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MEREDITH COLLEGE SPORTS OVERVIEW

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Tues., Sept. 16 the Meredith volleyball team (2-9, 0-1 USA South) started their USA South conference schedule hosting N.C. Wesleyan 7-4 (1-0) by falling to the Battling Bishops in four sets. The Avenging Angels quickly won the first set 30-28, but lost sets two and three with scores of 25-14 and 25-10. However, Meredith pushed forward to tie the fourth set at 15 all and later at 23 all, forcing N.C. Wesleyan to pick up their game play. Unfortunately, N.C. Wesleyan finished out the fourth set with a 27-29 win against Meredith even with the help of Morgan White, who had ten kills and sixteen digs, and Mallory Booker, who had nine kills and nine digs.

Next, on Sat., Sept. 20, rival Ferrum took a loss from the Meredith volleyball team after a hard-earned five set win. Meredith suffered defeat the first set in extra points, falling 26-28. Meredith erupted to take back set two with a score of 25-18 and three with a score of 25-22. Ferrum was victorious in set four with 23-25 to bring the rivals to a fifth set. During the final set, Meredith pulled in the final two points after a 14 all tie giving a win to the Angels. Mallory Booker scored with a service ace for the fifteenth point and Morgan White pushed to terminate the Ferrum Panthers with the 16-14 victory. Meredith was directed by Morgan White with 19 kills and 30 digs and assisted by Sara Elliott with 12 kills and 32 digs. Laura Sayabouth supported with 46 assists and three service aces. Upcoming athlete, Mary Beth Finegan, held the team with 45 digs. Unfortunately, Meredith was defeated during their first match of the day by Christopher Newport in three sets, falling 25-16, 25-10, 25-14.

The Meredith soccer team was defeated by Lynchburg with a score of 5-1 in their match on Sun., Sept. 21. Lynchburg took the immediate head start 1-0. However, Maggie Hart helped Meredith soar to tie with a goal during the first half. Even with a 1-1 tie, the Hornets snatched the lead back with two instantaneous goals.



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The Hornets added to their lead with goals when there were 21 minutes and 11 minutes remaining. Meredith will host N.C. Wesleyan on Wed., Sept. 24 at 4 p.m.

Meredith runners dashed away with the Peace Pacers 5k hosted by Meredith and Peace College at WakeMed Soccer Park. Congratulations to Joyce McLeod who received her first collegiate meet win. Meredith left happily with the top four positions with McLeod, Audrey Darby, Lauren McDonald, and Katie Helms. N.C. Wesleyan's Gretchen Tobias received fifth, Peace's Ashley Simms in sixth, and Meredith's Jessica Panameno finished seventh, securing the win for Meredith. Peace took second place with 58 points. Meredith will be participating in the Greensboro Cross Country Invitational at Hagan Stone Park on Sept. 27.

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Drunk, she was riding home from her job as a bartender, and she was in a car accident that left her without one arm and other more complicated problems.

Last spring, a couple of Meredith students and I were able to sit down and have dinner with her. I will never forget that night for as long as I live because it was really emotional hearing her story and watching her struggle not to cry was even harder. When I found out that she was coming back to Meredith to speak, I jumped at the chance to try and see her again, hoping that she could have some kind of impact on

all the students on campus just with her story. Watching her speak again was difficult; it was hard to watch her tear up while telling her story. At times, you just want to jump up on stage and give her a hug and tell her it is alright, but you cannot because her life has never and will never be the same for as long as she lives. She is a really brave person to go around and share her story. Maybe if more students hear her story, they will think twice before they drink and drive. Meredith College was not the only stop that Panzau made while in North Carolina. She was able to reach out and touch some

of the other local universities in the area.

Because drinking and driving is on the rise everywhere throughout the United States, many North Carolina colleges have tried to figure out what to do to stop this growing trend amongst college students. Duke University in recent years, has been trying to spearhead a campaign to do something about this. I guess we will just have to wait and see what kind of solution they come up with, or we could come up with our own campaign to fight against drunk driving. ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 24

Soccer vs. NC Wesleyan
Volleyball vs. Methodist

Saturday, Sept. 27

Tennis @ ITAs
Volleyball vs. Shenandoah @ Greensboro
Cross Country @ Greensboro Cross Country Invitational
Volleyball @ Greensboro
Soccer vs. Christopher Newport

Sunday, Sept. 28

Tennis @ ITAs

Monday, Sept. 29

Tennis @ ITAs

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Volleyball @ Peace

Friday, Oct. 3

Volleyball vs. Mary Baldwin
Volleyball @ Averett