

## SPORTS

## Volleyball team finishes regular season fourth in BSC

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The UNCA women's volleyball team lost to Winthrop Nov. 5. The Bulldogs also played High Point and Radford University at the Justice Center Nov. 9 and 11 and won both matches on the home court.

Senior Rory Kelly finished her last regular season game with (the Radford) match, and her teammates voted her Most Improved Player in the spring, according to head coach Julie Torbett.

"I am really excited they won because that guarantees that we host the first round of the tournament here," said UNCA Athletic Director Janet Cone. "What a great way for Rory to go out, the crowd was behind her. She played a great match, and of course Rose (Butler) got her 1,000th dig, and that was pretty awesome too. We're hosting the Big South, and we're glad we're in it."

"The friendships are definitely the best thing. I have come along way in my volleyball career and as a person, and it has really challenged me," said Kelly. "I appreciate the coaches and the time they spent with me. It is amazing to play in Division I. There are some fabulous fans."

Butler, an outside hitter on the team, tore her ACL in the last game of her freshman year, and spent her sophomore year working her way back.

"I busted my butt to get back in time for the season. I got back in three months when it usually takes people six to eight months," said Butler. "I really wanted to play, and I am proud that I am out here playing."

The team presented Butler with a Golden Shovel after the match for reaching her 1,000th dig.

"I actually did not know it was going to happen," said Butler. "Coach came up to me and said, 'Rose, I need you to get one more dig.' I said okay, I will. I did not know what was going on. I had no idea. When they announced it I was really surprised. It's awesome because defense is the heart of the game, and I am really proud of that."

Winthrop moved closer to achieving an unblemished regular season in the BSC with a 3-0 victory over UNCA. Jayna Baker led the Eagles with her best performance of the season.

After a 3-2 win in their earlier meeting at UNCA,



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Junior Kristi Havens and freshman Ashley Wrightenberry block the ball.

the Eagles jumped on the Bulldogs from the outset and took an early 11-1 lead in game one and never looked back en route to a 30-18 win. Winthrop followed that with a 30-16 win in the second game before closing out UNCA 30-25 in game three. Talia Ogle led the Bulldogs with 10 kills, while Butler recorded the team's best attack percentage at .217 with seven kills and two errors in 23 swings.

After dropping the opening game, UNCA rallied back to take the next three games all by two points to defeat High Point, 3-1.

High Point used a pair of big runs to take the opening game 30-21. The Bulldogs led the second game 12-5 and 24-16 before the Panthers went on an 11-0 run behind the serving of Lindsey Pickens, who had 19 kills and 12 digs in the match.

High Point led 27-24, but UNCA answered the run with five-straight points off Elif Unlu's serve giving the Bulldogs back the lead at 28-27. A kill by Allison Lambert gave UNCA game point, and a High Point return error evened the match at a game apiece.

High Point jumped out to a 9-2 lead in the fourth game as Jamie Kaufman ran off nine-straight points from the service line. UNCA battled back to tie the game at 16. A kill by Ogle gave the Bulldogs match point at 30-29, and on the ensuing rally, Amanda Wiles found open court to end the match and give UNCA the 3-1 victory.

Unlu led the Bulldogs with 15 kills and 20 digs, while Ogle recorded 12 kills and 19 digs. Lambert added 13 kills, while Butler and Megan Murphy added 18 and 16 digs, respectively.

The 30-18, 30-21, 30-16 victory over Radford assures the Bulldogs (8-5 BSC, 19-15 overall) no worse than a fourth seed in the Big South tournament.

Unlu paced UNCA with a match-high 10 kills. Wiles and Ogle each had eight, and Kelly contributed seven kills on Senior Night. Butler became the 12th player in Bulldog's history to record 1,000 career digs, picking up number 1,000 in game three. She had a match-high 15 digs giving her 1,003 for her career. Wiles and Ogle had 13 and 12 digs respectively for the Bulldogs.

UNCA hit over .300 in games one and three, finishing with a .254 team attack percentage while Radford hit .067 on the night. The Bulldogs had 11 service aces, four coming from Krysti Havens.

"Our number one goal was to be in the top four for the tournament, and we did that tonight," said Torbett. "By winning the match on Saturday night we could get second. We are in a three-way tie for second right now. Anything can happen in the tournament. We feel confident that, if we have to play Winthrop, we are going to give them a good match. We have worked really hard and I think they are probably 12 of the classiest college women that you could have the opportunity to work with."

The crowd gave the Bulldogs a standing ovation after their win against Radford and honored Kelly and Butler with applause.

"I think having a crowd like this, having home-court advantage is definitely key," said assistant coach Frederico Sanos. "The crowd has been very supportive tonight. I think if we start publicizing that, we will be playing at home on Tuesday night, we will get even more support. That is what these girls need. Hopefully we can come through on Tuesday as well."

School	BSC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Winthrop	14	0	29	2
Coastal	9	5	20	9
BSC	9	5	16	11
UNCA	8	6	19	17
Liberty	7	7	12	18
High Point	5	9	17	18
CSU	4	10	11	16
Radford	0	14	3	25

## Men's and women's basketball down Mars Hill

by Sarah Ingle  
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Both the men's and women's basketball teams took victories in the Nov. 6 exhibition games against Mars Hill.

The men's team defeated Mars Hill 77-69 in overtime.

"We played together, and we played hard," said head coach Eddie Biedenbach. "We did have an OK shot selection. In fact it was pretty good, but not what it needs to be from a standpoint of letting players get better shots."

Oliver Holmes scored 15 points, Steven Rush scored 17 and Bryan McCullough added 16 points in the game.

