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25-22 score, before finishing with only a .111 team hitting percentage as Augusta State finished off the win over Peach Belt Conference opponents.

In the Southeast Region, the matchup ranked eighth highly contested sets.

Lady Braves 3-1 in four sets.

Augusta State upended the Lady Patriots hang around early as the Lady Braves did not look their best, letting the Lady Patriots hang around early as the Lady Braves just could not put it all together, looking very sluggish as they lost the first set 25-22.

After dropping the night’s first set, the UNCP volleyball team came back for a hard-fought 3-1 win over Peach Belt Conference foe Francis Marion on Oct. 20.

After fighting to win the third set, the Lady Braves earned their eighth double-double of the season with 13 kills and 13 digs in UNCP’s comeback win on Oct. 20.

By Justin Thomas
Sports Writer

In the final set, UNCP led from the beginning, gaining momentum as the home crowd got involved and showed their support, willing UNCP to victory in a well battled set. The Lady Braves came back from six points down to win 26-24.

“Yes, we are not capable of doing so. But win the Peach Belt championship and prove everybody wrong who thinks we are not capable of doing so.”

My expectations for my team and myself is to not only compete in the Peach Belt but win the Peach Belt championship and prove everybody wrong who thinks we are not capable of doing so. Describe your experience as a UNCP student athlete.

My experience at UNCP as a student athlete has been great. It’s been kind of tough being a chemistry major and having all kinds of practices and team events, but I have managed somehow.

What is your most exciting basketball moment?

It’s kind of a different environment. Some people like to be left alone to get focused, and some like to act crazy and have fun and just get loose.

Who are your inspirations, in basketball and in life?

God is definitely my No. 1 inspiration. He has been there through thick and thin.

Also, my grandfather instilled a work ethic that has got me where I am today. I just try to work hard and make him proud as he is looking down on me from heaven. He inspires me still everyday.

In basketball, anybody that has worked hard to prove people wrong and make it in basketball those are the people who inspire me.

What do you personally do before a game?

Before games, I get there early, get ready, then go get taped, text my girlfriend and then chill while I stretch and get loose while listening to my iPod, before our pregame talk; then it’s game time.

2009 Season

Played in 23 games, averaging 3.5 points and 4.0 rebounds per game, finished second on the team with 20 total blocks.

13 kills and 13 digs on offense.

Defensive effort, to tally 24 digs in the match.

Junior Rebecca Morgan added nine kills, and junior Tiara Anderson tallied eight kills in the match.

Senior Rachel Young added nine kills, and junior Rebecca Morgan, who finished with a team-high 11 kills, while also adding seven digs and two service aces.

UNCP earns emotional win over Francis Marion

By Nick Phillips
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Looking at the two team’s records coming into their Oct. 26 matchups, UNCP had an advantage in the win column and in the Peach Belt Conference standings.

However, homestanding Augusta State upended the Lady Braves 3-1 in four highly contested sets.

UNCP which came into the matchup ranked eighth in the Southeast Region, won the opening set by a 25-22 score, before finishing with only a .111 team hitting percentage in the second set to lose 26-24.

In the third set, Augusta State used a .244 team hitting percentage to win 25-21, before UNCP finished the fourth set with a .000 hitting percentage as Augusta State finished off the match by a 25-15 score.

Offensively, the Lady Braves were led by junior Rebecca Morgan, who finished with a team-high 11 kills, while also adding adding seven digs and two service aces.

Senior Rachel Young added nine kills, and junior Tiara Anderson tallied eight kills in the match.

Junior Heather Bolwerk dished out 29 assists to run the offense, while she also added 11 digs defensively for her fifth double-double of the season.

Freshman Matisa Baked led the Lady Braves defensive effort, totaling 24 digs.

The exciting second set featured both teams going down to the wire with eight ties before the Lady Braves won 30-28.

In the third set, the Lady Braves started gaining momentum as the home crowd got involved and showed their support, willing UNCP to victory in a well battled set. The Lady Braves came back from six points down to win 26-24.

“One big set to win. It gave us a lot of energy and momentum for the fourth set,” Bolwerk said.

“We knew what we had to do to win, and just kept fighting for each point until we could close it off,” Bolwerk added.

After fighting to win the third set, the Lady Braves rolled in the fourth set, hitting on all cylinders for a 25-9 win over the Lady Patriots.

In the final set, UNCP led from the beginning, gaining momentum as the set continued.

“That last set was a lot of fun,” Bolwerk commented.

“It was fun to see our fans getting into the game and also having lots of energy,” she concluded.

Junior Rebecca Morgan earned her eighth double-double of the season with 13 kills and 13 digs on defense.

Bolwerk had a career-high 50 assists running the offense, and freshman Marissa Miller recorded 32 digs on defense.

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