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## Bulldogs break road jinx, beat Augusta 69-66

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AUGUSTA, Ga. — Sophomore Maurice Caldwell scored six of his 14 points in the final 1:20 as UNCA held on to defeat Augusta College 69-66 Monday night.

The win was UNCA's first on the road against Big South Conference competition in four tries.

Brent Keck led UNCA (5-5, 12-11) with 16 points, while Brandt Williams and William Funderburk added 15 and 11, respectively.

Tim Daniels paced Augusta (3-7, 7-15) with a game-high 24 points. Jeff Moss added 17, while John Walker chipped in 10.

Caldwell began his assault at the 1:20 mark by hitting a shot in the lane to give UNCA a 65-64 lead.

Caldwell then stole a Moss pass and hit an uncontested layup to make it 67-64 with 1:03 remaining.

After a Vincent Jackson jumper sliced the margin to 67-66, Caldwell hit both ends of a one-and-one with 16 seconds left to make the score 69-66.

Augusta had one last chance to tie, but Jackson's three-point attempt from the right baseline missed, and Keck grabbed the rebound with one second left.

"I thought that Caldwell and Keck really played well the whole game," said UNCA Coach Jerry Green. "We really did the job down the stretch and when the game was on the line we found a way to win."

"This was as gutsy an effort as we've had all year. This was Augusta's last home game, (so) it

was a big night for their seniors and we still found a way to win."

The Jaguars held a 62-60 lead with three minutes remaining, but a Williams three-pointer from the top of the key put UNCA ahead 63-62 at the 1:59 mark.

Daniels then hit a follow shot on Augusta's next possession to give the Jaguars a 64-63 lead before Caldwell put UNCA ahead for good.

UNCA hit 29-of-52 shots (55 percent) from the field compared to 26-of-53 (49 percent) for Augusta. Augusta hit 12-of-14 free throws, while UNCA converted only eight-of-15. The Jaguars outrebounded UNCA 29-28.

The second half was close throughout and featured nine lead changes. Augusta's biggest lead came at 44-40 when Daniels hit a 10-foot jumper with 13:50 left.

However, Funderburk answered with a 15-footer and Williams hit a three-pointer to put UNCA ahead 45-44.

The Bulldogs built a 55-51 lead midway through the half, but Moss hit two free throws and a jumper for a 55-55 tie.

Augusta used a strong inside game to open up a 33-26 lead late in the first half. However, UNCA got two free throws from Funderburk and consecutive baskets by Caldwell and Keck to cut the margin to 33-32 at intermission.

Daniels scored 12 points in the first half for Augusta, while Keck paced UNCA with eight points, hitting all four of his attempts from the floor.

"We really felt fortunate to be down only one at the half," Green said. "We weren't getting any help on Daniels. He is an outstanding player who could play in any league."

### American hopes continue to dim at Winter Olympics

By Geoff Cabe  
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Quickly! Name the only medal winners for the United States in this year's Winter Olympics.

If you blurted out the names of figure skaters Jill Watson and Peter Oppegard, who captured a bronze medal in pairs figure skating Tuesday night, within the five-second time limit, you win an all-expense paid trip to Seoul, South Korea this summer.

Once there, you can watch legitimate United States medal hopefuls compete in sports such as track and field, basketball and volleyball.

For those of you who didn't come up with the right answer, you'd better forget that trip to the beer store and change your TV channel. The hard fact of the matter is that U.S. medal hopes will continue to be slim north of the border.

Did anybody really believe that the United States could go into Calgary and come out as the reigning world power in such obscure sports as the luge, two-man bobsled and curling?

Oh sure, Lake-Placid-like miracles (remember the 1980 U.S. hockey team) do occur from time to time, and an American skier or figure skater may win once in a while, but I wouldn't bet the mortgage on a U.S. nordic skier walking away with a gold medal. It's not our fault that we are so pitiful in these cold-weather sports.

The United States is a media dominated, glamour-seeking society, and nowhere is this more evident than in athletics.

After all, how many kids do you know that grew up wanting to strap on a pair of skis and slide uncontrollably down a 90-meter ramp. Now, football and baseball, that's another story. Contact and hard objects don't scare us; freezing to death does.

Plus, there is that added incentive of money. Americans have to make a living, and playing in snow just won't do it. A couple of real factors comes into play here. (1) Uncle Sam doesn't pay the training costs; donations do. So, if your dream is to compete in the winter games, you are going to have to have the money and time to put into it. (2) The young athlete knows that the way out of the inner city is to run fast or put a ball through a hoop, not slide down a mountain. The rewards and benefits of success just aren't there. When was the last time a four-man bobsled team retired from competition and went on to make untold fortunes doing Lite Beer commercials?

I almost forgot, Bob Uecker did it. Wait a minute, that's not a bad idea. Let's put Ueck on the bobsled team—his chances are bound to be just as good as the guys we have competing now.



