



Defensive specialist Rachel Wells and junior middle Chelsie Kenley get ready to send the ball back to Gardner-Webb. Photo by Dustin Stuart - Photography Editor

## Volleyball team is the comeback kid on Friday

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Staring down the barrel of defeat after dropping the first two sets against Gardner-Webb, UNC Asheville Head Volleyball Coach Fredrico Santos didn't yell, scream or throw his hands in the air. Instead he delivered a simple message to his team: Stay with it.

"He didn't change any strategies," said senior Cindi Miller. "He just reminded us of our initial game plan and told us we needed to do what was necessary."

Three sets later, the Lady Bulldogs emerged victorious, picking up a win in their first conference game of the year and giving Santos a victory in his debut at the Justice Center.

Miller, who led the squad with 23 kills, said the turnaround came as a result of increased defensive intensity and letting the game come to them.

"We really had to pick up our blocking and defense after the first two sets," said the outside hitter. "Once we did that, the rest of our skills just fell into place."

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the score at two sets each, the Lady Bulldogs weathered a back-and-forth finale including seven ties and four lead changes.

Once again facing elimination with the score 14-13 in the final set, Miller recorded back-to-back kills, giving

UNCA their first match point opportunity. The Lady Bulldogs quickly seized the advantage, forcing an error in the next rally and celebrating their third comeback win of the season, their second against the

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### Featured Bulldog



**Cindi Miller**

**Standout play:** Helped lead the Lady Bulldogs on a comeback against Gardner-Webb after they were down two sets. Cindi spiked a game high 23 kills to clench the win at 3-2.

**Hometown:** Decatur, Ind.

**Class:** Senior

**Q:** What's your favorite thing about UNCA?

**A:** The wonderful professors.

**Q:** How long have you played volleyball?

**A:** 10 years.

**Q:** What's your major?

**A:** Psychology.

**Q:** What do you plan on doing after college?

**A:** I plan on pursuing a degree in mental health counseling or becoming a coach.

**Q:** Who has been an inspiration for you in your life?

**A:** My past coaches and a cousin of mine.