UWMC Volleyball Highlights 2010

September 2, 2010

UW-Marathon County Volleyball Continues Winning Ways with 3-0 Sweep over UW-Baraboo

Winning 25-8, 25-9, 25-10 UW-Marathon County beat UW-Baraboo three games to none at home.

“It was a good start for the team. Tonight provided us a good base to build on. Our setters and hitters did well and much of that is due to the strength of the team’s serving and serve receive, which was very solid.” said Husky Coach Matt Greenberg.

UWMC over UW-Baraboo

Game 1) Won 25-8
Game 2) Won 25-9
Game 3) Won 25-10

Kills:
Paige Wirkus - 10
Klare Kalepp - 10
Dana Pieczyski - 6
Kelsey Wilkosz - 5
Carol Falesch - 5

Assists:
Tonia Paradies - 13
Klare Kalepp - 12

Aces:
Klare Kalepp - 6
September 10, 2010
UWMC Starts Beats Northland International University
3-1

Before a rowdy crowd on the road, UW-Marathon County dropped the opening game 17-25 before coming back to win 25-21, 25-10, 25-23. It was UWMC's first road match after having opened the season last week at home winning 3-0 over UW-Baraboo.

“Tonight was a night of firsts for us. Whether it was the school we played, the pre-game 'warm-up' music or the loud student section, they were all quite different that what we're accustomed to. We didn't know what to expect going in and it proved to be a real fun experience for us when it was all said and done.” said Husky Coach Matt Greenberg. Although the night featured mellow instumental warm-up music, pre and post match prayers, and a mix of dated volleyballs for warm-ups, the crowd was also the loudest that the Huskies will face all season. "The atmosphere caught us a little off guard and although it was challenging to play through at first, we soon began to feed off the energy and used it to help us play better and stronger."
The win improves UWMC's record to 2-0 on the season and increases the team's unbeaten streak to 23 matches.

UWMC over Northland International University

Game 1) Lost 17-25
Game 2) Won 25-21
Game 3) Won 25-10
Game 4) Won 25-23

Kills:
Klare Kalepp 18
Dana Pieczyski 12

Assists:
Tonia Paradies 19
Klare Kalepp 11

Aces:
Paige Wirkus 3

Digs:
Abbey Kremsreiter 13

Blocks:
Carol Falesch 5

September 13, 2010
UWMC Takes Two Matches tonight Winning 2-0 over UW-Barron and 2-0 over NTC

“The team did a good job of taking care of business tonight. Overall the team played well, but we still aren’t as crisp as I would like. So much of the game is mental and we found ourselves losing focus at a couple points tonight which will need to be addressed if we are to be the best team we can be.” said Husky Coach Matt Greenberg.

The win improves UWMC's record to 4-0 on the season and increases the team’s unbeaten streak to 25 matches.

UWMC over UW-Barron
Game 1) Won 25-9
Game 2) Won 25-16

UWMC over Northcentral Technical College
Game 1) Won 25-6
Game 2) Won 25-12

September 15, 2010
UWMC Sweep UW-Fond du Lac

Game 1) Won 25-10
Game 2) Won 25-16
Game 3) Won 25-8

“The team did a good job of exposing some of the opponents weaknesses as we forced them to play out of system for much of the night. I see that we had 24 aces on the night and that says a
lot right there. Now we’re going to have to turn our attention to tomorrow’s practice and get ready for some of the best competition this program has ever faced.” said Husky Coach Matt Greenberg. Coach Greenberg is referring to the annual Buc Blast tournament hosted by Beloit College where they’ll face Carroll University, Judson (Iowa) and William Penn (Illinois) as well as the host Beloit Buccaneers.

The win improves UWMC's record to 5-0 on the season and increases the team's unbeaten streak to 26 matches.

September 17-18, 2010
UW Marathon County goes 1-3 at the Buc Blast Tournament

UW Marathon County travelled to Beloit College over the weekend where they faced Division III schools Beloit College and Carroll University and NAIA schools William Penn (Iowa) and Judson (Illinois). Against Beloit, UWMC lost in a tightly contested match 27-29, 23-25, 25-22, 16-25. Early in the second match and for the second tournament in a row, outside hitter and Co-Captain Paige Wirkus (Marathon) went down with a pulled hamstring.

While UWMC fought through, Carroll proved too much to handle and won 25-19, 25-11, 25-17. Once again, playing against William Penn, UWMC struggled losing 25-16, 25-19, 25-13. The last match of the tournament against Judson, proved to be the most thrilling. Although the team struggled at times, they pulled together when it mattered the most and scraped out a 25-18, 21-25, 25-14, 14-25, 16-14 win.

