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The UNCP women’s basketball team dropped their conference opener 75-55 to No. 3 Bears of Lan- der University.

The loss moved the Black and Gold’s record to 2-1 on the season and 0-1 in the Peach Belt Conference, while it pushes the Bears’ record to 5-0 on the season and 1-0 in the PBC.

The Lady Braves were led in scoring by Briana Stanton with 14 points and 10 rebounds en route to lead UNCP, as she also grabbed seven rebounds. The guard’s family members were among Kemp’s honor, along with her fellow senior JaToya Kemp. Kemp’s family members also added two steals on the night.

Junior Domonique Washington, the Lady Braves’ leading scorer, totaled eight points and two rebounds.

While the win pushes the Lady Braves to 3-0 overall with the win. The Bearcats never took the lead to as much as 20 points and made better decisions. In the second half we got stops, we attacked the back-boards and got to the free throw line, and I think that was the difference in the game,” Haskins added.

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