

UC Volleybelles Finish 2nd in Volley Tourney

The University of the Cordilleras Lady Jaguars nearly captured the crown in the National Intercollegiate Volleyball Championships held at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines Gymnasium, Sta. Mesa, Manila on May 13- 20, 2006.

The inspired lady spikers of UC finished runner-up to the University of Santo Tomas Lady Spikers, bowing out with 3 sets to 1 defeat in the finals against the Manila-based squad.

The Lady Jaguars won five of their seven tournament games, highlighted by shut-out

wins over St. Louis University, Emilio Aguinaldo College-Manila, and University of Perpetual Help System Delta. UC's run also included two heart pounding victories over the University of the Philippines and the host, Polytechnic University of the Philippines.

Lady Jaguar Jomalyn Lopez won best server of the tournament while teammate Diane De Lara was adjudged as the tourney's premier libero. The rest of the team is composed of Jermie Cayat, Cathy Tandingan, Clarissa Tolentino, Janet Doria, Julieann Ramos, Michel Remo, Cindy Benitez, Olivia Joyce Salomon, and Jhiesel Agudia. They are handled by Coach Yul Benosa.

Meanwhile, the UC Men's Volleyball team conducted a volleyball clinic at Saint Mary's School of Sagada, Mt. Province (SMSS) from May 9 to 21 as part of UC's growing sports community program. SMSS principal Dennis Faustino and UC coach Yul Benosa made the volleyball clinic possible with a verbal agreement on behalf of the two institutions. As part of the agreement, SMSS will open its facilities to UC in exchange for more assistance programs.



Standing (L-R): Jermie Cayat, Jhiesel Agudia, Janette Doria, Coach Yul Benosa, Olivia Joyce Salomon, Julie Ann Ramos, and Diane De Lara. Kneeling (L-R): Clarissa Tolentino, Jomely Lopez, Michelle Remo, Cindy Benitez, and Catherine Tandingan

UC Spearheads Another First

Once again, the University of the Cordilleras will be a part of something unprecedented.

Spearheaded by UC, the Local Government Development Foundation (LOGODEF), and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Foundation of Germany (KAS), local officials and employees of the municipality of Tuba, Benguet will evaluate their performances using performance indicators crafted during a series of seminar-workshops conducted by UC's Graduate School professors.

Municipal councilors, department heads and selected staff crafted performance indicators and standards based on their functions, problem areas and root causes. They also considered several important factors such as adequacy, responsiveness, equity, appropriateness, timeliness, effectiveness, and efficiency.

The performance evaluation and the seminar workshops are part of the local government capability-building program venture co-signed by the Tuba government, UC, LOGODEF and KASFG to enhance the efficiency and productivity of the local government.

According to UC program consultant Edna Tabanda, the local government capability-building program aims to assist local governments in determining whether they are providing the necessary services to their constituents. Dr. Alfred Herbolario of UC said that results of the project will be used as a reference manual by other local government units interested in the said program funded by KAS Foundation and facilitated by UC's finest.

The program is still part of the university's unflinching commitment to serve the community by spearheading meaningful and



Workshop on performance indicators for standard services

UC Badminton Team Getting Better and Better

The University of the Cordilleras just keeps shining, piling up awards month after month, week after week.

The UC badminton team added to the already glowing list of UC awards by bagging three titles and chalking up several top three finishes in a two-month span of pure badminton brilliance.

Lalaine Aspiras took home the women's singles 17-under crown in the 4th CSI Badminton Tournament held at Dagupan City from May 8 to 12. She then added the women's 17-under doubles title, teaming up with Camille Aquino to overwhelm the opposition.

Rookie Michelle Pasag finished runner-up to Aspiras in an all-UC finals at the women's singles 17-under division. Aspiras' teammate, Camille Aquino made it a 1-2-3 finish for UC as she bagged 2nd runner-up in the same division. The tandem of Wilmy Abalon and Angelita Valdez rounded out the strong showing of the UC women's team with a 3rd place finish in the 18-up doubles category.

The UC tandem of Hunter Montefalco and John Jaravata also brought honor to the university, as they bagged the men's 18-up doubles championship with a riveting run of brilliance en route to a championship. Jaravata then finished 1st runner-up in the 18-up singles division. Abenical Cariño meanwhile scored a first runner-up finish in the 17-under singles category before teaming up with fellow ace Jestoni Mendoza to finish runner-up in the doubles category.

Mendoza also added a 3rd place finish in the 17-under singles division while the duo of Gerald Gonzales and Emerson Manabat placed 3rd in the 18-up doubles category.

Meanwhile, the story was much the same for the UC badminton team in the 2nd JVC Regional Circuit held at the Excel Badminton Court, San Fernando Pampanga on April 17-21 where they took home three top three finishes.

Jeatte Hendrix Pajarillo led the way with a scintillating 2nd place finish in the men's 16-under division while Aries Delos Santos

scored an equally impressive 3rd place finish in the 17-up category. The team of Hunter Montefalco, Emerson Manabat, Gerald Gonzales and Jess Habiling, meanwhile, placed 3rd in the intercollegiate men's division.

UC's Ramir Austria and Alex dela Cruz of the Benigno V. Aldana National High School (BVNHS) in Pangasinan coached the UC teams that emerged triumphant in the two badminton tournaments. New recruits Michelle Pasag, Abenical Cariño, and Jestoni Mendoza also came from BVNHS and are now part of the UC family, reinforcing an already fearsome and formidable UC badminton squad.

With new blood joining forces with tried and tested veterans, expect much of the same success next time the team goes into another badminton battle. Indeed, the good times may just keep on rolling for UC.

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