

Soccer update

Toccoa falls to Dogs

After suffering a one-goal loss on the road at Warren Wilson College two days earlier, the UNCA soccer team recovered away from home with a 4-1 thrashing of Toccoa Falls College Friday. The win evened the Bulldog's record at 1-1, while Toccoa was opening its season at home after an 11-8-1 campaign a year ago that put them in the NAIA District 25 playoffs.

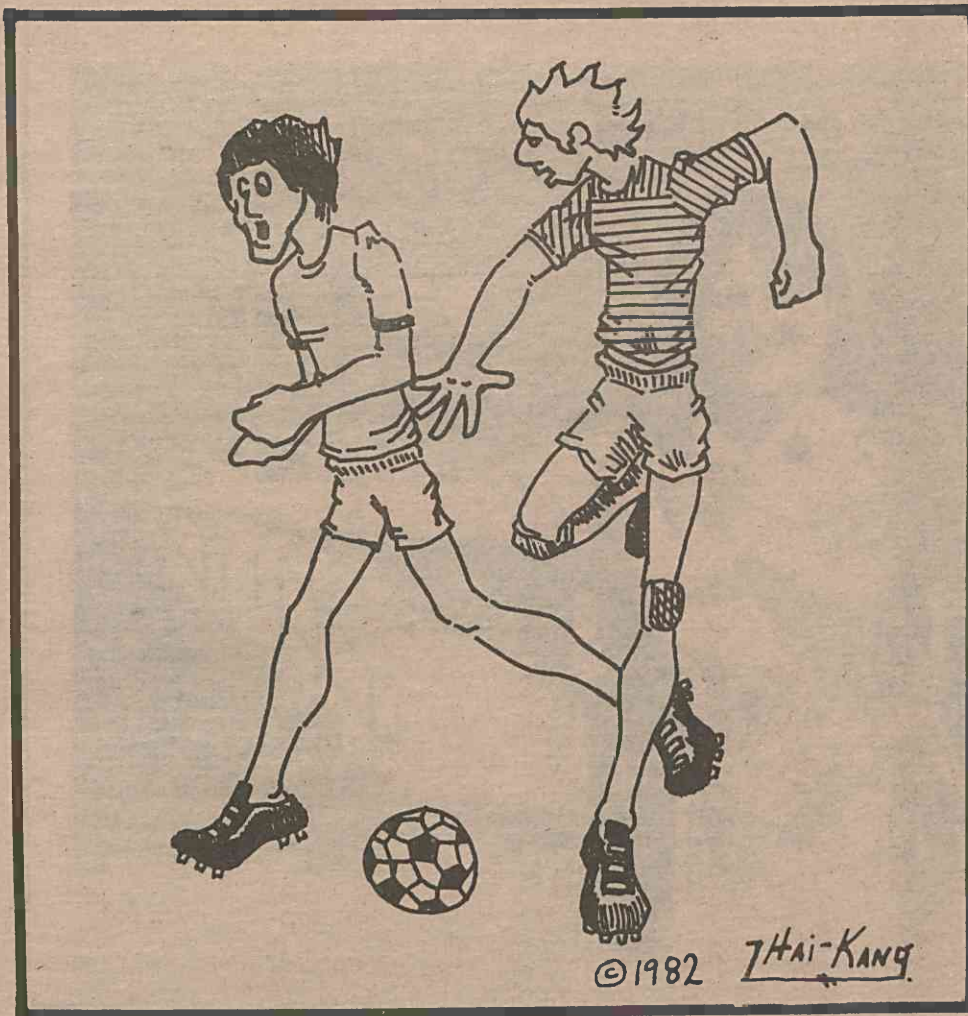
Freshman Gregg Sadelson hit the nets for the first UNCA goal of the season midway through the first half, slamming home a 10-yard shot off a cross from sophomore midfielder Ulrich Dietrich. The Bulldogs managed a 2-0 lead at the half when Matt Lis found the corner of the goal on a 25-yard free kick that he curved around the Toccoa defensive wall. Once again, Sadelson had a hand in the scoring as it was he who had been pulled down on a foul to earn the free kick with just one minute to go in the period.

Toccoa's Jim Madison cut the gap to 2-1 with 20 minutes left in the game, but that was just the prodding UNCA needed, as the team rallied back with two more scores in a five-minute span. Sadelson, moved up to the forward line after an injury to Aytekin Yildiz, converted a goal-mouth scramble into a score off a Neal Rhoades assist. Dietrich then finished the barrage when key passes from Pablo Vaca and Steve Woody set up the sophomore co-captain's goal.

With fellow co-captain Steve Sloan teaming with freshman sweeper Pete Hammett, the defense limited Toccoa to 11 shots while UNCA was hitting on 32 efforts. The winning effort by senior goalkeeper Sean Kelly also kept him in the lead among District 26 net-minders with a 1.00 goals-per-game average. UNCA was also leading the NAIA district in defense.

