

# Sports

## Aggies take down 'Dogs

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The UNCA baseball team lost to the North Carolina A&T University Aggies, who received five runs in the top of the ninth inning and won with a score of 9-6 on April 18 at Greenwood Field.

North Carolina A&T had a 4-0 lead in the first inning when Shelton Moore hit two runs on a single. The Bulldogs came back fighting with one run in the second inning to make the lead 4-1 before scoring four times in the third to make the score 5-4. UNCA made five hits in the inning and got RBI's from three different players to catch the lead. Sophomore first baseman Curtis Moncus contributed a RBI-double, while senior third baseman Stephen Deyo made a run with an RBI-single.

Junior catcher Brett Mulhian hit a homerun in the fourth inning to give the Bulldogs a 6-4 lead, which lasted into the top of the ninth, until the Aggies got three straight walks to open up the inning and load the bases.

A run-scoring single from A&T's Austin Love made the lead 6-5, and then an error by Moncus allowed a tie of 6-6 off UNCA freshman reliever Chris Duhamel.

After a strikeout, A&T's Moore, who finished the game with four RBIs, drove in the winning run with a two-run single to the center field. This put the Aggies at 8-6, and Eric Jones followed with an RBI single to make the victory 9-6 over the Bulldogs.

The win was contributed by Aggie relief pitcher Larry Dobbins, who allowed one hit during the final five innings and struck out three Bulldog hitters. He got out of a bases-loaded play and had no outs in the sixth, which kept the Aggies in the game. The day before, the Bulldogs played against High Point University in a conference doubleheader on April 17. UNCA won by a score of 4-1 in the first game, but lost 3-1 in the second.

This game marked the 796th victory in UNCA's head coach Mike Roberts' career. Senior Willie Stewart went 3-for-4 from the plate, and sophomore pitcher Judson Ballard and junior pitcher Nick Brannon



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Sophomore Jason Walker pitches against North Carolina A&T on April 18 at Greenwood Field. The 'Dogs lost the game by a score of 9-6.

combined on a four-hitter, according to the athletic Web site.

In the first game, Ballard went 4.1 innings, and allowed just two hits and an unearned run.

Brannon came in to pitch in the fifth inning, and collected his second save of the year. He struck out four hitters and walked one to help the Bulldogs.

"We really did a great job in the first game and got some super pitching," said Roberts. "I was really proud of our guys."

Junior Jason Ronai went 3-for-4 for the

## Track team competes Women's team wins first at invitational

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The women's and men's track and field teams competed in the U.S. Collegiate Track and Field Series Invitational at Furman University on April 15 in preparation for the Big South

Conference meet on April 21-22. UNCA competed against The Citadel, Furman and Charleston Southern.

"This was an important meet in terms of determining what events people would be competing in during the (upcoming conference meet)," said head coach Stan Rosenthal. The UNCA women's team came out on top with a score of 182 points, and the men came in fourth with 118 points.

"It was a good meet, particularly on the women's side, since they won the whole meet," said Rosenthal.

"Everybody competed hard," UNCA won six individual events, which included the men's 800, men's 1500, women's 1500, the women's hammer throw, the women's javelin, and the women's pole vault. In the women's shot put, UNCA scored second and third places, while in the women's discus swept places two through five.

"There were a lot of people who did very well," Rosenthal said.

In the men's hurdles, sophomore Andy Guzy set a new school record of 56.98 in the 400 and led off the record-setting men's 4x400 relay with a 49 second 400 meter split time.

Junior Zola Davis pulled away from the field in the 1500 to win by three seconds at 4:40. Davis also lowered her previous best in the 800 to 2:17.20.

Senior Brandon Trollop and freshman Chad Pearson pulled out to lead the men to victory in the 800 meter.

"Zola Davis had two good races. If you're running your best times of the year at the end

of the year, that's all we can ask for," said Rosenthal. "We had a lot of people do that."

Freshman Crystal Goure had another productive meet, winning the pole vault and the javelin and earning third place in the discus and shot put.

"Crystal Goure had a really good meet," said Rosenthal. "She's a very important person on our team because she does so many events so well."

Senior Amy Pearson had a lifetime best in the javelin with her throw of 102 feet. Senior Michelle Ray and freshman Tish Franklin had good days in the hammer throw.

Ray just missed the school record by few inches with a throw of 148'4", while Franklin improved her lifetime best by a foot to 119'9".

"Michelle Ray had a good meet, and we need her to be another one this weekend," Rosenthal said.

The Bulldog track team has improved throughout the season and is posting some of their best marks at the end of the season.

