

BASKETBALL SEASON RETURNS TO CAPEL ARENA

WOMENS BASKETBALL

FAYETTEVILLE, NC - Basketball season is here! This evening, the Fayetteville State Lady Broncos christened Felton J. Capel Arena with a 90-57 victory over Barber-Scotia. Transfer senior Kristen Hanzer led the baptism with a game high 18 points. The remaining starting back-court of Akysia Resper and Alicia Person also scored in double-figures with 12 and 10 points respectively. FSU led 43-27 at the half.

"Our pressure defense set the tone for the game forcing them into 31 total turnovers", said FSU Head Coach Eva Patterson-Heath. "We did a good job on offense sharing the ball with 23 assists.

Kristen Hanzer (Youngsville, NC) led the effort in the first half with nine points. With limited action after intermission, she quickly made 3-of-4 from the field and the same from the charity stripe for nine more points. Shuanda Ashford (Sr., Fayetteville, NC) chipped in 3-of-5 from the post for a first half seven points. Ashford grabbed a team high eight boards for the game. Five of them were defensive.

Pre-season All-CIAA Akysia Resper (Jr., Concord, NC), who started at point guard, took control in the second half scoring ten of her 12 points. She converted four of her six fields goals with one of them being the team's only three-pointer of the game. Resper dished out a total seven assists. On the receiving end of most of Resper's assists was Alicia Person (Sr., Henderson, NC).

FSU shot 56.3 percent (18-of-32) from the floor and scored 20 points from the Lady Sabers 16 turnovers in the first half. Follow the break the Lady Broncos continued the pressure on defense forcing BSC into 15 more turnovers. The team kept its consistency with 57.6 percent (19-of-32) shooting from the field.

MENS BASKETBALL

FAYETTEVILLE, NC- Fayetteville State's Tyrell Tate and Anthony Shelton combined their talents to stampede Barber-Scotia 83-63 in Felton J. Capel Arena. The duo scored more than half (44 points) of the Broncos points on opening night. Shelton led the first half with 21 of his 24 points as FSU led at halftime 44-42. Tate dominated the second half with 14 of his 20 points. "It was an exciting time for a regular season basketball game," commented Head Coach Alphonza Kee. "It was an outstanding crowd for it to be Veterans Day weekend. We played hard and good enough to win."

Barber-Scotia (0-1 overall) put forth a gallant effort during the first half. The Sabers led by as much as nine points and held the advantage throughout the half. BSC made five-of-nine three-pointers and 11-of-18 free throws.

Through six tied scores and nine lead changes, the Broncos took a two-point advantage before the intermission horn. Anthony Shelton (So., Cary, NC) had the best opening game of his career. He made five-of-seven field goals from behind the arc. Shelton finished the game six-of-eight from three-point land (a career best) and eight-of-ten from the field.

Tyrell Tate (Jr., Raleigh, NC) pounded the middle during the second half with 14 points (six-of-eight field goals). He was perfect from the line making all four of his free throws during the game. Travis Marcus (Jr., Washington, DC) also scored in double-figures with ten points.

Jabraile Newkirk scored 17 points to lead the Sabers. Lee Sweeney tipped in 13 points while LaKeith Scott added ten. Barber-Scotia committed 19 turnovers and shot 33.8% from the field.

Lady Broncos Win UNCP in Non-Conference Finale

PEMBROKE, NC – The Fayetteville State volleyball team wrapped up its non-conference schedule on November 7th with a 3-1 (23-25, 26-24, 26-24, 29-27) road victory over the UNC Pembroke Braves at the English E. Jones Center. The Lady Broncos dropped the first set to the Braves, but came back to win the next three by two points each.

Joi Emanuel (Sr., Charlotte, NC) led Fayetteville State with 14 kills in the contest, while Ifeyinwa Nwokolo (Sr., Greensboro, NC) added 12. Shavon Shaw (Fr., Bethel, NC) tied her career-high of nine kills and Taylor Norris (So., Fayetteville, NC) had eight. Paige Horne (Jr., Southern Pines,

NC) dished out a team-high 27 assists, and JaMisha Jordan (Jr., Fayetteville, NC) recorded 27 digs.

Fayetteville State (22-5) recorded the first three points of the opening set, but after UNCP tied it at 3-3 never led from that point on. The Lady Broncos never trailed by more than three points, but could not get any closer. FSU had 14 kills to UNC Pembroke's 11, but committed seven attack errors in the set. The Braves recorded only three attack errors. Nwokolo led Fayetteville State in the first set with four kills.

FSU rallied late to win the second set 26-24 and tie the match at one apiece. The Lady Broncos led by as much as three points early in the set at 12-9, but UNC Pembroke (5-22) would go on a 9-4 run to lead 18-14. Fayetteville State tied the set 23-23 after an attack error by Marissa Baker, and then scored the final two points to pick up the set. The Braves led 15-13 in kills but had eight attack errors. Emanuel had a team-high three kills for the Lady Broncos.

The FSU defense was on display in the third set tallying four team blocks and forcing UNC Pembroke into 11 attack errors as it won 26-24. Fayetteville State scored the first six points to start the set and led 15-8 after a kill by Shaw. The Braves came back with a 12-4 run to lead 20-19 after a Sawyer Gray service ace. FSU had 11 kills as a team in the third set, led by Shaw's four.

Fayetteville State was forced to rally for a second time in the fourth set as it trailed 19-15 after a bad set by Norris. FSU tied the set at 22-22 but UNC Pembroke came right back with consecutive points to lead 24-22. A kill by Emanuel tied the set at 24-24 and the two teams followed by trading points until FSU sat at match point 28-27. Fayetteville State would win the set 29-27 after a ball handling error by Gray. Emanuel posted a team-high seven kills in the fourth set.

The Lady Broncos finished the match with 56 kills on 159 attempts, while the Braves collected 53 kills on 169 attempts. Fayetteville State totaled 10 team blocks, compared to five for UNC Pembroke.