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UNCA Bulldogs triumphed over the Liberty Flames on Jan. 21.

Bulldogs show toughness in weekend doubleheaders

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- 64 (W) UNCA BULLDOGS
- 54 V. LIBERTY FLAMES
- 72 (W) UNCA BULLDOGS
- 58 V. CAMPBELL CAMELS

Head coach of UNC Asheville's men's basketball team Nick McDevitt and head coach of the women's team Brenda "Mock" Kirkpatrick both said their team identities are best described as tough. The teams have proven that over the past two weekends of home court doubleheaders.

The men and women's basketball teams played doubleheaders the past two weekends in Kimmel Arena and demonstrated their unwavering grit against their conference foes.

On Jan. 21, the women kicked off the double header against high-ranked Liberty University.

The Bulldogs quickly drew off of the home court energy and went up 12-0 in three minutes and ended the first ten minute quarter with a hefty 18-8 lead. However, with a series of steals, Bulldog turnovers and fouls, Liberty was able to recu-

perate and shut down the Bulldogs in the second quarter, scoring 13 to the home team's three.

The game was tied at halftime — the teams went into their locker rooms, the momentum accompanying the Liberty squad. UNCA sophomore guard Jessica Wall stole it back and gave the Bulldogs the lead they would keep till the final buzzer with a three pointer two minutes into the second half.

The Bulldogs improved their Big South record with the 64-54 home win. Chatori Major, UNCA's senior guard, led the team with 19 points. Head Coach Kirkpatrick said Major has had to carry a heavy load on the team due to many in-

juries. Kirkpatrick said Major performed well against Liberty.

"Chatori Major has had to do the lion's share of the shooting. She shot 20 times today and I told her before the game that she'd be shooting that much all season," Kirkpatrick said. "Even though she didn't make all those, she made some big shots for us."

Kirkpatrick said the win could primarily be attributed to everyone winning their role.

"All of our players played their roles to the best of their ability. Dengokl [sophomore guard Sonora Dengokl] was eight for 10 from the free throw line, she played aggressive," Kirkpatrick said. "And KJ Weaver on the defensive end, she is a heart and effort player, what she does doesn't show up on the stat sheet."

Dengokl put up 14 points and came away with a team high of four steals. Major came second in that category with three. As a team, the Bulldogs made 16 of 23 from

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True to UNCA's gameplan, forward Will Weeks drives up the lane for a layup.