Black and Gold Player Spotlight

The Pine Needle sits down with UNCP basketball player Kristen Hobbs during the 2010-2011 season.

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What were your feelings for yourself and the team on how the season went?
My expectations into the final month of the season is that we should win out the rest of our games. We have already played the hardest teams in our schedule, it is now time to get some wins under our belt and have good momentum going into the conference tournament.

Describe your experience as a UNCP student athlete.
Obviously student-athlete means that I am a student first and an athlete second. By doing so, I have been able to really focus on my major while being able to play the two sports that I love most! Some people do not like the student-athlete life because they feel as though it takes away from their social life. I, however, feel that this is my last chance to do what I love, so why not?

What is your most exciting basketball moment?
It has to be my freshman year when we played North Georgia. It was ThinkPink Day and my grandmother was also there to cheer me on. I ended up scoring my career best 20 points. It was great to be able to do that in front of her and my family.

Who/what are your biggest inspirations, in basketball and life?
In basketball I would have to say Kay Yow. She is an inspiration to everyone but especially female athletes and coaches. She showed everyone that cancer was not going to keep her from doing what she loved most.

What do you do personally before a game?
Before a game I try to take somewhat of a short nap. It helps me calm myself down. I also like listening to music, but when I do not have my iPod there is nothing better to do than sleep.

2010-2011 Stats
Through 17 games - averaging 4.4 points/game, 75 points this season

Bio of the week
Kristen Hobbs
Year - Junior
Sport - Basketball
Position - Guard
Hometown - Granite Falls, N.C.
Major - Coaching and Teaching