The conference meet on April 21-22 is the big test, though, according to Rosenthal.

"It's not like basketball," Rosenthal said. "You can't dictate tactics. There isn't anything you can do to make your opponents play down to your level."

Though the Bulldogs have their weaknesses, Rosenthal says he feels confident that his team is prepared to do battle at the conference meet.

"We have a lot of potential to score points in the pole vault and discus," said Rosenthal. "The women throwers and distance runners really need to perform at the level (of which) they're capable."

"I think everyone has a good attitude about (the conference meet)," said senior discus thrower John Young. "The hardest thing right now is the time of year because of the work and exams."

"It's important to all of us to do well and do our best," said Young.



PHOTO BY ANTHONY GRECO

Freshman Crystal Goure practices for track BSC Championships.

## Bulldogs chew up Wingate Women's tennis team defeats competition 6-3

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The UNCA women's tennis team, who are now 0-5 in conference play and 6-8 overall, defeated the Wingate University Bulldogs 6-3 at home on April 12. The men's and women's tennis teams say they look toward the future as they prepare for the Big South Conference Championship season.

"I was proud of the way the girls played," said head coach Jeff Duncan. "They all played solid. All the girls stuck together."

Sophomore Stefanie Shuba won a match at No. 1, according to Duncan. Senior Michelle Watson won at No. 2, sophomore Finley Livesey won at No. 3, and freshman Ashley Jones won at No. 4.

"Going into next year will be a bright future for us," said Duncan. "I have been around the kids for eight months, so they're getting the feel of me, and I am getting the feel of them. They are great to work with."

"I look forward to the last part of the season here, and the off-season where I will be trying to get some kids in here that are going to be impact players," said Duncan.

"We are a determined ready to head into our conference tournament and, hopefully, we will finish strong," said Duncan.

The Bulldogs will compete in the Big South Conference Championships on April 21-22 at Elon College.

"If we can play hard and stay focused, I believe that good things are going to happen," said Duncan. "I can only carry us into next year on a good note."

The UNCA men's tennis team now has a 16 record in conference play and a 3-14 record overall after a 3-4 loss against Mars

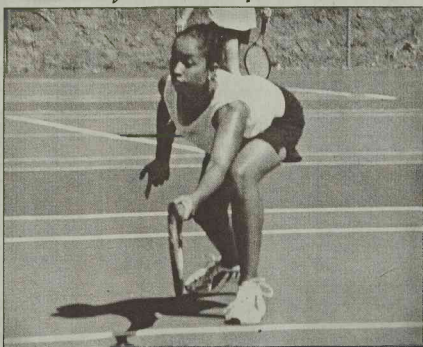


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Senior Janelle Watson competes in the April 12 tennis match against Wingate University. UNCA plays in the BSC tournament April 20-22.

Hill on April 10.

"Unfortunately, because our season has not been as successful as we would have liked, we are going to be the seventh seed going into the tournament," said freshman Zack Malina. "It is (not) determined yet who we are going to play, but we will certainly be the underdog."

"We are just going into the tournament with a warrior spirit and, hopefully, we should come up with a win," said Malina. "If things don't go well, we will certainly be preparing for next season."

Malina said he thinks if the team had a choice between who to play first round of the possible contenders, they would want to play Coastal Carolina. Coastal is in

the mix of possibly being the second or third seed.

"We faired (well) against them in the regular season," said Malina. "Coastal would be a good match for us to move on in the tournament."

Malina says the tennis teams have benefited from the advice and motivation of their new coach.

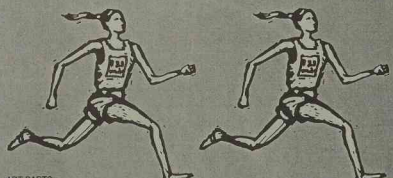
"Coach Duncan started getting us fired up towards the end of the season," said Malina. "The season was a learning experience for everyone including the coach. At the end of the season, he has really pushed us more."

"I feel that in the tournament he will definitely be there to push us on and help us do as good as we can," said Malina.

## UNCA to host BSC Championships

The UNCA men's and women's track teams will host the 2000 Big South Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships. The meet will begin on April 21 lasting 3 to 7:30 p.m. and will end on April 22 lasting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There is no cost for admission, and the public is invited to attend. Fans coming to the meet are encouraged to park in the parking garage next to the Southridge dormitory on campus.

"We're hoping for good weather, but we look forward to hosting the Big South Conference championships," said head track coach Stan Rosenthal. "We have some outstanding athletes (in the conference), and we hope to have a great crowd watch them."



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