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Cougar women's volleyball at Indiana Tech

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The IU Kokomo Cougar women's volleyball team opened its first season of intercollegiate competition in Fort Wayne against the Indiana Tech Lady Warriors, a very strong program -- 126-41 wins over the last four years and a top 12 finish in the 2009 National Tournament. As slated, the Cougars competed against Tech's JV squad, falling 16-25, 14-25 and 17-25. At one point in the third set, the Cougar's owned a five point lead; however, as was characteristic throughout most of the match, unforced errors plagued the team in its first showing.

Coach Kristen Snoddy commented, "It wasn't as though the errors fell into one category in particular. We just did not play well in long enough spurts, and that may have certainly been due to the fact that this was the first collegiate competition for all but one of our girls, and perhaps there was added pressure and excitement over it being the first ever showing for the Cougars -- very historic."

Jenna Pelling and Krista Armstrong had 6 and 5 kills respectively and setter Rachael Williams had 10 assists. Libero Emily West had 9 digs. Snoddy acknowledged the girls' accomplishments yet stated some ambivalence over the match.

"I told the team after the match that I was equally pleased and disappointed. On the one hand, we learned today that when we play well we are certainly competitive. It is not a matter of us not belonging here. Quite truthfully, as new players and coaches we were not sure how we would measure up until today. The downside is that we beat ourselves -- had we played as well as we are capable of playing, we could have very well come out on the other side of this."

The women host the next two opponents, Vincennes on August 28 and Goshen on September 6.

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