

The Redfield-Doland Volleyball Places 5th at State

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The girls volleyball team left Wednesday, November 19, and headed east to Watertown to compete in the State Volleyball tournament. When they arrived, they headed to the court to. Following practice, they went to the motel where they got situated and rested up for their big day on Thursday.

The Redfield-Doland Pheasants got paired with the last year defending state champions, Dakota Valley. They Pheasant did not come out with the win, but worked really hard. The ending scores were: 25-24, 25-19, and 25-11.



The Lady Pheasants gather around to celebrate the end of their season with fifth place at the State Tournament.

On Friday, the girls took on a conference team, the Sisseton Redmen. As the Pheasants did in the earlier part of the season, they added another win to their record. “I thought the state tournament was fun, and a great experience. I wouldn’t have wanted to spend it with any other girls,” Nikia Whitley said.

When the Lady Pheasants took the win against Sisseton, it put them in the 5th and 6th place consolation match against Lead-Deadwood. The Pheasants didn’t want to end the season with a loss, so they worked hard and came out with a win in three sets. The ending scores were: 25-17, 25-23, and 25-20. The Pheasants took 5th in the state tournament with an overall season record of 26-5.

“Winning the consolation championship was a tremendous way for our season to end. I was very proud of the way the girls played and even more so for their great attitude. This was a special team that was a lot of fun to coach and be around,” Coach Joel Osborn said.