## Caldwell's spurt keys UNCA win

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With just over two minutes remaining in Saturday's Baptist-UNCA clash in Asheville, the Justice Center scoreboard went blank, the victim of a loosened cord.

As officials worked to determine how much time remained, Baptist head coach Gary Edwards, his squad ahead 62-61, looked at Bulldog coach Jerry Green and said, "I don't think there was any time left, Jerry." Perhaps, Edwards knew what was coming.

For once, the power returned; the Bulldog offense lit up, outscoring the Buccaneers 11-2 over the final two minutes to take a key 72-65 Big South Conference win.

Guard Maurice Caldwell sparked the late rally, scoring eight of his 16 points during the late surge that boosted UNCA to 11-11 overall, 4-5 in the Big South standings. Baptist fell to 5-4, 13-9 overall.

Taking advantage of 54 percent shooting in the second half, the Bulldogs outscored Baptist 43-36 in the final 20 minutes, avenging a two-point loss to the Bucs earlier this season.

"The big part about this ball game here was that, in the last two and a half minutes, the game could have gone either way," Green said. "We kept playing to win instead of being protective of the lead."

After seeing an 11-point second half lead evaporate into a two-point deficit, the Bulldogs took a 66-63 lead on a free throw by Caldwell and two Brandt Williams charity tosses.

The Buccaneers misfired on a pair of three-point attempts on their next trip down the floor, and seconds later Caldwell turned an inbounds pass into a three-point play, giving UNCA a 69-63 advantage.

"Maurice is coming along," Green said. "He's like a first-year freshman. Last year he played very, very little, but he's come a long way this season."

Baptist trimmed the lead to four with :21 remaining, but Richie Jeffcoat and Caldwell combined to hit three-of-four free throws in the final 20 seconds as UNCA snapped a three-game losing streak.

"I think that, when you talk about losing, you're talking

about some good teams that we've been playing, and you're talking about six points in the last two or three games that we've lost in which one or two points would have given us three wins," Green said.

"With three or four points more in a few games, I think we could be as much as 15-6. But that happens when you're as inexperienced as we are. I think that we've played consistently effort-wise. We've had a real good effort every time out."

William Funderburk added 15 points for the Bulldogs, while Williams and Brent Keck added 13 and 12, respectively.

Baptist center Heder Ambrose led the Bucs with 14 points, followed by Oliver Johnson and Darryl Hall with 13 each.

Bulldog leading scorer Ricky Chatman was held in single figures for the first time this season with nine points and fouled out with 6:18 left to play, his first disqualification of the season.

"I never want to play without Ricky Chatman," Green said. "He's been playing sick and hurt. Not too many people know that. He can barely sit down during time outs and his knee is bothering him, but there's nothing we can do about it."

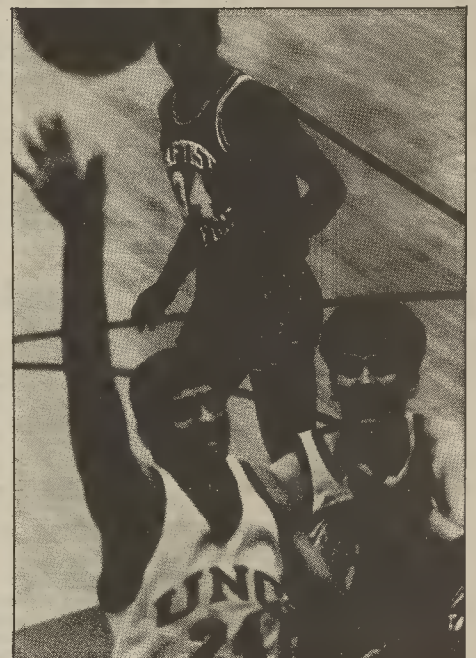
"What he needs is about two months of rest, but by that time his college career will be over."

Tied 29-29 at the intermission, the Bulldogs took advantage of five consecutive Baptist turnovers early in the second half to forge a 44-38 lead.

The lead grew to 52-41 with 12:03 remaining, but the Buccaneers rallied to slice the margin to 61-57 with four minutes remaining. A Dee Riley three-pointer cut the lead to 61-60, and Mike Acuff's baseline jumper gave Baptist their first lead since the 17:48 mark of the half.

But then the lights went out on both the clock and the Buccaneers offense, as UNCA, losers of their last three games by a total of six points, moved into fifth place in the Big South race.

"I'm beginning to see that the regular season seeds aren't going to mean anything in the tournament," Green said. "It's



Staff Photo—Sarah Gottfried  
Maurice Caldwell (24) puts up a shot against Baptist.

going to come down to who's playing well in two and a half weeks at tournament time." "I think we're playing well enough to put three games together and win the tournament. The key for us is to peak out around March 1. That's what we're sighting our sights on." "We feel like we can beat any team in the conference, but talking about it doesn't get it. Playing well does. We've got to play to win, not play to keep from losing, and I think we played to win tonight."

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