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BACA's Jenna Dunlow prepares to complete a return during Monday's match against Albemarle School.

# BACA spikers suffer loss to Colts in 4 sets

## Eagles win first set, drop 3 straight

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ASKEWVILLE - A first-set victory had them thinking upset Monday.

Bethel Assembly Christian's volleyball team rallied past Albemarle School to take the first set, and it appeared the Eagles were going to hand the Colts their second loss.

But the visitors used several extended serving runs and solid play at the net to defeat BACA in four sets - 23-25, 25-16, 25-17, 25-18.

The Colts improved to 7-1 overall, while the Eagles dropped to 4-4.

Jenna Dunlow's four straight service points put BACA ahead 6-2 in the opening set.

Albemarle was able to cut the deficit to two points, but three points by Hayle Harrell (which included a kill from Haley Northcott) to make it 15-10.

Albemarle inched its way back and used three aces from Samantha Nixon to take a 20-18 advantage.

But the Eagles scored seven of the last 10 points in the set - including three from Grace Todd and one from Sarah Conner - to win it.

Albemarle established an early lead in the second set behind Ava Morris (three points), Brooke Perry (three points) and Nixon (two points). The Colts were able to pull away a Mor-

ris served three aces in a four-point swing, and Taylor Stallings added two aces of her own.

Bethel established an early lead in the third set and held it through the first five service rotations as Harrell had a pair of aces and Ava Johnson made a nice play at the net to make it 6-4.

Nixon's two aces cut the deficit to one, and a sideout tied it at 7-all. Monique Guzman-Torres then reeled off five in a row (two aces, a tap by Stallings and a kill by Deniz Bekci) before a kill by Dunlow ended the flurry.

The Colts went on to take the set for a 2-1 lead, as Stallings and Bekci found open spots on the floor with kills and push returns.

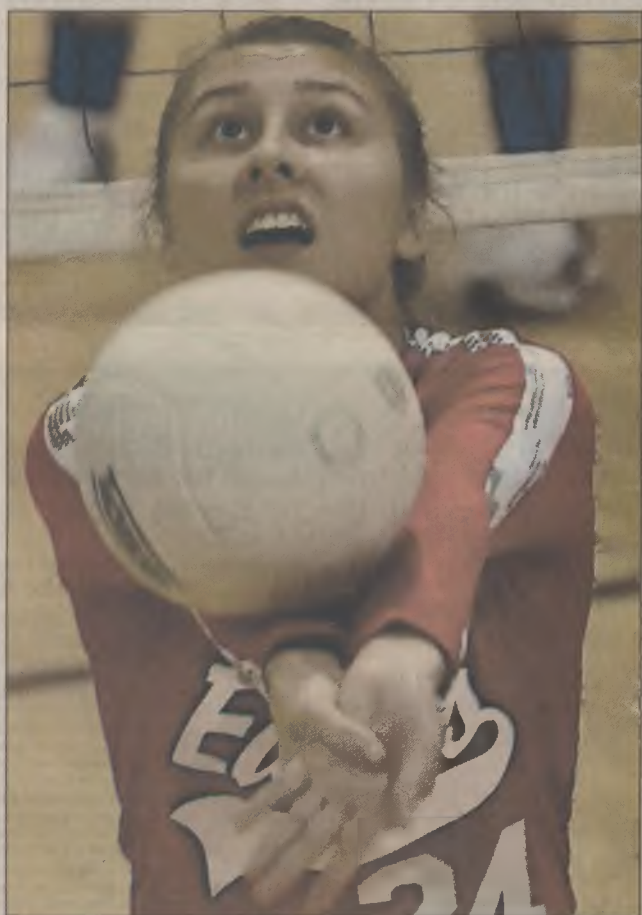
The Colts misfired on their first two service chances in the final set, but Bethel was not able to take advantage on its own serve either.

Two points from Conner gave the Eagles a 7-6 lead, but two aces from Morris tied it 9-all.

The Colts took the lead for good on a kill from Nixon and two points from her (as well as a kill by Perry) to make it 13-11.

BACA closed to within one on two occasions but was never able to overtake the visitors.

Two points from Stallings, three from Bekci and one each from Morris and Perry closed out



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Haley Northcott looks to pass the ball to a teammate.



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Lady Eagle Ava Johnson chases down a return.

the match. Bethel managed just two points on its final three service opportunities (one from Conner and an ace by Northcott).

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## Several candidates could replace Fedora as Tar Heels coach

So I asked the question last week: If Larry Fedora isn't the future of UNC Football, who is?

I gotta be honest, it was a rhetorical question and I wasn't actually expecting an answer. Thankfully, y'all didn't know that, so I got quite a few answers via email. So many in fact that I thought it worth mentioning a few.

The most intriguing to me was Les Miles. The "Mad Hatter" is best known for his time as the head coach at LSU, where he won a National Championship a little over a decade ago.

He has remained unemployed since being let go by the Tigers, but he is not entirely unfamiliar with the Carolina Football program. His son, Manny Miles, is a senior quarterback for the Tar Heels this year.

Getting Les Miles to UNC would be a huge win for the program and would yield a much faster return on investment than the other coaches.

Bret Bielema was another name that I found fascinating. Bielema was most recently at Arkansas - where coaching careers go to die - but I most fondly remember him for his time at Wisconsin.

Recruiting at Arkansas against the likes of Alabama, Auburn, LSU, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and the rest of the SEC seems like an impossible task. However, when Bielema was coaching the Badgers, he still had to recruit against Ohio State, Penn State and Michigan but it was manageable.

With similarly equal talent, he was a good enough head coach to win three Big Ten titles and one Conference Coach of the Year award. His current consulting experience with the New England Patriots would do nothing but help his ability to recruit in Chapel Hill.

Lane Kiffin was brought up as an op-

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tion and it's certainly an interesting one. He clearly has name recognition and would love the opportunity to coach at a big name university again.

He is unquestionably one of the brightest offensive coordinators in all of college football. While he has recently shown an ability to keep a head coaching job during his short time at Florida Atlantic, his track record isn't exactly grand.

The other coach I thought was a compelling option is Seth Littrell. His name should be a familiar one to Tar Heel fans.

He was calling the offense in 2015 when UNC played for an ACC title and has spent the last few seasons rebuilding the North Texas Mean Green football program.

Littrell is a talented young coach that was rumored to have clashed with Fedora during his time at Carolina. That isn't exactly a problem for me.

One issue with Littrell, aside from having very little head coaching experience, is if he ever had enough success at UNC to get the job offer at Oklahoma, he would be leave immediately. He was born in Oklahoma, he played at Oklahoma, his Dad played at Oklahoma...you get the idea.

Littrell is my least favorite choice on this list but that's not a knock on him, it's a pretty good list.

Now I need somebody to give it to UNC Athletic Director Bubba Cunningham.

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