

# SPORTS

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## Bulldogs Blanked Twice in Four Points Tourney

On September 7th the UNC-A soccer team ventured to Charlotte to participate in the annual Four Points tournament held at UNC-Charlotte. The host school, showing little regard for the precepts of Southern hospitality, handed the Bulldogs a 7-0 drubbing in their 1979 debut in the tournament's opening round. This year's club, with several first-time starters, is led by a new head coach, Jim Grigsby. The team's inexperience was apparent early in the first half as the Bulldogs repeatedly found themselves bunched up at mid-field, unable to generate an offensive attack. Goalkeeper Paul Parce, making his first start in the net, allowed two goals in the opening half. Parce was replaced at the half by Rick Lee, a basketball player also making his first appearance as goaltender. Lee was touched for five goals in the second half. Three goals were scored in a four-minute period as UNC-A proved helpless against Charlotte's offensive attack. Several good defensive plays by Andy Linton and Frank Keller saved the Bulldogs from further embarrassment. The team's offense, anemic in the first half, was virtually nonexistent in the second as the Bulldogs failed to produce even one shot on the Charlotte goal. The offensive highlight of the closing half was provided by Jay Fine, who received a yellow card from the referee for his actions. In the other opening round match, UNC-Wilmington came from behind 3-1 to defeat UNC-Greensboro by a score of 4-3.

The following day, UNC-A met UNC-G in the consolation match. Possibly inspired by a team meeting held the night before, the Bulldogs proved to be a competitive team against Greensboro. The consolation match was a physical one in which twenty-four fouls were called. In addition, four yellow cards, in-

cluding one for the Greensboro coach, were distributed. Questionable officiating by referees Park and Rollins provided Greensboro with an opportunity that proved fatal to the Bulldogs' hopes. Midway through the first half, one of the referees blew his whistle on a Greensboro player and called for UNC-A to take a penalty shot. What should have been the Bulldogs' best scoring opportunity of the tournament was erased when the officials, after conferring, reversed themselves. An unnamed UNC-A player was called for touching the ball and UNC-G was given possession. Greensboro put the ball in play before the referee whistled for play to begin again. The Bulldogs were caught flatfooted waiting for a whistle that never came. In the confusion, Greensboro scored a breakaway goal that was allowed. This second goal proved to be decisive. The Bulldog defense tightened up in the second half, shutting out UNC-G in the final forty-five minutes. The Bulldog defense, held to five shots on goal the day before, managed fifteen in the finale. Parce, playing both halves, recorded fifteen saves. Coming as it did on the heels of a 7-0 debacle, the closely contested match showed that this year's team has the ability to recover from its mistakes. That ability may prove to be important as the fall season unfolds. The Bulldogs will have a chance to avenge their second loss when UNC-Greensboro travels here for a match on October 24th. The rematch should provide a gauge on the Bulldogs' progress.

In the tournament championship, UNC-Wilmington defeated UNC-Charlotte 2-1 with a goal late in the second period. It marked the second time in as many appearances that UNC-W has captured the tournament's top honors.

## BULLDOGS LOSE HOME OPENER, 4-3

The UNC-A soccer team opened their regular season campaign on September 20th with a match at home against the Flying Owls of Warren Wilson College. Piloted by rookie coach Jim Grigsby, this year's team is a balance of both the old and new with eight players returning from last year's lineup and seven first-year players. Returning from last year are Doug Price, Andy Linton, Rod Hughes, Frank Keller, Keith Messer, Paul Parce, Rick Young and Dennis Snyder. Newcomers to the squad include Jeff Low, Bob Marzullo, Jay Fine, Matt Harris, Fred Forester, Skip Prichett and Craig Haroff. Linton and Price were elected co-captains by their teammates.

The biggest problem facing the team as practice opened in August was finding a replacement for last year's standout goaltender, Todd Cecchini. Several candidates, including Rick Lee, a basketball player, and this reporter, a broken-down ex-hockey player, were tried in the net with less than spectacular results. Paul Parce, a converted halfback, started both games in the Four Points tournament. The answer to the Bulldogs' most persistent problem may have been found in the person of Jeff Low, a volunteer who replaced Parce in a scrimmage played against Asheville High. Low made his first start in the net in the home opener against Warren Wilson.

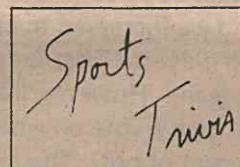
Those who recall previous matches between the two local schools might have come to the soccer field expecting another physical clash. If they did, they came away surprised as the two teams played a match free from the physical violence of the past. Ironically, in a match in which very few fouls were assessed, the Bulldogs lost two key players to injury. Early in the first half, forward Bob Marzullo suffered a broken jaw as a result of a clash with a Warren Wilson player. Marzullo had to be operated the following day and will be lost for the remainder of the season. Bob provided much of the offense in the Four Points tournament. The team will certainly miss him. Captain Andy Linton suffered a sprained ankle and is expected to be out for a week. Linton played the full ninety minutes against Warren Wilson. In the previous game against UNC-Greensboro, Linton at one point had to be carried from the field after a goal line stand, only to return later in the same half.

Shutout in their first two games, the Bulldogs recorded their first goal of the season midway through the first half when Dennis Snyder headed the ball into the Owls' goal to tie the score at 1-1. Later in the first half, the Owls were awarded a penalty shot and closed the first half leading by a score of 2-1. At half-time, cheerleaders from Warren Wilson strutted their stuff. Cheerleading for

UNC-A was provided throughout the afternoon by a vocal contingent of the Mud 500 Club.

Warren Wilson scored first again in the closing half to take a 3-1 lead. Andy Linton brought the Bulldogs within one with a goal on a penalty shot. The Flying Owls scored again at 28:20 of the second half to go up 4-2. The game seemed in hand when once more the Bulldogs came back. Late in the second half Keith Messer was robbed of a goal when a Warren Wilson defender slapped down his shot at the empty net. Co-captain Doug Price converted the resulting penalty shot to bring UNC-A within one of tying the score. Time ran out with the Bulldogs trailing, 4-3.

In going down to their third straight defeat, the Bulldogs showed much improvement over their first two efforts, defeats by seven and two goals. With the loss of Bob Marzullo for the season, Andy Linton for a week and Skip Prichett out with illness, the Bulldogs will be hard pressed to present an attack against their next opponent, Western Carolina. From the improvement they have shown in their first three games, however, it appears that, barring further injuries, the Bulldogs will recover and win their share of games this season.



1. What horse won the Triple Crown in 1948?
2. Name two men who pitched in the major leagues and also played in the NBA.
3. The Atlanta Braves were once the Milwaukee Braves. What were they before that?
4. What horse is the all-time leading money winner?
5. Only one school ever won the NCAA Championship and the National Invitational Tournament in the same year. Name the school.
6. What was the original name of the New York Yankees?
7. How many home runs did Hank Aaron hit in his major league career?
8. Who was known as "The Lip"?
9. Who was known as "The Brat"?
10. What team was the victim of the only perfect game in World Series history? Against what team? Against what pitcher?

