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Lady Braves finish 2-1 at Lees-McRae tri-match

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Senior Rebecca Morgan’s big night was enough to push the UNCP volleyball team past Fayet- teville State on Sept. 14, as the Lady Braves lost 3-1 at FSU’s Felton J. Capel Arena.

The loss was only the Lady Braves’ fifth in 16 matches in the all-time se- ries against Fayetteville State.

The Broncos won the first set 25-22 before leap- ing out to a comfortable lead in the second set. But UNCP rallied back for a 25-22 win in set two.

The Broncos finished off the match as they won both set three and set four by tight, 25-22 scores.

Morgan led the Lady Braves with a .389 hitting percentage and a season- high 17 kills while adding 14 digs defen- sive.

Fellow seniors Allie Schneider and Tricia Varno each finished with seven kills, while sophomore Marissa Baker finished with 12 digs and junior Ashlyn Rebok led UNCP with 20 assists.

Senior Heather Bolwerk added 17 assists in the loss.

“I think that physically we have the talent and the potential to defeat any op- ponent on our schedule; however, sometimes we let our emotions get the best of us and we dwell on past mistakes. If we let go of them and move forward, we will be unstoppable,” junior Shay Peterson said about the match.