

# Quick moves pull Seahawks past Coastal Carolina

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Keeper Meghan Fitzsimmons boots a goal kick to set up an attack.

After losing four of their previous five games, the UNC Wilmington women's soccer team bounced back from the slump to defeat Coastal Carolina last Wednesday by a score of 3-1. From the looks of the first half, however, the victory seemed improbable.

"We just didn't seem really into it at first," said junior goalie Meghan Fitzsimmons.

The Seahawks took a total of three shots in the first half, unable to find any good openings to score. They failed to convert on some potential breakaways, and kept clumping together away from the ball, as UNCW head coach Paul Cairney continued calling to the players from the bench to, "Open up!"

Fortunately for UNCW, Coastal Carolina never took advantage of the Seahawks' lack of direction. Coastal midfielder Gretchen Shock scored the only point of the first period on a penalty kick at 10:57. Neither team stepped up to take control of the ball or maintained any rhythm after Shock's goal, and the chances of scoring on either side looked slim.

The Seahawks entered the second half trailing 1-0. In the locker room, Cairney told his team to, "Just keep working, be patient, and the goals will come."

"I felt like we just needed to get all the chaos out of our system [in the first half]," said senior forward Danielle Mastrogiavanni. The Seahawks returned from halftime with an intensity that neither team had boasted in the first period. They got good shots on goal, and totaled 15 shots for the period. Freshman

midfielder Tracy McManus scored UNCW's first goal for the game at 59:43, picking up a loose ball in front of the goal after Chants goalie Candice Doten lost her stance, and shooting it into the empty net.

"In the second half I think we were more calm," said Fitzsimmons. "In the first half... we were more panicked."

With the score tied at one, McManus assisted back-to-back goals by Mastrogiavanni. Mastrogiavanni scored the game-winner at 70:36 on a header off a pass from McManus. "I'm glad I was able to keep my composure and finish [the goal]," Mastrogiavanni said, "Because we needed it." She scored the final goal of the game at 78:46 on a kick from the top of the penalty kick area.

"In the second half we took our chances and that was the difference," Cairney said.

"We won the ball," said McManus, who now leads the Seahawks with nine points for the season.

UNCW comes off this win with new confidence. They had kicked off the season with a 4-1 record before recently falling to Hofstra, Delaware, N.C. State, and Georgetown.

"We're back at .500 and now it's time to work for another win," McManus said.

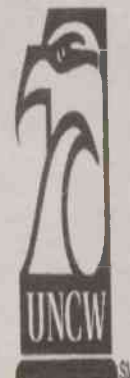


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The women's soccer team runs across the field while warming up for the second half against Coastal Carolina last Wednesday.



## FALL MADNESS WEEK 2000 OCTOBER 9-13



MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2000 - FALL MADNESS BEGINS

7:00pm Men's Soccer vs. Stetson Soccer Stadium  
FREE admission, show your ID

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2000

5:30pm Doors open Trask Coliseum  
7:00pm Washington Wizards inter-squad exhibition

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2000

7:00pm 2000 CAA Championship Game replay The Hawks Nest

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2000

11:30am - 2:00pm Ice Cream Social - The Commons  
Basketball Teams and coaching staffs will distribute FREE Ice Cream

FRIDAY THE 13TH

5:30-6:30pm Autograph Poster Session Trask Coliseum Lobby  
7:00pm Inflatable games start - & music - Qualify for Lip Sync/Skit contest Eaton Plaza, between James Hall & Trask Coliseum

9:00-10:30pm Pre Midnite Fan Jam Eaton Plaza  
-Music Surf 107 Radio Remote  
-Inflatable games, contests  
-Domino's Pizza and Pepsi  
-Band School Boys  
10:30pm Doors Open



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