MVC WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL DROPS TOUGH MATCH TO CULVER-STOCKTON

Marshall, Mo. (October 29, 2013)- The Missouri Valley College women’s volleyball team hosted Culver-Stockton College Tuesday night in the team’s annual Pink Game at the Burns Athletic Complex. The Vikings fought back from an early deficit, were one point away from a victory, but fell to Culver-Stockton 20-25, 28-26, 26-24, 24-26, 15-12.

The Vikings fell behind early to Culver in the first game, and despite making a run toward the end of the game, found themselves down in a 1-0 hold. In game two the Vikings were down by a 15-9 score, but rattled off six straight points and eventually outlasted Culver 28-26. Game three was evenly played between the two teams, but MVC was able to outlast the Wildcats for the win. In game four the Vikings grabbed a 24-21 lead needing only one more point to pull off the victory. However, Culver was able to score five straight points and forced a decisive game five. In game five Culver quickly jumped out to a 4-0 lead and eventually pulled away from MVC 15-12 for the victory.

The Vikings were led by Freshman Outside Hitter Lauren Eldridge (Kansas City, Mo.) who had 24 kills, eight digs and four blocks. Junior Middle Blocker Taylor Trotter (Bartonville, Ill.) finished with 18 kills and four blocks, while Senior Courtney Wallace had 10 kills. The trio of Senior Outside Hitter Ana Calito (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), Junior Libero Jessica Hobbs (Wamego, Kan.) and Senior Setter Clarie Lorenz (Crestwood, Mo.) combined for 53 digs while Senior Libero Diane Dellasala (Houston, Texas) finished with 31 digs. Senior Setting Tarrah Sweet (Roswell, N.M.) finished the match with 51 assists, nine digs and two blocks.

The loss is the third in a row for MVC and drops the Vikings to 23-5 overall and 4-4 in HAAC play. Culver improved to 21-9 overall and 3-4 in HAAC play.

The Vikings will be back in action Nov. 5 when they host No. 8 MidAmerica Nazarene University at the Burns Athletic Complex in a 7:00 p.m. match.
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