"We finally got together and played our style of ball, which is a passing and control offense," said Coach Hank Komodowski. "We got sucked into playing a chip-and-run game against Warren Wilson, but moved the ball around very well at Toccoa. Mat Lis also had an excellent game, as did Steve Sloan and Pete Hammett. Losing Aytekin for the second half hurt, since we're still not finishing up our thrusts with crisp or dangerous shots."

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High Point squeaks by

By Tim Riddle

The UNCA soccer team lost its home opener to High Point College, Sept. 14, but gave the Panthers all they could handle before going down 2-1.

The Bulldogs played intensely the first half and kept pressure on High Point's defense, but the Panthers managed to score on a free kick deep in Bulldog territory. The high ball landed between UNCA defenders, but bounced over their heads, and a High Point striker volleyed it past keeper, Sean Kelly. UNCA's spirit wasn't dampened as the defense tightened, and the midfield played excellent transition.

The Bulldogs kept the offensive pressure on with a patient passing game that resulted in a Panther foul in the penalty box. Aytekin Yildiz put the penalty shot in the corner of the goal to tie the score with less than 10 minutes to play in the half. The half ended with UNCA holding a 9-5 edge in shots on goal.

The Panthers came out strong in the second half with most of the action taking place in UNCA's half of the field. The Bulldog defense was up to the challenge, however, as they thwarted many Panther scoring opportunities with an array of spectacular slide tackles, headers, and steals. One sure goal by High Point was headed past Kelly toward the right corner, but freshman fullback Pete Hammett leaped high in the air and headed the ball safely over the goal.

UNCA had just as many problems scoring. Late in the game with the score tied 1-1, UNCA was whistled for a foul in the penalty box. The call was similar to the one that resulted in UNCA's goal. The Panthers scored on the penalty kick despite Sean Kelly's diving effort.

The Bulldogs tried in vain to score in the waning minutes of the game, but time expired.

Coach Hank Komodowski commented on his team's effort, "We played the first half the way we wanted. But," he added, "a penalty kick can swing the momentum of a game."

Though his Panthers won the contest, Coach Woody Gibson complained about the referees. "In eight years of coaching, I've never seen officiating as poor and as inconsistent as today's," he said. "The bad calls went both ways too." Regarding the two penalty kicks he said, "neither should have been a penalty, but the referee knew he made a bad call in the first half, and had to call it the same in the second half."

Gibson wasn't impressed with the officiating, but he was impressed with the Bulldogs: "Hank's done a super job here. I knew they were much improved. I thought [UNC] Asheville outplayed us."

UNCA's record fell to 1 and 2, while High Point improved its record to 3 and 2. The Panther's only losses were to ACC members UNC and Wake Forest.

UNCA drops Blue Hose

By Tim Riddle

The UNCA soccer team scored a 4-0 victory over Presbyterian College Tuesday, dominating the contest for the entire 90 minutes.

The Bulldogs scored early in the first half when Aytekin Yildiz put the ball past the keeper off of an Ulrich Dietrich header. Yildiz scored again, three minutes later, off a beautiful assist by Steve Woody.

The Blue Hose couldn't get things going on offense, and the half ended with UNCA leading 2-0.

UNCA didn't let up in the second half. They kept the ball in Presbyterian's end of the field, taking numerous shots on goal. The Blue Hose had serious problems marking men in the midfield and backfield.

"We were making quick, sharp passes, and they didn't have time to key on any one player," said Hank Komodowski, UNCA head soccer coach.

Ulrich Dietrich was about to score when he was tripped in front of the box. Yildiz scored on the penalty kick to pick up the hat trick, and put the Bulldogs up 3-0.

Hasan Inan added the final score when he chipped the ball over the outstretched hands of the goal keeper.

Komodowski seemed very pleased with the team play. "They did what they were supposed to do. They had dangerous forwards, but we just kept them off balance," he said.

Concerning the offensive punch, Komodowski said, "Aytekin is coming around; he's scored seven goals in seven days; that's as many as he scored all last season." He added, "But he's not our whole offense; we've just set him up good."

Yildiz was named NAIA District Player of the Week for his four goals in their three games last week.

NAIA NEWS

Roberto Sa', a freshman at Guilford College, has been selected as the first "NAIA District 26 Soccer Player of the Week" for the 1982 season. Sa' led Guilford with three goals in a 6-0 win over Catawba in a district contest and added another goal to his weekly statistics in a 5-2 defeat to UNC-Greensboro.

The Brazil native was also named "Carolinas Conference Soccer Player of the Week" for his performance.

Other players having a good week around the league were Atlantic Christian's Michael George, scoring two goals and two assists against Catawba as ACC won 11-0; Pfeiffer goal keeper Donnie Winkler, who allowed only two goals in two games and posted 13 saves; and UNCA's Greg Sadelson, scoring two goals in a winning effort against Toccoa Falls College of Georgia.