

# Braves' volleyball gets back on winning track

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The UNCP volleyball team snapped a four-game losing streak on Oct. 9 at home against Chowan as four players recorded double-digit kills in the victory.

Sophomore Tiara Anderson, senior Jessica Hartley, and freshman Shay Peterson all had 11 kills, while senior Lizzie O'Connor totaled 10 kills of her own in the win, as the Lady Braves hit for a .228 percentage in the contest.

Sophomore Allie Schneider and freshman Sam Wylie both tallied career bests in aces, with Schneider serving home seven aces, and Wylie with five.

Wylie passed out 47 assists in the match, which also is a new career high.

"We're still working

on being more consistent, but I was really proud of how the team came out and finished the fifth set," said UNCP assistant coach Kris Wojciek.

"Tonight was only the second time that we've run that particular lineup in a match and at times it looked great, but we've got to increase our level of consistency," she said.

The first set was tied at nine-all before the Lady Braves went on a 16-8 run to win the first set 25-17. Chowan took the second set 25-19 before UNCP was led by Hartley's six kills in the third set en route to a 25-18 set win.

But Chowan would not go away, coming away with a tight, 25-21 fourth set win.

The deciding fifth set was never in doubt for the Lady Braves, as they wrapped up the match with a 15-2 set victory.



UNCP volleyball player Andrea Laza (8) calls out to her teammates in their game against Chowan.

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Black and Gold junior Rachel Young readies herself for a serve in their matchup against Augusta State.

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## Volleyball loses fourth straight PBC match

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The Lady Braves volleyball team traveled to Peach Belt Conference foe Augusta State on Oct. 7, and left with their fourth loss in as many games.

All three sets were close, with scores of 25-20, 26-24, and 25-15 respectively, though the Lady Braves were unable to grab a set victory in the match.

### Anderson leads

Sophomore Tiara Anderson led UNCP with 15 kills on the game,

while senior Andrea Laza had 21 digs on defense.

Senior Jessica Hartley and freshman Sam Wylie each added 10 digs, while Wylie added 39 assists.

For Augusta State, Jessica Howard totaled a game-high 20 kills and Ashley Zappitell tallied 44 assists on the match.

While it was the fourth straight loss for the Lady Braves, it was the fifth straight win for Augusta State. UNCP's PBC record dropped to 1-6, and 7-12 overall, with the loss. Augusta State moved to 13-8 overall and 4-4 in Peach Belt conference play.

## Minnick leads Braves at Chic-Fil-A Intercollegiate

By Matt Smith  
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Black and Gold junior Christian Minnick picked up individual flight medalist honors at the Oct. 2-4 Chic-Fil-A Collegiate Tennis Championships to lead a strong Braves' performance on the team's second fall event.

### Seven wins

The Braves picked up seven individual wins at the event held in Augusta, Ga., with Minnick picking up two straight set victories to win her flight.

"It felt great to win my flight," Minnick said. I tried my best and it paid off in the end. I felt like I played my best in the finals against Courtney Hall from USC Aiken.

"Coming back from 0-5 in the second set and winning really made me feel better about my game," she said. "The rest of the team did a good job as well. All of us pretty much got to the finals in the main draw and consolation draws so I was proud of everyone. Overall, we all had a good time this weekend and played hard and gave everything we had."

Minnick's day started

off against Florida Community College's Devin Goodroe, who Minnick handled easily with a 6-2, 6-4 semifinal win.

Minnick finished the day with a 6-3, 7-6 (7-3) straight set victory over USC Aiken's Hall for the flight win.

Along with Minnick, freshman Anna Larsson had a strong showing for the Braves, posting two wins before falling in her flight's championship final.

### Quarterfinals action

In the quarterfinals, Larsson paired with Florida Community College's Arina Yakovtseva, pounding the opposing freshman 6-0, 6-2. Larsson followed up with a 6-2, 6-4 semifinal win over Georgia College's Mara Rojas before falling in the finals to Berry's Marina Lebrao 6-4, 6-2.

Three other Braves picked up wins in the event, with junior Janna Oxendine picking up a 6-3, 6-3 semifinal win over Abraham Baldwin's Jayhn Pope. Freshman Beverly Vause and junior Jenna McGary picked up wins in their consolation matches.



Black and Gold junior Christian Minnick took home top honors with a first place finish in her flight at the Chic-Fil-A Collegiate Tennis Championships.

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