Volleyball grabs emotional wins

By Nick Phillips

The UNCP volleyball team came back from behind not once, but twice in a row on Nov. 4 and 5, grabbing back-to-back five-set victories and securing the third-seed in the Peach Belt Conference tournament that begins on Nov. 11.

Against Augusta State on Nov. 4, the Lady Braves came out on top of a back-and-fourth battle, as the two teams traded set victories throughout the night before UNCP grabbed the decisive fifth set.

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Jeff Billington said.

The third place finish is the best finish for the Lady Braves in 16 years, since the team was under coach Davey Langley in 1994, and their third best finish since joining the PBC in 1992.

Friday night thriller

Against Augusta State, the Lady Braves captured game one 25-23 before Augusta State took game two, 25-23. UNCP regrouped for game three with a 25-20 win but yet again the Jaguars sought the 25-19 win in game four.

The final set began with UNCP jumping out to a 7-2 lead before Augusta State rallied, and the two teams traded points before the Lady Braves grabbed the 21-19 victory.

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