

## Thompson Sparks Lightning Volleyball Surge

After a season where the Lightning advanced to the CUNY conference semi-finals, a rebuilding year was in order for the women's volleyball squad. The Lightning had graduated two key players from last year's starting five, while two key components from the squad decided to miss the season for personal reasons. With such a great loss of talent in just one season, head coach Edwin Gonzalez was faced with the task of rebuilding a team with just one returning starter. Enter junior Kelloney Thompson.

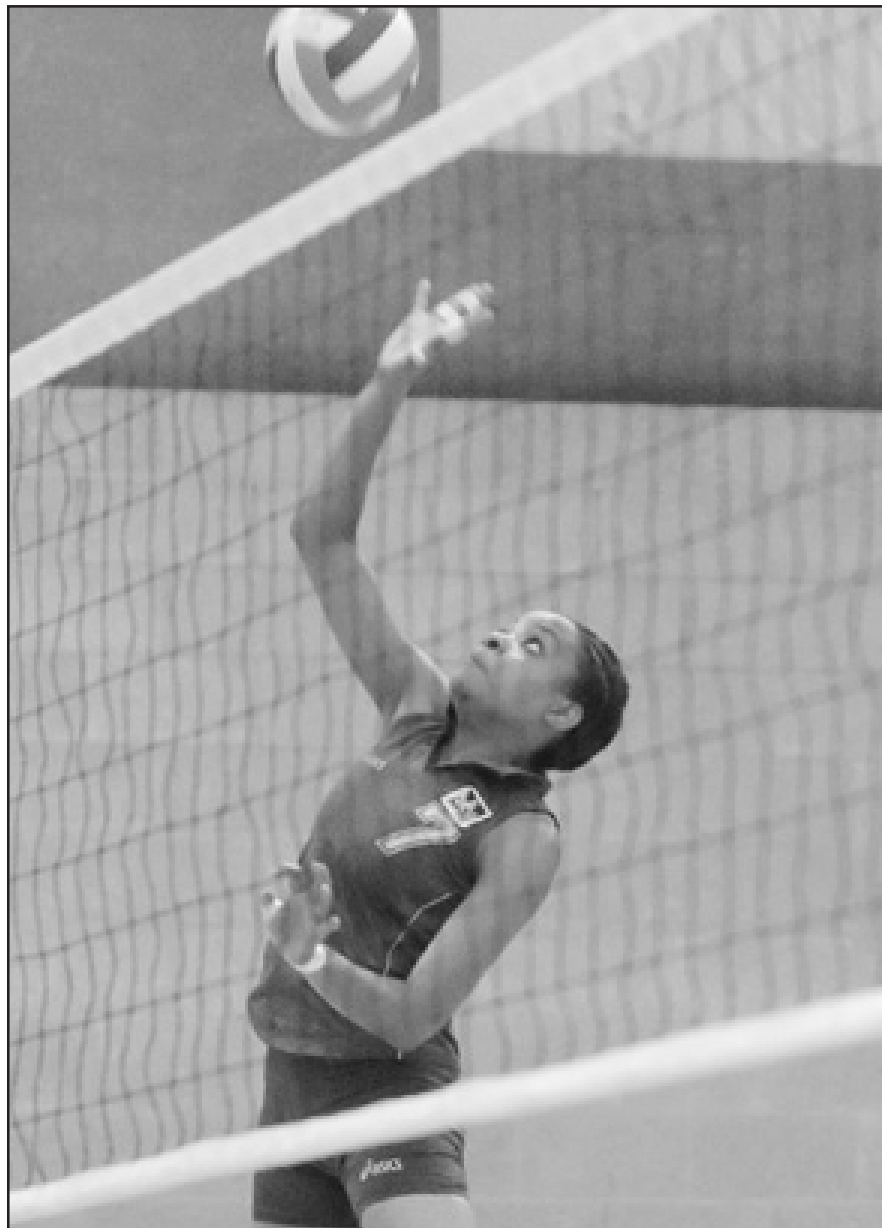
Kelloney Thompson is a 5'11" junior college transfer from Bronx Community College. Thompson was an all CUNYAC performer on the two-year level, and has emerged as one of the most dominant players in the CUNY division. A basketball player in her native Jamaica, Thompson has led the Lightning to a surprising 4-1 CUNY record, and second place overall in the standings. Her team high seventeen kills led Lehman to an upset win over two-time defending CUNY champion CCNY last week at the APEX.

"Kelloney is a special player," said second year coach Gonzalez. "Her athletic ability and knowledge of the game has been great for our young squad."

The Lightning will look to continue their quest for a CUNY championship. In the upcoming weeks the Lightning will battle first place Baruch College, and prepare the CUNY conference championships to be held at CCNY. If Lehman is successful in capturing their first women's volleyball championship, the Lightning will advance to the NCAA Division III national tournament.

"This would be a great accomplishment for this young team," added Gonzalez. "For a team who lost so much in the off-season, the hard work and commitment of this group has been unbelievable."

The Lehman College women's volleyball team will return to action this Saturday, October 8, 2005 in a tri-match at the APEX Arena. Lehman will play host to College of Mt. St. Mary's and St. Joseph's College. The event will begin at 10am, with admission being free.



### UPCOMING HOME EVENTS:

**Women's Tennis**      October 7, 2005  
vs. Brooklyn College  
4:00 pm APEX Tennis Cts

**Women's Volleyball**      October 8, 2005  
Tri-Match (Mt. St. Mary/  
St. Joseph's (BK)  
11:00 am APEX Arena

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