

BC3 volleyball team falls in Mid-Atlantic District Tournament in North Carolina

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(Pinehurst, N.C.) The Butler County Community College volleyball team, coming off its second National Junior College Athletic Association Division III Region XX crown in a row and fourth in five seasons, won its first-round Mid-Atlantic District Tournament game Friday before dropping its next two, including one to 2018 national champion Owens Community College.

The Pioneers topped Patrick Henry Community College, Martinsville, Va., 3-1 in the opening round behind Morgan Malinski's 41 assists, Madyson McAninch's 37 digs and Abby Kopac's nine kills.

Makenzie McDowell added 23 digs and 17 kills for the Pioneers, who topped the Patriots 25-18, (21-25), 25-15 and 25-23.

McDowell, a sophomore outside hitter from Knoch, had 17 digs and six kills as the Pioneers fell to Owens, Perrysburg, Ohio, 25-15, 25-4 and 25-13 later Friday.

McAninch, a freshman libero from Freeport, added 17 digs for BC3 against Owens; Malinski, a freshman setter from Slippery Rock, 13 assists and Kopac, a sophomore middle hitter from Knoch, six kills.

Columbus State Community College, Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday beat the Pioneers 25-18, 25-15 and 25-11.

McAninch had 24 digs, Malinski 13 assists, and Kaylee Ebbert, sophomore outside hitter from Mars, had 13 digs and five kills against Columbus State. McDowell added five kills for the Pioneers, whose season ends at 19-5.

Owens (40-4) won the Mid-Atlantic District Tournament title and advances to the NJCAA Division III championships Nov. 14-16 in Rochester, Minn.