

Featured Bulldog



Corey McClintock

Standout play: McClintock threw a personal record of 45.99 meters in the hammer throw at the Raleigh Relays track and field meet last weekend. Her throw is the second furthest in school history.

Hometown:

Doylestown, Pa.

Class: Junior

Q: How long have you been running track?

A: I have run track since seventh grade, but I only started throwing last year.

Q: What's your major?

A: Double major, chemistry and literature.

Q: What do you plan on doing after college?

A: I plan on pursuing graduate studies and maybe working outdoors, maybe as a vet.

Q: Who has been an inspiration for you in your life?

A: Bruce Springsteen, Cool Runnings, Seabiscuit, Lauren Isley, my mom and sister. Lauren Isley because he was a great writer and naturalist. Seabiscuit because he was the underdog but all it took was someone believing in him. Everything just fell into place.

Q: What is your favorite thing about UNCA?

A: All the flora and fauna make UNCA so pretty. It's just so cozy. I know all my professors.



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Freshman Amryn Soldier receives a ball from King College on March 24 at the Asheville Racquet Club.

Lady Bulldogs shut out by Charleston Southern

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UNC Asheville women's tennis team dealt with injuries to their top players and a tough Big South Conference opponent when they lost to Charleston Southern University, 0-7, on Friday.

"We'd love to do great in the conference. The most important thing to me is that we're getting better each day," said **Lise Gregory, the head coach for men's and women's tennis.** "I'm not concerned with wins and losses. I want us to be making good investments. We can't do 75 percent of them; we have to do all of them."

The team tried to adhere to their coach's advice during the match, said **player Amryn Soldier.**

"Our goals were to do the right things, even if they didn't seem to be working," she said. "As a whole, I feel like we were doing the right things; the execution will get there. But if we keep doing them as a team, together, it'll eventually bring the execution around."

The loss to CSU brings the Bulldog's overall record to 6-10 and their conference record to 0-3, according to University Athletics Officials. For CSU, the magic number for the

doubles round was eight, as the matches' scores were 8-3, 8-1 and 8-2. The singles matches seemed to mirror the doubles, with CSU defeating UNCA with scores of 6-3 and 6-1, 6-1 and 6-0, 6-0 and 6-4, 6-4 and 6-1 and 6-1. They won the sixth single match by default.

CSU's depth seems the major reason for their success, Gregory said.

"They're very deep," said the Durban, South Africa, native. "They have a girl who plays (number) one, and she's one of the best players in the conference."

Despite falling to CSU, the team tried not to let it affect them, said **player Christine Boissevain.**

"We expected CSU to be a tough team and we gave them credit for the successes they have already achieved," the 19-year-old said. "But most importantly we made sure to not count ourselves out."

The team lost two of its top players, senior Devon Cavanaugh due to a nagging back, and Zoe Hamel because of a blood clot, Soldier said.

"In the beginning, it was kind of discouraging," the art student said. "But our coach was really adamant. For every match, she says we will get

through this and to have faith and control the process."

They tried not to focus on the effect of losing their injured teammates, Boissevain said.

"Our goal ultimately was to compete our butts off, to encourage each other on and off the court and to look for things to go our way instead of focusing on the negatives," she said.

Though faced with difficulties, the coaches still believed in the team, Gregory said.

"We're really in a tough situation with all the injuries," she said before the match. "Do I think we can win? Of course I think we can win that match, but we have to do the right things."

The "right things" included the concept of fate, Soldier said.

"It's basically doing what you can do right and letting everything else fall where it may," the 18-year-old said. "Making sure you do everything you can to the best of your abilities. Whatever's in your control, focus on that. Anything else, there's not really anything you can do about it."

Positivity helps to control the flow of the match, Boissevain said.

"Personally my goal was to be positive after each point and

to look for things to go my way. I lost 6-0 my first set but I tried to have positive body language and not allow my opponent or my teammates to think I felt defeated or phased," the Southlake, Texas, native said. "My second set was 6-4 because of this. I think by being positive I helped myself in that second set and my teammates around me to feel encouraged and motivated in their own match."

Conference matches fall into the schedule at an opportune time, Soldier said.

"Our coach schedules them close to the end so that we get all the experience from non-conference matches," the Duluth, Ga., native said. "When it does count the most, we can have more experience leading up to it. As a team, we're really focused on doing the right things."

Experience taught the team valuable lessons that they carry with them through the season, Boissevain said.

"We started this year with so much potential and now we have found ourselves in circumstances none of us had foreseen," Boissevain said. "This will 100 percent make us stronger and as long as we take this chance to learn and grow, we will grow stronger together."