"The weekend proved to be a successful one for us," said UWMC coach Matt Greenberg. "Playing in a tournament of this caliber proved to be what I was looking for. It put us in some difficult positions that the team and individual players had to struggle through. Although somewhat uncomfortable at the time, those challenging experiences will prove beneficial come tournament time. I believe that the team and each player can look back and see areas for improvement and areas of great success."

September 20, 2010
UWMC Sweep UW-Marshfield

Game 1) Won 25-9
Game 2) Won 25-9
Game 3) Won 25-19
“(Returning Player of the Year) Klare Kalepp had a strong night offensively for us putting up 16 kills with no errors. Also our middles continued to show what they’re capable of, combining for 15 kills with just one error.” said Husky Coach Matt Greenberg. “With that said, it wasn’t our best performance as we found ourselves going through the motions at times and didn’t play with a lot of heart. Fortunately we’ll have some time to address this week before we make our final push leading into playoffs.”

September 27, 2010
UWMC Takes Two Matches tonight Winning 3-2 over UW-Barron and 2-0 over Fox Valley Tech

“It was one heck of a match against UW-Barron. They played extremely well and I give them a ton of credit. We were not on top of our game had to fight and claw to pull out the win. Fortunately we got back on track against Fox Valley Tech.” said Husky Coach Matt Greenberg. Notes: The Huskies next home match is Thursday, September 30th as they host Northland International University at 6:00pm.

UWMC over UW-Barron
Game 1) L 18-25
Game 2) W 25-23
Game 3) W 25-11
Game 4) L 25-27
Game 5) W 15-9

UWMC over Fox Valley Technical College
Game 1) Won 25-13
Game 2) Won 25-11

September 29, 2010
UWMC Sweeps UW-Fox Valley

Game 1) Won 25-13
Game 2) Won 25-20
Game 3) Won 25-23

“UW-Fox Valley is has improved since last year and they played well and as always it’s nice to continue our winning ways on the road. There can be a lot of distractions on road trips and I’m happy to come away with a win.” said Husky Coach Matt Greenberg. “I’m looking forward to getting back out there tomorrow (Thursday) for our match against NIU to see what we can do against a team who played us well earlier in the season.”
Kills:
Klare Kalepp - 14
Dana Pieczyski - 6

Assists:
Tonia Paradies - 39

Aces:
Carol Falesch - 4
Klare Kalepp - 4

Digs:
Abbey Kremsreiter - 11

September 30, 2010
UWMC Sweeps Northland International University

Game 1) Won 25-15
Game 2) Won 25-12
Game 3) Won 25-21

“The team played well tonight. After not playing up to our level recently we played with more energy which facilitated our win tonight. The communication level was higher and it lead to less errors. When we limit our errors we’re a hard team to beat,” said Husky Coach Matt Greenberg. “Tonia had a solid night setting and was the catalyst that drove us tonight. It also lead to an error free night from our middles (Falesch and Wilkosz) who combined for 14 kills on no errors.”

Notes: The Huskies next home match is Wednesday October 6th as they host UW-Richland, beginning at 6:00pm. UW-Richland is undefeated this year. Also, at this match both teams will be supporting breast cancer awareness by wearing pink uniforms and using pink volleyballs. All gate proceeds will be donated to the Susan G. Komen foundation and fans are encouraged to wear pink.

Kills:
Klare Kalepp - 12
Carol Falesch - 4

Assists:
Tonia Paradies - 26
October 4, 2010
UWMC Sweeps UW-Baraboo

Game 1) Won 25-15
Game 2) Won 25-18
Game 3) Won 25-14

“We weren’t sharp by any means and we made it difficult to get into any rhythm due to 14 missed serves on the night. On the plus side, Magon had a good night for us and is getting better and better with each match played. We’re fortunate to have her playing well as she fills in for Paige (who’s recovering from a pulled hamstring),” said Husky Coach Matt Greenberg. The Huskies are now 12-3.

Notes: The Huskies next home match is Wednesday October 6th as they host UW-Richland, beginning at 5:30 pm. UW-Richland is undefeated this year. Also, at this match both teams will be supporting breast cancer awareness (Volley for a Cure) by wearing pink uniforms and using pink volleyballs. All gate proceeds will be donated to the Susan G. Komen foundation and fans are encouraged to wear pink.

