

# Sports

## Volleyball team an impressive second at tournament

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The UNCA volleyball team finished in second place last weekend at the Furman Invitational, behind top 20 team Georgia Tech.

"I was really excited with how we played," said Julie Torbett, UNCA's volleyball coach. "We went in knowing we were going to face a top 20 team. My intentions were to go in there and score three or four points on them and nobody get hurt."

UNCA finished with an overall record of 3-3 with wins over WCU, College of Charleston, and Furman, the host team.

"We were looking at not even letting the starting lineup play against them," said Torbett, "and the girls proved me wrong and went out there and played tough."

The Lady Bulldogs lost to Georgia Tech twice in the tournament, including the championship game.

"We met up with the College of Charleston, who we blew out in the first game 15-1, and we had a pretty good match against them," said Torbett. "Then we played Jacksonville State, and they ended up beating us in four games. However, we could have beat them as well."

The Bulldogs finished in a second-place tie in their pool.

"They had to break a three-way tie for second place in our pool, since all the other teams only had one win," said Torbett, "and we ended up with the most points scored."

UNCA advanced to the quarterfinals of the tournament and

played WCU on Saturday.

"We did not play very well at all against Western," said Torbett, "even though we said we can't take them lightly. Every time we step on the floor, we've got to be playing our best, because a team that shouldn't beat us is going to upset us," said Torbett.

The Bulldogs played the host team, Furman, in the semifinal match.

"The good thing from it (the game against WCU) was that we got into a groove against Furman, and beat them 3-0," said Torbett.

UNCA played Georgia Tech in the final of the tournament. It was the second time they played them in as many days.

"We didn't play Georgia Tech as well in the finals as we did the first time," said Torbett.

The Bulldogs had two players make the all-tournament team, Kimberly Osborne and Lorelee Smith.

"Kim was basically unstoppable. She's getting the most swings on the ball. She's our go-to person. She's playing the best volleyball I've ever seen her play," said Torbett.

The Furman Invitational is the second tournament in which Osborne has been named to the all-tournament team. This week, she was named the Big South conference player of the week.

"She's been a leader on the court, which has not been Kim's playing style. It hasn't been one of her duties. And she's just going after it her senior year, and I'm glad to see it," said Torbett.

## SUMMER ADVENTURES IN ARIZONA

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Rodney Levy, who heads this year's list of UNCA defensive returnees, has been playing summer soccer with the Tucson Amigos ever since his family's move to Arizona three years ago. This year, UNCA's key forward, Mark Acquista, joined him.

"It's good to have that kind of exposure," Levy said. "Me and Mark both, we want to play pro eventually, so to play in that level, semi-pro, that's the highest we could possibly do right now."

'Semi-pro,' not recognized as a league of its own, simply means that the players don't get paid, because that would affect their NCAA eligibility.

"We can't accept money because we're still in college and we wouldn't be able to play amateur again, but we accepted an apartment, because you're allowed to take that and traveling expenses," said Levy.

And the trips were frequent. The Amigos played at least one game every weekend, although they usually played two.

"We didn't have a weekend off the whole summer," sighed Levy. "We wanted to do some traveling this summer. We wanted to go up and see the Grand Canyon and stuff but we really just didn't have any time to do it. We were just so strapped for time. We never really knew what was coming next."

Nodding his head in agreement, Acquista leaned forward, smiling.

"We'd have a game in L.A. on Friday at 7 o'clock, so we'd have to get up at 5 o'clock in the morning, drive an hour and a half to Phoenix, get on a plane and fly into L.A., then drive another three or four hours, play a game, spend the night, and then hop

in the car, drive another three or four hours somewhere Saturday night, play a game, then wake up the next morning about four, drive back to the airport, and fly to Phoenix and then drive from Phoenix back to Tucson," said Acquista, laughing at the memory.

And nothing burns these guys out. Nothing. No hectic schedule or lack of sleep can dampen their enthusiasm for the game. You can see their faces light up just thinking about it, and their shared emotion is so powerful that you want to drop whatever you're doing and run out onto the field with them.

"When we were playing a game, we'd be playing for a thousand people, and after the game little kids would come over and we'd be signing autographs, sometimes fifty or more after a game. It really makes you feel good about yourself," Levy grins. "You won a game and you have a little fan club. It makes you appreciate playing a lot more."

It's not hard to see how their excitement rubs off on the fans. These guys live and breathe soccer, and there's no way they could ever give it up.

