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Chargers take on nation's top CCAA women's volleyball team

The Camosun College Chargers women's volleyball team will be put to the test this weekend as they take on the nation's top CCAA squad, the University of the Fraser Valley Cascades in double-header action at PISE.

As the #1 team nation-wide, UFV is led by veterans who have performed consistently at their position for a number of years. The Chargers will need to watch for the explosive and dynamic duo of fifth-year middle Kayla Bruce and fourth-year leftside Jenna Evans. Bruce, Evans and second-year rightside Krista Hogewoning make up three of the CCAA's Top 10 athletes in the kills category. But perhaps what makes the Cascades so successful is their ability to close each set out with amazing efficiency.

"I've been very impressed with UFV's ability to perform after 20," said Coach Dahl. "When I review our matches and monitoring UFV's results from around the league I can't help but notice that they do a great job of executing the game late in the set. Whether up after 20 points or behind, if UFV is with you on the scoreboard at that stage in the game you have to be prepared to battle to the bitter end."

Making a steady rise up the PACWEST standings, the Camosun women are fresh off back-to-back wins against College of the Rockies in Cranbrook and a bye from the weekend past. At 7-9 and in 4th place, the Chargers continue to manage their progress despite a roster that is short due to injuries.

"Injuries and illness are simply things that happen over the course of a season and we feel very fortunate to have our student athletic trainers in the program and our partnership with Lifemark," commented Head Coach Chris Dahl. "This weekend, we will look to do a good job of controlling the point spread early in the set. It sounds obvious, but those early points are just as important as the late ones. If we can do this then we anticipate a great match and undoubtedly we'll find opportunity after 20."

On the men's side, Head Coach Charles Parkinson leads his #4 Chargers as the squad faces off against the 6th place Cascades. In a previous match-up, Camosun split their games against Fraser Valley winning in four the first night and going down in five the next. In an "anything can happen" league, the Chargers are preparing for an exciting battle.

Cheer the Chargers on at PISE or watch the matches LIVE on SportsCanadaTV.

Fri, Jan. 25	Women	6pm	Camosun (#4) vs. UFV (#1)
	Men	8pm	Camosun (#4) vs. UFV (#6)
Sat, Jan. 26	Women	1pm	Camosun vs. UFV
	Men	3pm	Camosun vs. UFV