

# SPORTS

## Women lose in Georgia Tech Classic

*The Bulldogs begin the 2001-02 hoops season winless after four consecutive losses*

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On Nov. 23-24 the UNCA women's basketball team participated in the Northwest Marriott Classic at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, GA.

In the consolation game, the Hartford University Hawks defeated the Bulldogs by a final score of 89-51.

The Hawks led the Bulldogs (0-4) by twenty at the half after surpassing a five point lead by the 'Dogs early in the game.

Four of the five Hartford starters reached double figures in both scoring and rebounding.

UNCA committed 26 turnovers in the game, which contributed to the huge deficit at the half.

The Bulldogs couldn't spark a rally as they were outscored 46-28 in the second half.

HU dominated the boards outrebounding the 'Dogs by 23.

The Hawks tallied 45 rebounds against the 'Dogs.

Leading the 'Dogs was junior center Jessica Guarneri, who posted up 19 points in the lose.

Another bright spot for UNCA was freshman guard Ashley Sharpton who added 10 points leading the Bulldog backcourt.

Sharpton scored a game-high of 18 points for the Bulldogs. Sharpton was named rookie of the week in the Big South Conference last week after only two weeks of playing for the 'Dogs. She has averaged 12 points and three rebounds per game.

On Nov. 23, at UNCA's first round game of the NW Marriott Classic, the Bulldogs faced host team, the Ga. Tech Yellow Jackets at Alexander Coliseum in Atlanta, Ga.

UNCA (0-3) had trouble rebounding against the opposition allowing the Yellow Jackets to take



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Junior forward Gillian Murray attempts to drive past an Elon College defender last year. The Bulldogs have started the year 0-4.

a 45-30 into the locker room at half time.

Again, Sharpton led the Bulldog backcourt with 13 points.

Team leading scorer and rebounder, Guarneri, posted up 10 points in the losing campaign.

Junior forward Gillian Murray's game-high 20 points led the Bulldogs in scoring going 4-for-6 from the three point line.

She almost grabbed a double-double snatching eight boards to go along with a stellar performance from the field.

Georgia Tech's Regina Tate led the Jackets in both points and scoring marking up a double-double of

25 points and 12 rebounds.

Tate's big numbers led Georgia Tech an 88-56 route over the visiting Bulldogs, giving UNCA their third loss of the season.

On Nov. 18, Belmont University recorded an 81-54 victory, at the Justice Center.

UNCA's Sharpton posted up game-high numbers leading the Dogs with 18 points.

The Bruins recorded four players in double figures in scoring.

Belmont was led by center Chasity Campbell, freshman guard Erica Davenport, Natalie Brown, and Brandi Miller.

Campbell tacked on 17 points along with Davenport's 17, while Brown added 10 and Miller posted up 13 points in the win.

UNCA Head Coach Kathleen Weber said she felt that her team played better against Belmont than against Nov. 16 opponent Appalachian State University.

She said Belmont was a very good team who hit big shots.

Belmont handed the 'Dogs their second loss, but it was a non-conference matchup.

In the season opener against ASU, the Mountaineers defeated the 'Dogs by a final score of 81-48, in front of the home crowd at the Justice Center.

UNCA was led by Guarneri, who posted up her first double-double of the season recording 12 points

and 10 rebounds.

Gillian Murray added nine points as well.

Sharpton tacked on seven points to lead the Bulldogs' backcourt.

UNCA had trouble keeping the ball as they turned the ball over 27 times thanks to an impressive ASU defense.

The Mountaineers' defense helped force the 'Dogs to shoot less than 30 percent from the floor for the game.

The Bulldogs rallied to cut the Mountaineer lead to nine points with less than a minute to play in the first half.

However, ASU took the ball down the court and drained a threepointer in the final minute to give them an 11 point lead going into halftime.

ASU came out in the second half with intensity, running away with the game going on a 14-0 run to start the second half.

Ashleigh Fuller scored 14 points for the Mountaineers and tallied eight points during the 14-0 run.

The lead went from 34-23 to 48-23 in the opening minutes of the half.

The 'Dogs could not find a way to shut down the overpowering ASU offense.

"We made a nice run at the end of the first half, but then our youth really showed at the start of the second half when they made that run," said Weber, according to the athletics Web site.

ASU's Joanie White led the way for the Mountaineers with 18 points and eight rebounds.

The Bulldogs struggled to find their shot against the Mountaineers as they only went 15-of-53 from the field, for 28 percent.

Weber said her team isn't where they need to be quite yet, but stated her team will keep working hard and try to get better.

The Bulldogs' next game will be Dec 1 at the Ramsey Center against rival school Western Carolina University. The tipoff will be at 1 p.m.

## Shutout

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and forward Mike Kachan made the first team. Defender Nick Sands and goalie Andrew Heath made the second team.

"I am very grateful to the coaches and the Sports Information Directors in the conference for the honors that UNC Asheville received tonight," said Cornish on the athletics Web site. "I am very proud of this year's team and what we've accomplished this season. They have been a pleasure to coach, and I wouldn't mind coaching them for a

little bit longer."

Roach is the first UNCA men's soccer player to ever be named Scholar-Athlete of the Year. As a chemistry major, Roach currently has a 4.0 GPA, according to the Web site.

"Mike is what it's all about when it comes to being a student-athlete," said Cornish, according to the Web site. "He has been a key player for us in the midfield this season, and his work in the classroom speaks for itself."

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Time is limited at the event, so submissions will be considered on first come, first-served basis. Additional criteria for consideration are as follows: film must be for a family audience with no profanity or questionable content; film must be submitted in a VHS format; a synopsis of the film including writer, director, producer, actors, story line and date the film was shot should be included. The deadline for all submissions is Monday, December 10, 2001. Please submit all Dr. Scully and Matheson's First Night Flick materials to: First Night Asheville, Attn: Melissa Porter, Fourth Floor, City Hall, 70 Court Plaza, Asheville, NC 28801. Please direct any questions to Melissa Porter at 828-259-5689. All submissions will be returned after December 31, 2001.

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