Seniors push Lady Braves to a solid final season

By Nick Phillips

A season of change is on the horizon for the UNCP women's basketball program as six seniors closed out their collegiate careers at the conclusion of the 2010-2011 season. Our year went about like I thought. I thought we would be very competitive within the league, we would be involved in a lot of close games, and we’d have a chance to win several games, and we did.” head coach Hanskin said.

Significant improvements were made in the Lady Braves’ losses.

According to Hanskin, the Lady Braves were a 16-9 team versus a 10-17 team. UNCP’s 5.1 turnovers per game were down from 11.2.

Haskins also hinted at a new offensive scheme for next year. The current game plan calls for post players to be involved more in decision making, but the Lady Braves know that they are not consistent enough right to win games all the time.

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