When Hess needs ignition, Miller’s spark
Hard-charging point guard a vital part of 30-season run

By KEVIN TREOSOLINI
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NEWARK — The basketball waist brushing across the floor at UNCWilmington last month and Kenton Miller didn’t disappoint.

She made a boilus, diving onto the court, ag-
racing the fancied in the public’s eye or was
done the same thing. Miller skidded face first
along the hardwood, but Delaware was making a
six-point lead with less than two minutes left
and there was no other recourse.

Miller broke her nose and required possa-
sions for Delaware, which, boosted by Alexa-
enna Richards’ layup 13 seconds later, survived the
out bid 63-55. She then played 14 minutes the
next game, wearing a protective mask at the
value.

That type of energetic contribution has been a
spark for Delaware in a beyond-a-shadow-of-
doubt 30-season that continues in the NCAA
Tournament. The No. 3-ranked Blue
Hens, ranked seventh in the nation, play
Arkansas/Little Rock (20-14) at 5:20 p.m. on the
Trojans’ home court.

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Test gives schools midyear direction

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At Sussex Central High School, ninth-graders get help on writing from Meghan Fulmer. Instructional coaches are funded by the Race to the Top initiative, the News Journal understands. The Delaware Comprehensive Assess-

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7th grade: 51
6th grade: 49

Math proficiency

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8th grade: 46
7th grade: 45
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Winter exam results show movement from fall and work needed by spring

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At Sussex Central High School near Georgetown, two instructional coaches meet with teachers every week.

Reading specialist John D. Orlando and math specialist Jane Mahoney go over cur-
rriculum and suggest changes. They review
data to try and figure out which concepts stu-
dents have grasped and which might require more explication.

The use of instructional coaches — funded by the state’s Race to the Top initiative — is part of the Indiana River School District has for so long made the state a national

“Where we see the growth is, which stu-
dents showed improvement and which stu-
dents might need a little push,” Orlando said.

“We use that data to drive instruction.”

In a report released Tuesday, the state De-
partment of Education has analyzed for the
first time those midyear results for achieve-
ment tests, showing how far Delaware dis-
tricts have progressed and how much they will
need to improve to meet Race to the Top goals.

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GAME TICKETS
Ticket for Delaware’s NCAA Women’s Basketball Tournament game(s) at Arkansas-Little Rock’s Jack Stephens Center are available by calling the Central Ticket Office at (910) 560-8270 or on UAHTickets.com. Tickets are $20 (face value) or $15 (red zone). The price includes both first-round games Sunday – Delaware vs. Arkansas-Little Rock at 12:00 and Nebraska vs. Kansas at 7:40 – and Tuesday’s matchup between Sunday’s winners, tip-off time to be announced.

Delaware has a limited number of tickets on sale Tuesday at a price of $10. Contact the UD Athletics ticket office at (302) 831-2177 or visit www.bluehens.com for information.

Miller’s approach? Just do the most with the minutes that come.

“Kayla Miller feels she might not be the same player, but if she was, she’d be difficult to back her up, then so be it,” Coach Tina Martin said. “She’s such a tough kid. Kayla was like ‘Hey, whatever I can do physically, that’s what I’m going to do.’”

Miller admitted.

But the team’s success is remarkable, in fact. “This is a big year for us. Everyone understands their role and that’s what it’s come to,” Miller said. “This is a big year for us. Everyone understands their role and that’s what it’s come to. The team’s success is remarkable, in fact.”

Delaware guard Kayla Miller (left) tries to squeeze past the tight defense of Hofstra’s Andrea Thomas in the second half of a Jan. 26 victory. Miller has provided a consistent boost of energy off the bench for the Hens this season.

Injuries, move to bench haven’t changed Miller

The 5-foot-8 Miller was limited to the first 200 customers. Chances to win 100% on your purchase of gold, silver, platinum & diamonds coupon is valid on previous sales. No combined offers. Promotion valid through May 12, 2012.

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