"I think it's an outlet. It's the only thing I can do any day of the week, any time of day. I can go to the field and play ball and not think about anything else," said Acquista.

Levy agreed, picking up Acquista's train of thought immediately.



Mark Acquista (left) and Rodney Levy.

Photo by Del Delorm

"It's like a funnel when you go out on the field. You can take everything and put it into the game," Levy said. "All the anger, anxiety, or whatever I have, I can take it and just funnel it through soccer and leave everything out on the field. That's what makes me feel good, when I get done playing and know that I've put out the maximum effort."

"We played with so many talented players that it's such a boost for our game to be able to step up to that level and play," said Levy.

"Yeah, we did some work," Acquista laughed. "We trained a lot, but that was like the whole business of us going out there this summer. To get the experience, train with all these veteran players, and then come back and tear up here our senior year."

## Chapel Hill soccer receives probation

(CPS)-The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill men's soccer team was placed on athletic probation after a freshman was hospitalized following a drinking binge.

Gregory Danielson, 18, spent a night in UNC hospital after drinking too much alcohol Sept. 2 at a men's soccer initiation, said UNC athletic director John Swofford.

The Tarheels also will miss a weekend tournament at the University of Nebraska-Las Vegas.

"By my direction, and with the full support of Coach (Elmar) Bolowich, that trip will not be made, and we will offer to forfeit the scheduled games," Swofford said in a statement.

Swofford said he canceled the trip to emphasize the seriousness of the drinking incident.

"I am concerned that the leadership of the team took no action to discontinue the underage drinking

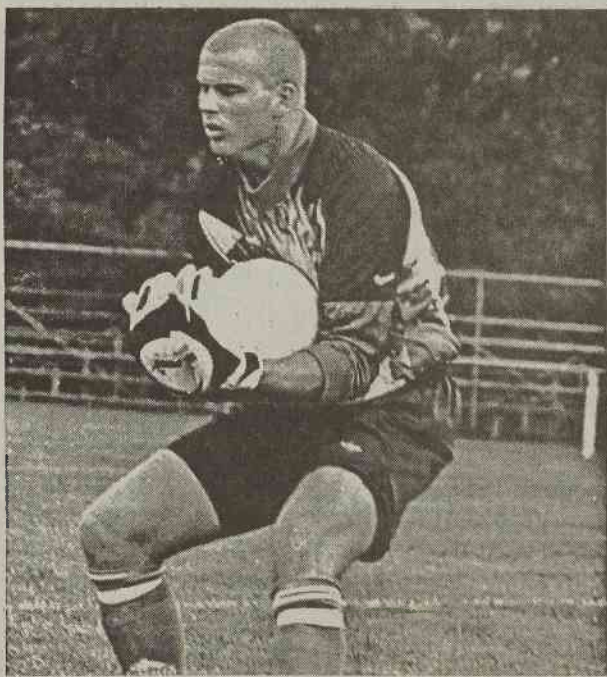
and the alcohol abuse that took place," he said.

Chancellor Michael Hooker said the team's behavior, as reported, "is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at Carolina."

The university renewed its efforts to crack down on drinking last spring, when a fraternity house fire following a party killed five students. The new policy prevents fraternities and other student groups from using their funds to purchase alcohol, and limits the presence of alcohol on campus.

But the party attended by Danielson was held in an off-campus location.

Swofford said any future incidents involving alcohol could cause players to be suspended or games to be forfeited. The team is also ordered to perform community service, he said.



UNCA senior Mark Robinson saves a goal in a game against Montreal College last Monday. The men's soccer team will play Georgia Southern at home this Sunday at p.m.

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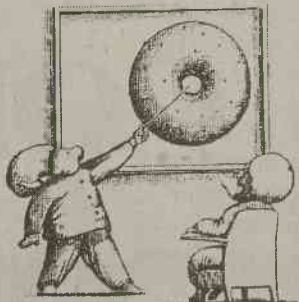
Saturday	Sept. 28	2 p.m.	Liberty
Sunday	Sept. 29	2 p.m.	Radford
Sunday	Oct. 20	2 p.m.	Coastal Carolina
Wednesday	Oct. 23		Davidson
Saturday	Oct. 26		Charleston Southern
Tuesday	Oct. 29		East Tennessee
Wednesday	Nov. 6		Winthrop
Thursday	Nov. 7		UNC Greensboro
Saturday	Nov. 10		UMBC
Tuesday	Nov. 12		Tennessee
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