The West Georgia volleyball team won its first GSC championship.

The West Georgia volleyball team has made history all season, going on a 17-match winning streak with an overall 24-11 regular season record. They succeeded under the leadership of interim head coach Carla Silveria, who took over the team in the middle of the season. However, entering the Gulf South Conference tournament last weekend at Rhodes Field House in Searcy, Arkansas, many doubted the Wolves chances to win as a fourth seeded team.

The Wolves made history again by becoming the first fourth seeded team to win in the opening round, ultimately winning their first GSC championship in school history. "It feels great to be a part of history," Silveria said. "We had a great team throughout the season and one of our goals was to win the GSC tournament. I just told our team to believe that we were good enough to win and we did."

The volleyball team previously won only one game in postseason appearances in the past ten years, and the win gives West Georgia's athletic program its first GSC title since the 2002 Men's Basketball Championship. West Georgia began the tournament by defeating host and number one seeded Harding. The first game started off slow for both teams, but the Lady Lions got things together and went on a 12-0 run on their home court 30-28.

In game two, the Wolves jumped to an 8-2 lead. After Harding made a run, the Wolves went to Carolin Schroeck, who got seven kills in game two. West Georgia also finished the game winning 30-27, and never looked back as they upset number one seeded Harding 3-1 in the first round.

In the next round, the Wolves faced the three-time defending GSC champions, North Alabama. The Lady Lions swept the regular season meetings, winning 3-0 in Florence and 3-2 in Carrollton, but West Georgia claimed a season sweep this weekend, defeating the Lions 3-0 to make it to the championship game. The real contest came against West Florida, a team that had come back from a 2-0 deficit twice to beat the Wolves in the regular season, and they showed no respect to the Wolves at the beginning of the match. However, West Georgia got over the hump, blowing the Lady Argos by a 3-0 margin. The Wolves finished the first game with a score of 30-21, and they barely squeezed by in the second game with a win of 30-27. West Georgia was sneaky being up two games to none, as they had been in this position twice before, both times resulting in a loss.

Refusing to allow history to repeat itself, the Wolves streak early in the third game, going, going, going ahead by a score of 15-7. They quickly put West Florida away and won the game by a final score of 30-19.

An interview with Billy Alfrod; Decorated campus veteran and worker

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Veteran's Day was celebrated at the University of West Georgia last Friday. The Ingram Library featured Jeff Rooks, a lecturer and veteran, who spoke about the history of Veteran's Day at the Lunch and Learn program. Also in attendance was Dr. Walter Todd, assistant professor of physical education and recreation, among other responsibilities. Todd presented an overview of his private collection of war memorabilia.

His exhibit included a German propaganda book, a WWI diorama, and photographs of UWG students in uniform. As a way of helping to celebrate Veteran's Day, The West Georgia set down with another distinguished veteran who was wounded in Vietnam, a man who now works in Financial Aid and will be retiring in less than a week, Billy Alfrod.

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