Volleyball extends streak against Broncos

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The UNCP volleyball team made the short trip up I-95 on Sept. 20 to take on regional rival Fayetteville State. As the Lady Braves downed the Broncos 3-1 in the first of two meetings between the two schools this season.

The win improved the Lady Braves’ record to 8-3 on the season and extended UNCP’s current winning streak in the series to three straight. The lower number that came out of the win was that the Lady Braves are now 42-4 all-time against Fayetteville State.

The Lady Braves finished the night with a team attack percentage over .111 in just one of the four sets, their lowest percentage of the season. UNCP was lucky in the fact that Fayetteville State registered lower attack percentages while also ending a three-match losing streak against the Lady Braves in kills for her third-straight contest.

Junior Rebecca Morgan has led the team in three straight contests. She has recorded 11 kills on the night to lead the Lady Braves in kills for her third-straight match, while sophomore Shay Peterson contributed a second-best nine kills. Marissa Baker continued her excellent defensive play, as the freshman finished with 18 digs for the Lady Braves.

Senior Captain Rachel Billington said. “Like we didn’t know what to own,” UNCP head coach Jeff Morgan ran the UNCP offense, dishing out 25 assists for the Lady Braves.

Fellow junior Scott Lambert finished with a 143 digs for the season, hitting .219 batting percentage as UNCP’s lead hitter.

Men’s golf takes second place at Fall Classic

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The UNCP men’s golf team opened up their 2010 season on Sept. 18 as they brought home runner-up honors at the Honda of Columbia Fall Classic. The Braves had three golfers finish in the top-15 as they finished with a total team score of 579, 7-over all, and were 10 strokes back of tournament host and first place Newberry College.

Junior Jordan Walor, a NCAA All-American and U.S. Amateur Championship qualifier, led the Braves with a three-under third place finish. Walor’s two round total of 141 was one shot short of putting him in the playoff between Newberry teammates Matthew Campbell and Ben Lown.

As a team, the Braves led the tournament with 120 pars on the day. UNCP took home first place honors at the tournament in 2009 on Sept. 20 and 21 in the Laker Invitational in Hamlin, Ga., followed by the Myrtle Beach Intercollegiate on Oct. 4 and 5.

Volleyball finishes 3-1 at U of Charleston tourney

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The UNCP volleyball team rolled off its second consecutive 3-1 weekend tournament record after traveling to the Charleston Fall Classic earlier this fall. With wins over Charleston and E. Jones Center.


The difference in the match was that Montevallo played with a high hitting percentage throughout the three sets as compared to the Lady Braves.

The mostly upperclassmen roster of Montevallo raised their season average to 0.236 hitting percentage as they finished with 18 digs for the Lady Braves.

Senior Rachel Young also added seven kills to the Lady Braves’ PBC record to 6-2 overall and 1-0 in the PBC, while also ending a three-match losing streak against Augusta State.

Junior transfer Rebecca Morgan ran the UNCP offense well in her first game outside the English E. Jones Center. She finished with 18 kills. Fellow junior transfer Heather Bolwerk added 14 digs defensively and dished out 34 assists in her match in front of the home crowd.

After changing back to take the first set 26-24, the Lady Braves dropped the first set 25-11. Brittany Robinson and Jara Phillips finished with 11 total blocks in the match. Montevallo finished with five blocks.

When we got them out of system, they were still in system somehow. Us on the other hand, when we got out of system, we were scrambling around and we looked like we didn’t know what to do,” UNCP head coach Jeff Billington said.

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Junior Heather Bolwerk dished out 25 assists with sophomore Morgan Ridge adding seven assists of her own.

Defensively, Morgan and Marissa Baker each had 14 digs for the match. The loss evened the Lady Braves’ PBC record to 1-1, while moving their overall record to 7-3.

In the all-important fifth set, the Lady Braves rallied back for a 25-16 win in the second set before losing in set four falling in set four 25-16. The Lady Braves were in control throughout and came away with a 15-1 win to take the match. In their final match of the tournament, UNCP beat West Liberty in convincing fashion. The Lady Braves took the opening set 25-14 before losing set two 25-13 and finishing off the win by a 25-16 score.

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