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Radford Highlanders volleyball had a strong start against High Point University but came up short in the end. The Highlanders fell in the end to their conference foe in 2-3 sets.

The game showed that the Highlanders were much improved and ready to compete for a Big South title. However, Radford must be able to hold onto a two-set advantage. They won the first set in a 33-31 thriller. From the beginning, there was a bit of a struggle on Radford's part. They let the panthers pull ahead by 6 points. They soon tied the game at 16, and it was back and forth from there.

After the 30 point mark, Radford took control. The team took advantage of errors made by High Point and were able to win the set. Sophomore Grace Green dramatically ended the set with an ace.

The highlanders carried the momentum to the next match. The statistics were more evenly matched, and the teams took turns scoring points.

The Panthers continued to make errors that cost them the second set. Radford pulled ahead and ended the match 25-23.

The third match held the same intensity as Radford and High Point battle it out. The Highlanders took an early 5-0 lead, but it was short-lived.

Senior, [Stephanie Neast](#), had 4 of her 12 kills in this match, but the Panthers combated it well and came back with a win 25-23.

The fourth set ended with a High Point win 25-14. It was back and forth in the beginning, but the Panthers soon blew past the Highlanders.

The fifth and final set was like the majority of the matches, a back and forth game. High point pulled out the win in the end 15-12.

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South title. However, Radford must be able to hold onto a two-set advantage. A win was very likely against the Panthers, but the Highlanders must be able to close out games.

Freshman, [Hailey Flowers](#), had 11 kills, proving her attacking threat for the Highlanders. Sophomore [Samantha Reitz](#) also added six kills and four blocks for the Highlanders.

Radford will resume play again on Oct. 4 at home against Campbell.

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