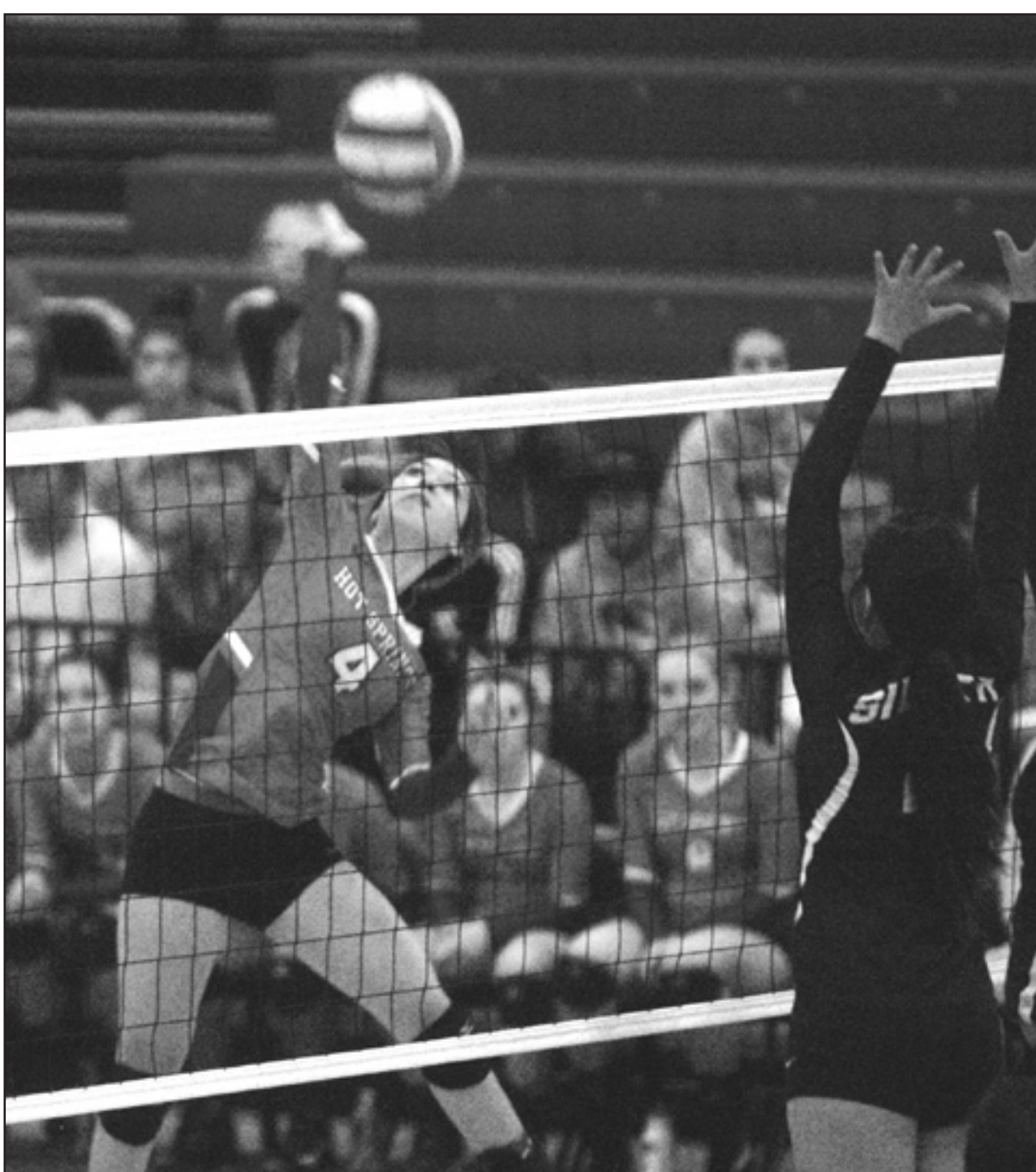
Earlier this season, the Tigers beat visiting Socorro in four sets and lost to Cobre, also at Tiger Gym, in three straight sets.

Hot Springs wraps up the regular District 3-4A season next week, hosting Hatch Valley on Thursday, Oct. 26.

