COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Ester

Lady Buffs top Columbia

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Milligan opened up Appalachian Athletic Conference action on Saturday with a 3-1 victory over league newcomer Columbia College inside Steve Lacy Fieldhouse.

After Columbia captured the first set 25-23, the Lady Buffaloes fought back to take the second set 25-21. After taking the third set 25-23, Milligan trailed 15-10—but bounced back to take the game 25-23 and the match.

AAC Libero of the week Morgan Rutledge (led the Buffaloes with 21 digs and 11 kills. Chelsea Spivey recorded 37 assists and 17 digs, while freshman Erin Pittman had 18 digs.

Rachel Renville and Holly English had 10 kills apiece. Katelyn Henson recorded 21 digs.

Milligan, which improved to t- 2-8 on the season, hosts Union on Tuesday. Action starts at 6:30 p.m.

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CHATTANOOGA — The trio of Megan Devine, Meredith Hardy and Jamie Stancliff combined for 32 kills to lead East Tennessee State past Chattanooga 3-0 (25-

19, 28-26, 25-22), Friday night at Maclellan Gym.

With the victory, ETSU opened the first day of the Country Inn & Suites Invitational a perfect 2-0, while evening its record to 5-5 on the season. Chattanooga fell to 1-7 on the season.

Devine led the offensive charge with 13 kills, while Hardy and Stancliff added 10 and nine, respectively. Devine extends her streak of 10 or more kills to seven straight matches.

Kayla Williams continued her solid play by dishing out 40 assists, while adding seven digs and four kills. Kiley Tamblyn led the ETSU defense with a game-high 20 digs.

ETSU finished the match with a solid .264 hitting percentage, while recording 49 kills. The Buccaneer defense held the Mocs to .186 hitting on the night.

In set number three, ETSU extended a 6-5 advantage by reeling off four straight points to take a 10-5 lead. Freshman Bethany Gesell (High Point, N.C.) paced the ETSU run with two kills.

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