Kills:
Klare Kalepp - 16
Carol Falesch - 7 Lakeland Union

Assists:
Tonia Paradies 25

Aces:
Carol Falesch - 4
Abbey Kremsreiter - 4

Digs:
Abbey Kremsreiter - 8

October 6, 2010
UW-Marathon finishes season undefeated at home for third straight year with 3-0 win over UW-Richland

Local News Coverage (WAOW)

Game 1) Won 25-21
Game 2) Won 25-16
Game 3) Won 25-17

“It was fun to coach tonight. Tonight we were able to use our match as a forum to recognize some of life’s struggles off the court. The team was excited all day in anticipation of our Volley for a Cure match and I give them credit for wanting to do their part to bring awareness of breast cancer to our campus.” said Husky Coach Matt Greenberg. We also said good-bye to three outstanding players. Klare, Paige and Kelsey played their last match at UWMC and they’ll be missed.

The Huskies are now 13-3 heading into their last regular season match of the year. The team will finish their season at the conference tournament, October 16-17 in Wisconsin Dells. The Huskies are the reigning conference champions beating UW-Richland last year two games to one.

Notes: The Huskies next match is Friday as they travel to UW-Mashfield, beginning at 5:00 pm.

October 8, 2010
UW-Marathon ends regular season with 3-0 sweep over rival UW-Mashfield

Game 1) Won 25-13
Game 2) Won 25-15
Game 3) Won 25-17

“It was a bittersweet win for us as our starting outside hitter (Paige Wirkus – Marathon) went down with a knee injury. She’ll be evaluated this weekend and we’ll all be hoping for some good news” said Husky Coach Matt Greenberg. “Up to that point, Paige was having a great night at the net with six kills on eight swings. Overall, the team played well at times, but we still have a lot of room for improvement. Unfortunately we can be our own worst enemy and we’ll try to address those issues next week as we prepare for our conference tournament.”

The Huskies are now 14-3 heading into the Conference Tournament. The team’s only losses have come at the hands of four year universities. UWMC will finish their season with the
conference tournament, October 16-17 in Wisconsin Dells. The Huskies are the reigning conference champions beating UW-Richland last year two games to one.

Kills:
Klare Kalepp - 11
Paige Wirkus - 6
Dana Pieczyski - 6

Assists:
Tonia Paradies - 28

Aces:
Klare Kalepp - 3
Magon Holbrook - 3

Digs:
Abbey Kremsreiter - 10

October 16-17, 2010
UW-Marathon Repeats as WCC Champions

Wisconsin Dells, WI

For the second consecutive season UW-Marathon won both the Western Division of the WCC and followed it up by winning the Wisconsin Collegiate Conference Tournament. The tournament concludes UWMC's season with a record of 21-3, with the team's only losses coming at the hands of four year universities.

Over the weekend the Huskies took first in the American pool with a record of 5-0 before meeting UW-Fox Valley in the semi-finals. Winning by a score of 25-16, 25-15 it set up a finals match-up against WCC Eastern Division champion UW-Washington County. The two teams faced off last year in the semi-finals, with UW-Marathon winning 2-0. This year UW-Washington entered the championship match without having lost a match all year.

UW-Washington quickly showed why they entered the finals undefeated by making quick work of UW-Marathon with a 25-12 win to take game one. The Huskies, having fought back from deficits throughout the tournament, got off to a quick start in game two taking a 6-1 lead and was able to hold on for a 25-22 win. In the deciding third game to 15, UWMC started strong, entering the switch with a 8-4 lead. Both team traded points before the Huskies were able to pull away with the 15-9 win to claim their second straight championship trophie.
"It was a very exciting weekend and I'm thankful that we were able to play good ball when it mattered most. UW-Washington has a very, very good team and it made for a great match," said Coach Matt Greenberg. "Our team has had a number of obstacles to overcome throughout the season which makes winning all the sweeter. We were without our All-Conference outside hitter (Paige Wirkus, Marathon) for most of the season and had two players play middle for us for the first time in their careers - a transition that is not easy to make. Both of these changes had a trickle down effect that caused other players to make adjustments as well. I'm very happy for the team and hope that they're proud of what they've accomplished."

For the second year in a row outside hitter Klare Kalepp (Abbotsford) was named to the All-Tournament Team and joining her was first year outside hitter Dana Pieczynski (SPASH). All-Conference selections will be named at a later date.

**Conference Tournament results by round:**
Round 1: UWMC vs. UW Barron 25-18 25-19
Round 2: UWMC vs. UW Sheboygan 25-9, 25-22
Round 3: UWMC vs. UW Marinette 31-29, 25-17
Round 4: UWMC vs. UW Manitowoc 25-23, 25-21
Round 5: UWMC vs. UW Marshfield 25-15, 25-12