

Leopards Knock Nor'easters 3-0

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Biddeford, ME— UNE's Women's volleyball faced Wentworth Institute of Technology at home on Wednesday, October 22, 2025. The Nor'easters (10-9) fell short to the Leopards (16-4) in three tight sets of play on Coach Beaudry's Court. This CNE conference matchup ended in a 3-0 win for the visiting Leopards.

The match began with even back and fourth play from both teams, until WIT took control with a 12-3 lead advancing to 25 points, leaving the Nor'easters behind at 14. The Leopards earned a match-high of 14 kills in set one, allowing the Nor'easters only five. WIT also edged UNE in fewer number of errors, ending in 4-5 in the first set.

"Whether it is something small or something big, something mental or something tactical, we try to give ourselves one goal to work on each day to continue to grow." Reflected junior middle blocker, Kendall Gallagher. This supportive growth mindset was very clearly embodied on the court as the Nor'easters headed into set two, hoping to turn the match around.

UNE revved up after allowing the Leopards a 4-0 lead to start the second set. With tension rising between UNE's head coach and the officials, the Nor'easters on the court put in the work and earned notable leads of 9-7, 13-11, and 18-16. WIT matched UNE at 22, eventually stealing the last necessary points to seal the set (25-23).

As the third set began, the Nor'easters advanced to a 2-0 lead, but eventually fell to the visitors 25-16. Although WIT only edged UNE by one kill in the third (10-9), the Nor'easters gave up five errors compared to the Leopard's three.

"Last night's loss like other losses is never a good feeling, especially this being a conference match." Stated senior libero Kelsey Bradshaw. "But all we can do is take it on the chin and use it to work harder and fuel us these next couple of practices as well as leading into our upcoming conference match on Saturday against Western New England."

The Nor'easters are currently 3-3 in conference wins with four CNE games to go, and the Leopards are sitting at 5-1 also with four conference games left on their schedule.

"I think we just went into this game under the impression that Wentworth was going to win pretty easily, and we let them instead of playing to the best of our ability. It was one of those games where we attacked the ball with fear of missing rather than the expectation to kill it." Offered freshman setter, Syd Fye.

This was UNE's 19th matchup with Wentworth, and fourth year in a row giving up all three sets to the Leopards. Although the end results have not been in UNE's favor, they have repeatedly provided a hard fought game through all three sets.

UNE will look to bounce back by earning another conference win against the Western New England Golden Bears on Coach Beaudry's Court for their annual Homecoming game this Saturday, October 25th.