

# Bulldogs topple mountain-rival, rack up five-game winning streak

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The Bulldogs are running through the competition. In their first home game of the season, the team displayed a dominant performance over mountain-rival Western Carolina in a packed Justice Center on Sept. 2.

Led by Kelsey Benorden, who had 10 kills, 10 digs and six service aces, UNC Asheville swept Western Carolina 3-0.



Kelsey Benorden

The Bulldogs won the match 25-13, 25-19 and 25-17. The strong performance brought the heated Justice Center crowd to its feet throughout the night.

"The UNC Asheville student body can expect greatness from our team this season. We will have our ups and downs, like any other team, but one thing is for sure, we are an experienced team led by five seniors. Therefore we have a solid base of great leaders who are ready to guide this team to the NCAA tournament," said Assistant Coach Talia Ogle. "You can always expect an exciting match, with great individual performances that lead to extraordinary team accomplishments."

Over the weekend the team continued their winning streak to five straight wins in the USC Upstate Volleyball Classic, which included impressive



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defeats over N.C. State, the Citadel and USC Upstate. UNCA is now 6-2 and first place overall in the Big South standings.

Head Coach Julie Torbett said confidence and experience played a vital role in the team's success so far this season.

"I feel like we were very confi-

dent going into the match for many reasons. We were very excited and eager to play on our home court and face our 'mountain rival,' she said. "I also felt as though we learned from our mistakes in our first tournament and demonstrated skills and processed information we learned in practice this week."



Left, Kelsey Benorden sets up to spike the ball past the Cata-mountain defenders. Benorden rejects the Western Carolina offense in the second game of UNCA's 3-0 victory on Sept. 2.

The home crowd grew louder and louder throughout a night that saw the Bulldogs record a season-high 12 service aces. Senior Raquel Miotto had three service aces and a game-high 17 digs.

Consistent serves proved to be a key

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# Celebrity golf tournament drives in big names, scholarships

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Some of the biggest names in college basketball are coming to Asheville to support Bulldog athletics in a celebrity golf tournament hosted by men's basketball Head Coach Eddie Biedenbach.

The Eddie Biedenbach Celebrity Golf Tournament Scholarship Fund-raiser takes place on Sept. 29 at The Cliffs at Walnut Cove. All of the pro-

ceeds from the tournament go toward UNC Asheville's athletic scholarship fund.

Biedenbach has many ties to the professional and collegiate world of basketball, mostly due to his extensive career as a player and coach.

"Over the years you build relationships from different all-star games and different things that come up," he said. "I played a lot of basketball back when I was in college with a lot of people."

Celebrities teeing off for the tourna-

ment include an elite group of college head coaches from across the country. Rick Barnes from the University of Texas, John Calipari from the University of Kentucky, Oliver Purnell from Clemson, Seth Greenberg from Virginia Tech and Bruce Pearl from Tennessee highlight the list of head coaches. Florida's Billy Donovan and Michigan State's Tom Izzo are also tentatively scheduled to make an appearance.

"We expect a full house," Biedenbach said. "We'll have 36 to 40 celeb-

rities. We have a field of 180 golfers and are really close to filling up."

Basketball analysts Jay Bilas, Billy Packer and Jay Williams continue the list of big names, along with former Major League pitcher Darren Holmes.

UNC Asheville Athletics relies on the celebrity golf tournament and other events like it to support the scholarship fund for athletes.

"The charities in Asheville are tre-

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