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Soccer loses two on road

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The UNCA women's soccer team lost two road games last week. The Bulldogs were defeated by Clemson University 5-0 Oct. 24, and then lost to Birmingham Southern College 2-0 Oct. 27. The loss to Birmingham Southern dropped the Bulldogs to 5-9 for the year. The Birmingham Southern Panthers outshot the Bulldogs 26-3 in the game. The 'Dogs were did not score in the first half, and recorded two shots on goal in the matchup. Freshman goalie Rebecca Bostian had nine saves for the Bulldogs. Birmingham Southern is currently undefeated in the Big South Conference. This is their first year playing in the conference. Against Clemson, the Tigers outshot the Bulldogs 25-2 in the game. The Tigers also had 18 cornerkicks. Clemson is currently the 13th ranked team in the nation. Freshman goalkeeper Rebecca Bostian recorded 3 saves for the Bulldogs. UNCA will face High Point University on the road Nov. 3 in a BSC contest. It will be their last regular season game before heading to Charleston Nov. 8 through 10 for the BSC tournament.

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Women's basketball ready for season

Bulldogs prepare for new season with Blue-White scrimmage game

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The UNCA women's basketball team held their annual Blue-White scrimmage game in the Justice Center Oct. 29. The Bulldogs began practicing Oct. 14, and have been preparing for the upcoming season. As Head Coach Kathleen Weber begins her fifth season at UNCA, she said she is looking forward to the 2001-2002 season. "I'm really excited to get started," said Weber. "We were ranked sixth in the preseason rankings, and we are going to surprise a lot of people." Led by redshirt freshman guard Ansley Bienvenu, who scored 21 points, the Blue Squad defeated the White Squad 50-35. Junior guard Sherrie Daniels, a jr. college transfer from St. Louis Mo., added 19 points. The White Squad was led by junior center Jessica Guarneri with 11



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Sophomore guard Julie Stephenson dribbles past a defender in a game last season.

points and 12 rebounds. "I feel great about tonight," said Guarneri. "We really came together, and we have a lot of new people who are going to do some good

things for us." Guarneri, who is a returning starter for the Bulldogs, was a first team all-conference selection last season with a 16.6 scoring average.

The 'Dogs have been plagued by injuries in the past, and have recently lost junior center Tonisha Jackson, an all-rookie performer her freshman year to a tear in her ante-

rior cruciate ligament injury, her second in nine months. "We are definitely going to miss T.J., but we have a lot of good players who are going to have to step up," said Weber. "With Bienvenu back from an ACL injury during last year's Blue-White game, we are really excited," Weber said. "Ansley has a ton of talent, and a lot of weapons the other teams are underestimating." Daniels enjoyed an outstanding career at Florissant Valley Community College in St. Louis, and was an All-American in her last season there. "I made a very wise decision to come here, and we are going to do a great job this season," said Daniels. "I wanted to play for the best coaches, and I'm very happy." Freshmen Hannah Neal and Ashley Sharpton are also going to add some depth to the Bulldogs team, according to Weber. The 'Dogs will play their first exhibition game of the season Nov. 2 in the Justice Center at 5 p.m. against the Charlotte Stars.

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ways, according to Biedenbach. Sophomore small forward Billy Allen enjoyed some success last year with a 6.0 scoring average and earned All-Rookie honors in the BSC. Allen goes into the 2001-2002 season healthy and could have a breakout season. Biedenbach said 6-7 sophomore forward Michael Harper played in spots last year and had some good moments. He averaged 2.4 points per game and could be a player to watch out for this season. Two freshmen are also expected to help contribute at each forward spot. 6'5" Bryan McCullough and 6'9" Joseph Barber could have a chance to help the Bulldogs a great deal

this year. UNCA did lose three-year starter Adam Earnhardt at center, but 6'11" junior center Ben McGonagil returns. McGonagil averaged 4.8 rebounds per game and led the team in free throw shooting at 81 percent. "We're glad to have Ben back to play at center this year," said Biedenbach on the Athletics Web site. "He's a power player who we need to have a good year for us to be successful." Expected to back McGonagil up is 6'11" freshman Jon Higginbotham from Auburn High School in Auburn, Ala. The first exhibition game will be with USA Vasda in the Justice Center Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

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