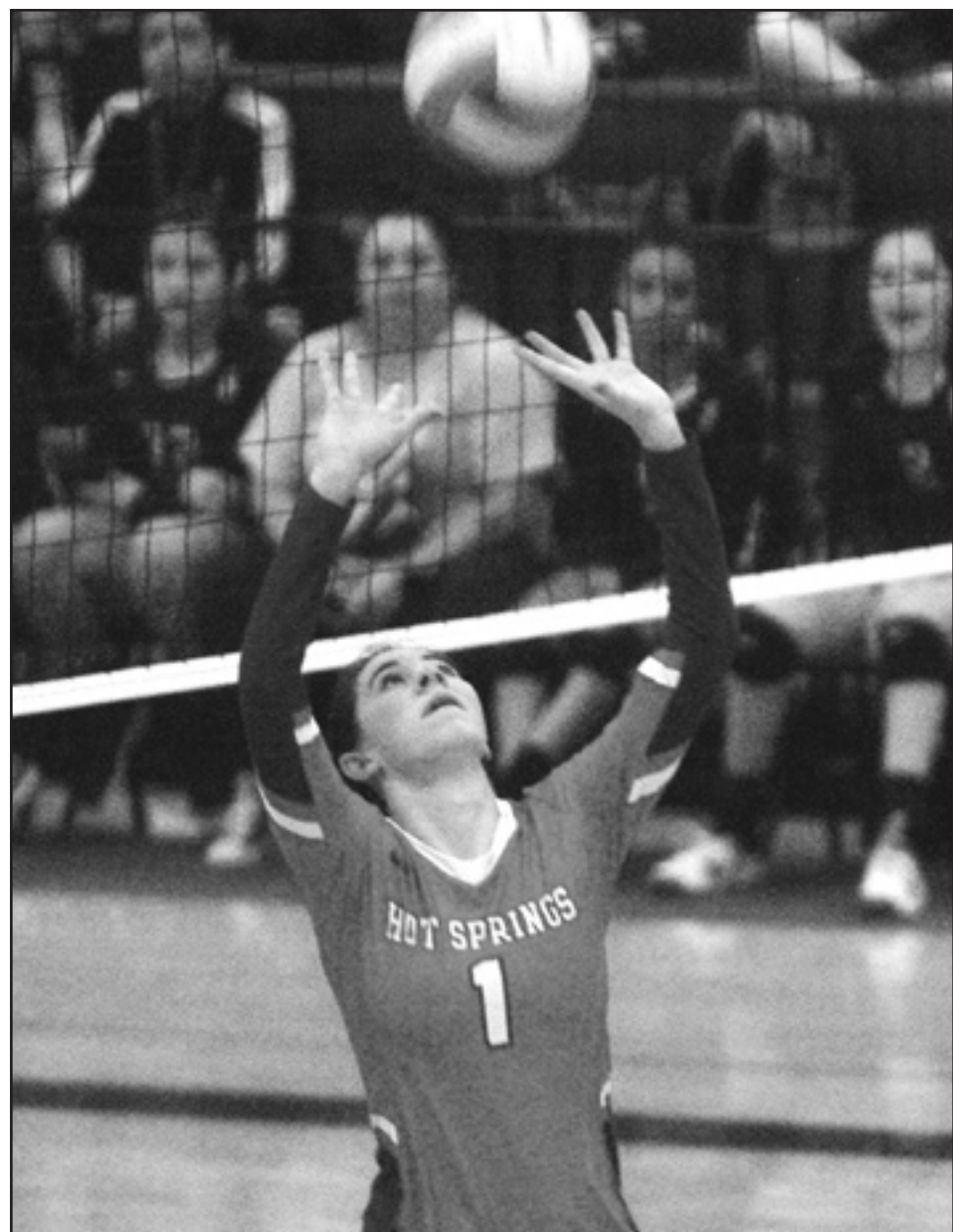
The District Tournament takes place the week of Oct. 30 – Nov. 4.

At this point in the season last year, the Tigers were 7-10 on the season and 2-3 in district, but they may pose more of a threat this post-season taking into account their strong performance against the likes of Silver last week.

Having been upset by Cobre in the early round of last year's tournament, the Tigers may be poised to play the part of spoiler this time around.



Hot Springs senior outside hitter Alyssa Jeffers (#4)



Hot Springs senior setter Makayla Lang (#1)



HSHS senior libero Mariah Montoya (right), sophomore right-side hitter Taylor Hearn (#11) and junior middle hitter Jaileen Loera (#10)