Lady Braves drop PBC match in Alabama

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The UNCP volleyball team made the long trip to Peach Belt Conference foe Montevallo on Oct. 30, but, unfortunately for the Lady Braves, the trip was a quick one, as Montevallo won in straight sets.

The Lady Braves fell by scores of 25-15 in the opening set and 25-17 in the final two sets. UNCP never led in the first set, finishing with a .054 team hitting percentage in the set. In contrast, Montevallo had a .454 hitting percentage in the same set.

The second set didn’t get any better for UNCP as they totaled seven kills but nine errors. Montevallo finished the set with only four errors committed.

In the final set, the Lady Braves finished with their highest hitting percentage on the night at .065, while Montevallo saw its worst hitting set of the night.

Unfortunately for UNCP, Montevallo’s .184 hitting percentage was over 100 points higher than the Lady Braves.

The Lady Braves were led on the offensive side of the net by fellow juniors Eman Al-Aswadi and Tiara Anderson as both finished with six kills.

Al-Aswadi also connected for four blocks on defense for UNCP.

Junior Heather Bolwerk passed out 20 assists for UNCP, while also adding 12 digs to lead the team. Junior Allie Schneider, freshman Marissa Baker and senior Caitlin Haworth each finished with seven digs defensively for UNCP.

The loss moves the Lady Braves’ record to 18-10 overall and 5-6 in the PBC, while Montevallo also has a 18-10 record overall but is 9-2 in the PBC.

Volleyball finishes 2-1 at Pacer Invitational

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The UNCP volleyball team added two wins to its season total on Oct. 22 and 23, earning wins against Coker and Davis & Elkins, while losing to Palm Beach Atlantic at the Pacer Volleyball Invitational.

The Lady Braves took care of Coker to open the tournament and win in straight sets, winning by scores of 25-13, 25-19 and 25-17.

UNCP finished with a team hitting percentage of .228 over the three sets, recording 10 blocks overall.

Junior Heather Bolwerk gave out 14 assists throughout the match, while freshman Madison Greiner finished with six kills and junior Allie Schneider added five kills for the Lady Braves.

Bolwerk also added three kills and nine digs to the UNCP statsheet, while senior Caitlin Haworth also led the Lady Braves with nine digs. Freshman Megan Gallimore finished with four blocks to lead the defense.

To finish the first day’s action, the Lady Braves were dropped in three competitive sets to Palm Beach Atlantic by scores of 25-22, 25-18 and 25-22.

UNCP only blocked three shots against Palm Beach Atlantic and finished with team hitting percentages of just .152, .000 and .091, respectively, in the three sets.

Offensively, juniors Rebecca Morgan totaled 11 kills, while seniors juniors Tricia Varno added seven kills and Tiara Anderson finished with six kills.

Bolwerk dished out 31 assists in the loss, while adding seven digs, and freshman Marissa Baker led the Lady Braves with 10 digs.

UNCP finished the tournament with another quick match, this time defeating Davis & Elkins in straight sets. The Lady Braves took the sets by scores of 25-11, 25-21 and 25-15.

Anderson and Schneider finished with nine and eight kills, respectively, to lead the UNCP offense.

Sophomore Morgan Ridge passed out 15 assists while Bolwerk added 12 assists.

Defensively, Baker tallied a team-high 16 digs and Haworth added 10 digs of her own.

After the tournament, the Lady Braves’ record moved to 18-8 overall and remained at 5-4 in the Peach Belt Conference.

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