SPORTS

Ben Martin Staff Reporter

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 '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 Con-

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

It will be their last regular season game before heading to Charleston Nov. 8 through 10 for the BSC tournament.

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Soccer loses Women's basketball ready for season on sold the season of t two on road Bulldogs prepare for new season with Blue-White scrimmage game with grant wi

> Jenna Lahmeyer Staff Reporter

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 regoing 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

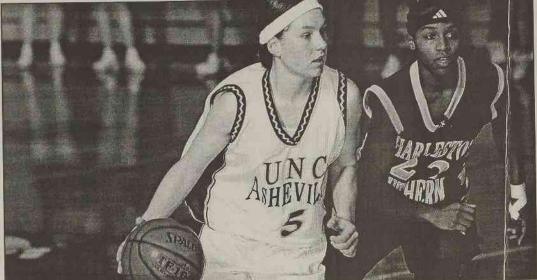


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Sophomore guard Julie Stephenson dribbles past a defender in a game last season.

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 nonth second in nine months.

"We are definitely going to mis T.J., but we have a lot of good SPR players who are going to have t

step up," said Weber.

"With Bienvenu back from an 11 Sp ACL injury during last years Blue lions! White game, we are really excited Bahan "Ansley has a ton meal p Weber said.

of talent, and a lot of weapons the of free other teams are underestimating. busrer Daniels enjoyed an outstanding www.el career at Florissant Valley Com s.com munity College in St. Louis, and was an All-American in her last sprill season there.

"I made a very wise decision with the come here, and we are going to de celebi a great job this season," said Daniel the B "I wanted to play for the best stude! coaches, and I'm very happy. "

aches, and I'm very happy. " 800-28 Freshmen Hannah Neal an sales Ashley Sharpton are also going to find add some depth to the Bulldon team, according to Weber.

The 'Dogs will play their fin ers! S exhibition game of the season Not spring 2 in the Justice Center at 5pr the Ba 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

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

6'5" Bryan McCullough and 6'9" Joseph Barber could have a chance to help the Bulldogs a great deal

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 per-

"We're glad to have Ben back to play at center this year," said Biedenbach on the Atletics 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, Al.

The first exhibition game will be with USA Vasda in the Justice Center Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.



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