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The UNCP wrestling team competed in the 2008 Newberry Duals Dec. 17 hosted by Newberry College in Elgin.

The Braves posted a 1-3 record at the duals, with three wrestlers posting a 3-1 mark or better in their matches.

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The Lady Braves basketball face Lakers in their second conference game 76-68 over a determined Lander squad Jan. 5, falling to the Bears 12-69 in a two point road heartbreaker.

With the score tied at 66 with a minute and a half left to go, the Braves were unable to survive the tough road test, allowing Lander to remain undefeated in the Peach Belt Conference.

“We had a tough one last night against Lander,” head coach Ben Miller said. “We were on the road in conference and had a few execution errors down the stretch.”

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Junior Andrea Laza, in her third season as current- ly the conference All-Academic team with 81 blocks and a .268 hitting percentage with a final mark of .268.

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Rebounds 39.1 rpg
Assists 13.1 apg

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Thirteen percent was the game’s largest lead.

Clark and another Braves player added 11 and 10 points respectively.

It was the 10th time in 16 meetings that the road team has taken the win in the series, with Clayton State holding a 9-7 all-time advantage over the Lady Braves.