

SPORTS

Bulldogs squeak by

By Joan Sterk

In a close and exciting season opener, UNCA's men's basketball team squeaked by Coastal Carolina 59-57 in Justice Gym Saturday.

With five seconds remaining and the game tied, Randy Shepherd found Tom Haus under the basket. He made the short shot to seal the victory.

The Bulldogs, playing their first game in the Big South Conference, fell behind during the first half, trailing at halftime 31-36.

They shot 42 percent from the floor and hit 37 percent free throws in the first 20 minutes of play.

Coach Jerry Green hopes this low shooting percentage was due to "first game jitters."

Green said the second half shooting was better and he "was pleased with the shot selection."

UNCA had a strong beginning, including a slam dunk by Jeff Jones within the first two minutes. But Coastal Carolina kept firing back and the teams alternated leads, with neither team gaining more than a six point advantage.

Playing before a crowd of 1,300, the Bulldogs quickly came back during the second half to tighten up the score.

Coach Green "knew we

would shoot better in the second half" and he hoped the team would "penetrate Coastal Carolina's defense more in the second half."

Green's wish for better shots and a stronger offense came true early in the last half.

Jones scored the first five points in the second half to tie the game 36-36. But Coastal Carolina continued keeping the score close throughout the second half.

UNCA tried to hold the ball several times in the last half, forcing Coastal Carolina to foul. However the Bulldogs did not get into the bonus situation until 40 seconds remained in playing time.

Green did not feel that the attempt to hold the ball was very successful. "When we were holding the ball, we made several turnovers. This was due to inexperience," said Green.

The teams tied the score five times in the second half, including a 57-57 tie with only 23 seconds remaining.

The owner of the game winner basket with five seconds left was Tom Haus. Haus, a senior, was the leading scorer for the Bulldogs, finishing with 13 points and five rebounds.

Guards Greg Jones and Randy Shepherd combined for 10 assists and 18

points, helping to spark the offensive drive.

The Bulldogs continued their winning streak by beating Pembroke State University, 67-60, Monday in Justice Gym.

The Bulldogs were behind 26-20 at halftime but came out strong in the second half.

"I thought the kids played their heart out in the second half," Green said. "We came out with a press that seemed to rattle Pembroke. We just wanted to play more offensively."

The men will play the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Winthrop College in a double-header at the Asheville Civic Center Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

The Bulldogs will be on the road until Dec. 3, when they face Greensboro College at 7:30 p.m. at Justice Gym.

Cheerleaders back bulldogs

By Anne Snuffer

"Rah, rah, ciss, boom, bah!" Their smiles are broad; their makeup is perfect; and their hair and uniforms are always in place. Their movements are fluid and perfectly synchronized.

That's the way many people view cheerleaders. But cheerleaders aren't just trying to look good.

"We're out there to make the team feel good. The team needs to know someone is behind them," said UNCA's Head Varsity Cheerleader Robin Marlowe.

She and the rest of the varsity cheerleaders who cheer for the Bulldog soccer and men's basketball teams feel it's their job "to get the crowd going."

But that isn't easy. Because UNCA is such a small school, it's lacked school spirit in the past.

"We're trying to improve the spirit around here. But the UNCA cheerleaders are going to have to prove themselves and stay together as a squad," added Marlowe.



Staff Photo by Sylvia Hawkins

UNCA GETS TOUGH against Pembroke State University in Monday's game at Justice Gym. The Bulldogs continued their winning streak with a 67-60 win. Coach Jerry Greene said the Bulldogs' "press rattled Pembroke."

In the past the squads have seen some tough times. Members have come and gone.

Since they aren't considered part of the athletic department, things like uniforms and summer cheerleading camp aren't furnished.

They receive a little financial help from the Campus Commission, but most of the money they get comes from their own fundraising efforts.

Junior Varsity Head Lorri Blair said their squad only has five uniforms. One girl quit this year, so four members cheer for the Lady Bulldogs basketball team.

Being members of the junior varsity or varsity squads takes a certain amount of athletic ability and a lot of hard work.

"We practice three days a week for a couple of hours each day," said Marlowe.

In that time, the varsity squad does aerobics, works through the motions of cheers, jumps and pyramids, and dances for half-time performances.

Leisa McIntyre, Lisa Bailey, Patti Brooks, Robin Ashmore, Francine Holmes, Shenee Earle, and Robin Marlowe make up the varsity squad.

The junior varsity squad practices four days each week, and works on exercises, jumps, floor cheers, and chants and stunts.

Members include Dee Dee Quick, Anita Dean, Vickie Rich, and Lorri Blair.

"You can't be shy or embarrassed in front of a crowd," said Marlowe.

"I like to see a crowd get fired up, and I love sports, so it's easy," added Blair.

But their fun doesn't consist of showing off. Their fun comes "in working together, and that's what makes you feel good," said Marlowe.

All district

***SPECIAL RECOGNITION** for all-district honors go to Ulrich Dietrich, soccer, Kim Groendal, volleyball, and Sara Orozco, volleyball.



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UNCA'S CHEERLEADERS, junior and varsity squads