

Augst sets record as Bulldogs blow past Buccaneers

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UNC Asheville (11-13, 7-6) defeated the Charleston Southern Buccaneers (7-15, 9) 80-71 Saturday at the Justice Center. UNCA senior forward Reid Augst scored 19 points and set a school record of 5 from beyond the arc. Augst pushed his total to 1,008 points for his career. He is only the 4th player in school history and the 91st player in Big South history to reach the century mark.



Reid Augst

"It felt good to reach this accomplishment," Augst said. "I couldn't have done it without my teammates."

The Bulldogs placed five players in double figures, including Augst. Freshman guard John Primm came off the bench to score 13 points and gave four assists.

Red-shirt sophomore forward John Williams contributed 14 points. Junior guard Sean Smith added 10 points and now has scored at least 10 points in his past four games.

Freshman guard Matt Dickey led the backcourt as he scored 15 points and shot 5-of-7 from the field and a perfect 2-of-2 from the charity stripe.

"I'm feeling a lot more comfortable now," Dickey said. "And I'm just letting the game come to me. I have to be ready when I'm called on to come in at any time."

Sophomore guards Jamarco Warren and Levi Bailey who led the Buccaneers with 14 and 13 points respectively.

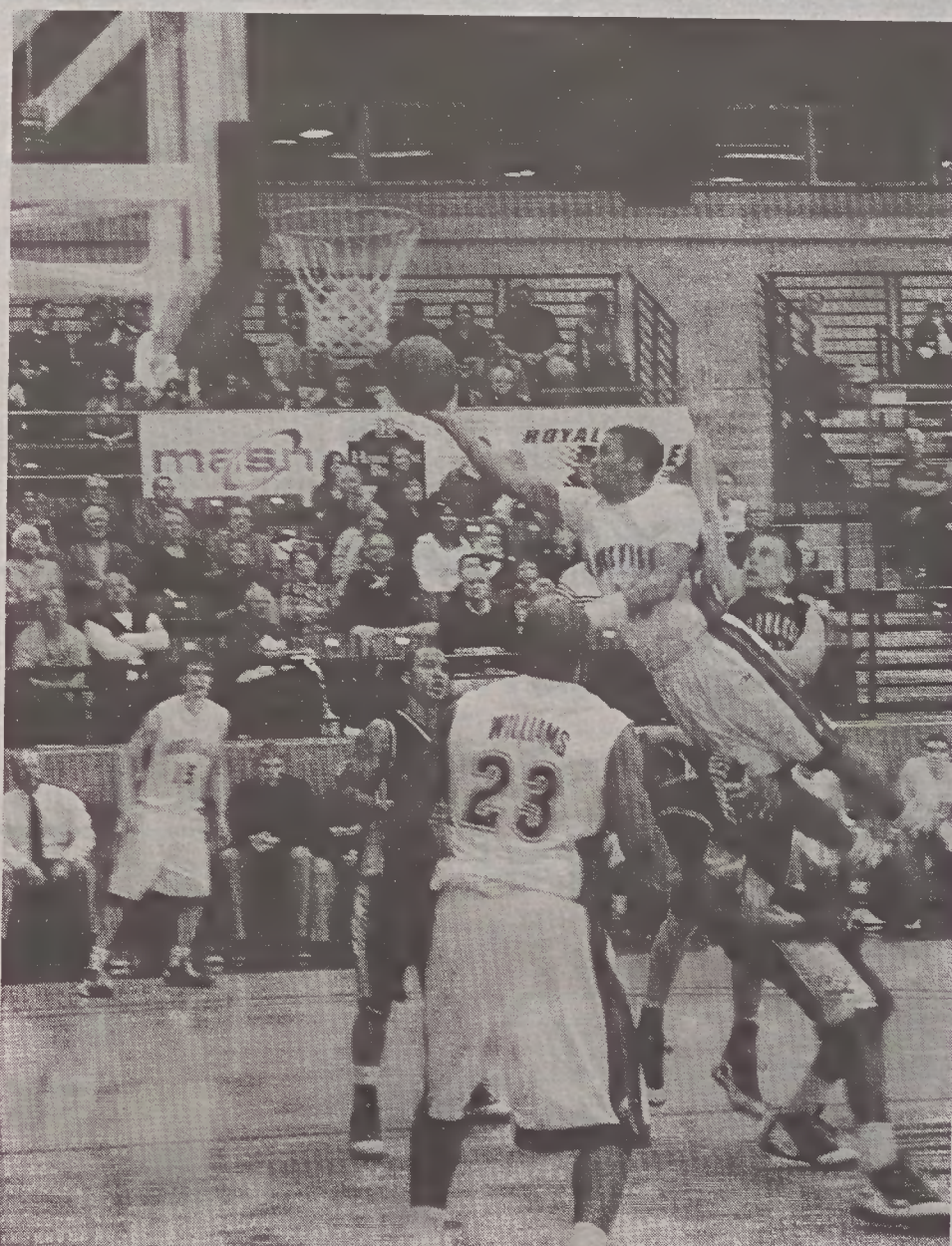
Senior center Giedrius Knysas collected his second double-double of the season with 11 points and 13 rebounds.

UNCA fell behind early as they shot 12-29 from the field and went down 18-6 in the opening seven minutes.

The Bulldogs rallied back with two 3-pointers and finished the first half shooting 42 percent. Primm's 3-pointers led the Bulldogs on a 24-10 run to take a 30-28 lead at halftime.

The Bulldogs' second-half defense stifled CSU as they shot under 50 percent from the field and only 21 percent from beyond the arc.

"We came out kind of flat in the beginning, but we did a nice job of bouncing back at the end of the first half and played much better in the second half," said Head



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John Primm topples Charleston Southern defenders for a second half layup.

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UNCA maintained the offensive momentum from the first half as Augst scored all of his 19 points in the second half, and went 5-of-5 from the 3-point line to lift UNCA.

The Buccaneers kept the game close until the final minutes. CSU shot only 53 percent from the free throw line and just

27 percent in the first half.

"It was a great win for us," Biedenbach said. "Charleston Southern has a lot of good talent, a lot of young talent, and I feel like we are getting better and better as the season goes on."

The Bulldogs are now tied for 5th in the Big South Conference and have just four games left on their regular season schedule, including Saturday against Radford at home.

Their regular season ends Feb. 28 at Presbyterian and the conference tournament begins March 3.

John Primm is the first freshman since Josh Kohn (1992-1993) to record 100 assists in a season.

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Big South Conference Standings

Men's Basketball

Team	Big South	Overall
VMI	11-2	20-4
Radford	11-2	14-10
Liberty	9-5	18-8
Gardner-Webb	7-6	11-12
UNC Asheville	7-6	11-13
Presbyterian	7-6	10-14
Winthrop	5-8	10-15
Coastal Carolina	4-9	10-15
Charleston Southern	2-10	7-16
High Point	2-11	6-17

Women's Basketball

Team	Big South	Overall
Liberty	9-0	15-7
High Point	7-3	11-12
Radford	5-4	6-14
Winthrop	5-4	10-11
Coastal Carolina	5-5	13-10
UNC Asheville	5-5	8-15
Gardner-Webb	4-6	12-11
Charleston Southern	3-7	9-14
Presbyterian	0-9	3-18