"It was a great win for us against Mars Hill," said forward Chad Mohn, junior economics major. "They are a very good Division II team and we were playing without some key players. The fan support was great, and I really think they helped us put them away in overtime."

The team is facing one of the same problems it did in last year's season, according to Biedenbach.

"A thing that was a major problem last year, and has been this year, has been injuries," said Biedenbach.

"I expected to have all of those injured guys back but we had those injuries occur again. I am very hopeful that this season will come together and we will have those guys play at a high level again."

"The five guys that I am counting on that are healthy are Mohn, Holmes, McCullough, C.J. Walker and Omar Collington."

Mars Hill had nine of their shots blocked by sophomore center Walker.

"The highlight of the game had to be all of the blocked shots made by Walker," said Mohn. "He put on a show, and the crowd loved it."



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Senior guard/forward Andrea Clapp tries to get open for a pass in the women's basketball team exhibition game against Mars Hill.

Biedenbach talked about what the team has been working on in practice.

"We work on team organization and plays," said Biedenbach. "We are trying to get the team together and we continue to work on our skills but it has been difficult because we have not had 10 healthy guys to practice against each other."

"We are behind, not only in condition, but in execution workability, so it is not where we need to be. We will get better all year long."

Mohn talked about what the team

needs to work on so they can do even better than last year's season.

"I would say that the team needs to work primarily on rebounding and defensive pressure," said Mohn. "We also need to get all of our injured players healthy again."

Their next game will be against Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas Nov. 19.

The women's team defeated Mars Hill, 68-59.

"I liked our full court pressure defense and our ability to get out and get some easy transition baskets,"

said head coach Betsy Blose.

Kristal Hood scored 15 points.

"I think that we did well in this game," said Hood, junior management major. "We still have a lot to improve on but it will come."

Andrea Clapp and Amanda Elder each scored 10 points, while Velinda Vuncannon added 13 points.

"I thought that we had good individual play from Vuncannon and Hood," said Blose. "They set our tone defensively and were able to get out and score in transition, and I thought that Clapp played well."

"Elder responded well for her first game in a new role. I thought that Lindsey Roche came off the bench and gave us a spark. We need for players to come off the bench and help us."

Hood talked about what the team worked on in practice.

"All we focus, stress and do in practice is defense and rebounding," said Hood.

Blose compared this basketball season to last year's season.

"We are in a whole new role this year," said Blose. "Last year we were the underdog and we were able to sneak up on people. Now we are in more of a hunted role, and it will be interesting and challenging to see how we will respond to our new role."

This year's team is "already better" than last year's team, according to Hood.

"All we need to do is get a better feeling for each other and people's strengths," said Hood.

Blose thinks that the team will be very competitive this season.

"We have a lot to learn, and we have a lot of returning players and we are counting on our guard play more than ever," said Blose. "Our experience is at that position and we have good depth there. We have some returning players who are being asked to step up and play more of a role this year."

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Chris Bosh (second year in the league) are averaging 14.3 points per game. Second in scoring is a strange place for a guy that has led his team in scoring since he was a rookie on Toronto's 1998-99 squad.

That is six consecutive Raptors' scoring titles, and at the age of 27, no one would have predicted that Carter would be slowing down so soon. After all, wasn't Carter supposed to be the next Air Jordan? Michael certainly wasn't slowing down at the age of 27, and averaged 30 points per game when he was 33 years old.

Vince used his NBA off-season to voice his desire to play for a competitive team and attempted to get traded. So, with Carter's production at an all-time low, why is he still in a purple and red uniform?

He does not want to be in Canada anymore, and the team is 4-3 with limited effort and output from Carter. Isn't it time for the Raptors to get what they can for his waning talent?

He is fourth on their team in minutes and is shooting a career-low, 38.1 percent. The Raptors need to cut their losses and begin to develop or recruit

a new "franchise player" to take them to the next level and compete for post-season hardware.

Playing with all the talent in the world, but with no heart or effort; Vince Carter is more of a liability for Toronto than they seem to realize.

I'm shocked that the Raptors' rookie coach, Sam Mitchell allowed Carter to participate in team warm-ups with head phones in his ears.

He only isolates himself further from the rest of his teammates by zoning his team out as they run simple drills and shoot baskets during the warm-up before the opening tip.

Carter looks more like a 40 year-old has-been with an attitude rather than a four-time NBA all-star.

Mitchell cannot continue to tolerate the lack of effort and the indifferent attitude that will certainly make for a divided team and a tension-filled locker room.

If he is willing to do whatever it takes then he will certainly be keeping his eyes and ears open for possible trade arrangements to send Carter south.

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play."

UNCA defeated Coastal earlier in the season, but the "sleeping giants" were able to come back in and take the win in the end, according to Cornish. Despite this, the Bulldogs are confident that they played well.

"They're a nationally ranked powerhouse, and we were able to almost pull it off," said Pereira.

Coastal went on to defeat top-seeded Birmingham-Southern University 4-0, winning the Big South Conference Tournament for the second time in the past two years. Next, they will take on Duke University in the NCAA Men's Soccer Tournament.

UNCA didn't quite go home

empty-handed, though. Yelverton made First-Team All-Conference, while John Chapuis earned a spot on the Big South Academic All-Conference Team. Pereira and Joe Srebalus made the All-Tournament Team, and Pereira also made the Freshman All-Conference Team with teammate Daniel Bandylo.

"It was very nice to get that award," said Pereira. "I was a little surprised, but I appreciate that the other coaches saw that I've been playing well all year."

The Bulldogs finished their season 3-4-0 in conference and 6-9-2 overall. Pereira, Barrett Locke and Jordan Holthouser all won Big South Conference Choice Hotels Player of the Week awards this fall.