



LOOKING AHEAD

Away Games:

Fri October 30
Delaware 7pm

Fri October 31
Towson 5pm

Home Games:

Fri November 06
James Madison 7pm

Sat November 07
George Mason 7pm



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KVAPILOVA KILLS AS RAMS ROLL

Freshman **Michala Kvapilova** spurred Virginia Commonwealth University to a 2-0 weekend record en route to her third Rookie of the Week Honor. Kvapilova led the Rams with 17 kills and a .239 hitting percentage in a five-set win over Hofstra on Friday, Oct. 23. Kvapilova continued to shine on Saturday, posting 20 kills and an impressive .500 hitting percentage.

Playing before a crowd of more than 1,300 Friday night, VCU started strong against Hofstra, showing the "immediate intensity" Head Coach **James Finley** has pushed for all season. Behind stellar play from Kvapilova, juniors **Marie**

Frey and **Kelsie Clegg** and senior **Ivana Rich** - all of whom had double-digit kills - the Rams stormed out to a 2-0 lead. Fending off a furious comeback attempt by the Pride, VCU showed their will to win on the way to capturing the tie-breaker, 15-10.

Northeastern came to the Siegel Center Saturday night, where they found the Rams sporting t-shirts with the word "FINISH!" on the back. VCU did just that. The Rams started strong again, playing their best set this season on the way to a 25-11 rout. VCU

did not commit an attack errors in the set and had a .900 sideout percentage. Senior **Lenka Melicharkova** collected 85 assists



Michala Kvapilova

over the weekend, continuously finding open Rams for kills. After jumping out to a 2-0 lead for the second time in as many nights, VCU

put away the Huskies in four to live up to the credo on their backs. The Rams face Liberty tonight, then hit the road to play Delaware on Oct. 30 and Towson on Oct. 31.

CONFERENCE CATCH-UP: WHERE WE STAND

It was a tumultuous weekend in the CAA. Upsets dominated the headlines, while a few teams may have played themselves out of the league's race to the CAA Tournament. The most surprising result of the weekend was previously-winless James Madison's upset of first-place Delaware. Although the Blue Hens of Delaware remained at the top of the CAA standings, the loss opened the

door for several teams. VCU not only remained in solid contention by winning both its matches, but with a loss



by George Mason to Delaware, the Rams moved into

a second-place tie with William & Mary. Meanwhile, George Mason slipped to fourth. Hofstra and Northeastern both lost two CAA matches over the weekend and are now a full two games back with just five to play. The top four teams qualify for the CAA Tournament. The upcoming weekend features many games that are crucial to the overall standings.