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In a warm-up for the Liberal Invitational that will take place Saturday at the Big House, Liberal dominated the competition in a quad Tuesday.

In what was virtually an Orange and Black quad, it was the ladies in red and black that finished with a perfect record.

Liberal started by defeating Guymon 25-18, 25-23. The Lady Tigers entered the match ranked in Oklahoma with an 8-2 record.

The Lady Redskins then dispatched Ulysses 25-11, 25-19.

Liberal ended the day by crushing Colby 25-15, 25-11.

Liberal head coach Thais Baziquetto was looking for a more consistent effort from her Lady Redskins at the quad than what she saw at Ark City, and that's exactly what she got.

"We played better," Baziquetto said.

Baziquetto's concern at Ark City was the letdown the Lady Redskins would experience when they reached 20 points.

“That;s the reason we lost to Circle,” she said. Circle went on to win the Ark City tournament, but Liberal played them closer than anyone.

“We played well un il we got to 20 points,” Baziquetto said. “Then, we stopped playing. Here, we didn’t. If we would have played consistent like this against Circle, the result might have been different.”

As the Lady Redskins gain experience, they are seeing better results on the court.

“We are improving offensively and defensively at every tournament,” Baziquetto said. “We are developing more team chemistry every day. We need to continue to improve by state.”

Baziquetto has a unique set of challenges. She is trying to implement a new system with experienced seniors while developing young talent that is needed to shore up some spots on the floor. At any given time, Liberal has had three and sometimes a combination of four freshmen and sophomores.

One of those is freshman Katie Garcia.

“Katie is improving tremendously,” Baziquetto said. “She is getting to know her hitters, and she is getting more consistent with her sets.”

The Lady Redskins will return to the Big House Saturday in their final home appearance of the season.

And there is a potential that the Lady Redskins may see the Lady Mustangs.

Last year, the two battled for the championship.

“It is sad because it is so early in the season and Saturday will be our last home match,” Baziquetto said. “But the girls take pride in playing at home. They play hard here.”