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Gwyn returns free from injuries

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After two years of a career filled with injuries, Bulldog Brittany Gwyn gets back on the court and continues to pursue her passion.

Gwyn, a junior from High Point, came to UNC Asheville in 2011 and since then has faced three major injuries, which have caused her to miss much of her time on the court.

"I was running in from the three point line to get the rebound and my teammate Blake Hokes, a center, kind of swung her elbow and hit my mouth," Gwyn said. "My jaw ended up splitting, basically she broke my bone right below my nose and my teeth shifted back. I ended up going to the emergency room that night, because I had to get my teeth shifted back and needed stitches."

Gwyn's first injury resulted in her missing the first two months of gameplay, and she returned to the court for the Bulldogs' fifth game of the season.

"It was a bummer, because I was so excited, it was the first opening game of the season. I didn't get to play my first game of my freshman year which sucked big time, but I tried to get past it and stay in shape while I was out," said Gwyn.

Gwyn played in 10 more games that season, starting in nine of them.

During the 10th game, which was an away game in Winthrop, Gwyn tore her left ACL and had surgery. She was out for six months and spent the summer before her sophomore year in physical therapy, resting and preparing her body for the next season.

"Sophomore year I was trying to come back, my body just wasn't the same, and you can't see it now, but I gained like 20 pounds. I was eating fries, burgers and



all kinds of junk. I was kind of depressed because I couldn't really move or play."

Gwyn said. According to Gwyn, her coaches encouraged her and told her when she felt ready, she could come back to the court, but she wasn't always truthful about her progress.

"I was still having a lot of pain and discomfort. I wasn't moving like I really knew I could be moving. I just didn't feel the same," said Gwyn.

During her second year on the team, Gwyn was still getting her body together. She said she was playing about 10 minutes a game.

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