



Volleyball Closes Out Successful Season in Division II Atlantic Regional vs. Wheeling Jeusuit (0-3)

WHEELING, W. VA - Fayetteville State will now close out its historic season with a 0-3 (25-10, 25-15, 25-10) Atlantic Region Tournament loss to host #1 Wheeling Jesuit (36-2 overall). The defeat ends a 10 game winning streak which includes a complete sweep of CIAA opponents and the Lady Broncos second berth into the NCAA playoffs. Seniors Joi Emanuel and Infeyinwa Nwokolo finished the night with four kills each.

"I don't think the score truly reflects how hard the young ladies played", fourth year Head Coach Reeshemah Johnson reflects. "They played hard and hung in there. We had a couple of mistakes that allowed Wheeling to take advantage and pull ahead. I'm actually extremely proud; seeing that this is our first time here and we have a group of younger players. I think we did well."

JaMisha Jordan (junior - Fayetteville, NC) finished with 10 digs. Nwokolo (Greensboro, NC) had a total of 12 attacks and four blocks (1 solo and 3 assisted). Emanuel (Charlotte, NC) finished with 14 total attacks.

Fayetteville State (28-6 overall) had 16

kills off of 68 attacks. Sixteen attack errors were made which went along with 14 service errors, four blocking errors and three ball handling miscues.

Wheeling Jesuit finished the game with 36 kills from 82 attacks. The Cardinals committed nine attack errors and two ball handling mistakes. Allissa Ware led the way for WJU with 12 kills with Madison Strall giving 18 assists. Makenzie Ripley had 16 digs.

"We wanted to play quick because the block was very big. If we weren't passing on target and mixing up the setting options; FSU was blocking us", said WJU Head Coach Christy Benner. "We really had to be quick and use everybody on the front line in the attack or FSU was camped out on us."

Fayetteville State University will hold a celebration for the Lady Broncos Volleyball team in early January when the spring semester begins.



"I wouldn't take anything back from my senior year. We played hard. We were a team. I really can't be down about the loss today; it was an experience and an honor."

-Joi Emanuel