

The neutral corner

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This week I want to dedicate the column to perseverance. If there is not a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow there is at least Alka-Seltzer for the ever-enduring. We are constantly reminded of the stamina and power of the NCAA's perennial knockout artists, the Georgias, the 'Bamas, the Pitt Panthers, Sooners, Huskers, Fighting Irish, Trojans. But what of the doormats, the Northwesterns, Memphis State, the Hurons, Rice? Well stand up and hiss like a Wildcat because Northwestern finally won a ball game. I swear it!

Before Saturday, the Wildcats carried a heavier burden than Atlas with a NCAA-record 34-game losing streak firmly strapped upon their backs. They snapped it in grand style by trouncing Northern Illinois 31-6 behind running back Ricky Edward's four touchdowns.

"At this point a win is almost as important to me as getting my

diploma," said Northwestern Cornerback Roosevelt Groves who is an industrial and nuclear engineering major. The nightmare began three

years ago after Northwestern beat Wyoming 27-22 on Sept. 15, 1979.

Saturday's contest marked the first daylight for the clobbered 'Cats.

Northwestern should gain some consolation in the fact that another neighborhood punching bag, Eastern Michigan, was getting japp-slapped by Miami of Ohio 35-0 for their 22nd straight loss. If the 'Cats keep their paws crossed, then maybe the Hurons of Eastern Michigan could unseat Northwestern as college football's most prolific loser. Don't hold your breath. Eastern Michigan plays Northern Illinois on Oct. 23.

Another team has scored over 100 points in their last two games and lost them both. The Black Bears of Maine playing under an NCAA-approved tie-breaker rule lost 48-45 in four overtimes to Boston Univer-

sity. The previous week the Bears had scored 52 points and still came up empty-handed, losing in six overtimes. What's a guy gotta do? Nevertheless, as they say, the beat and the beaten go on.



UNCA's Hasan Inam has helped kick the Bulldogs to a 7-2-1 record.

Staff photo by David Pickett

Two stars shine in Cinderella story

By Tim Riddle

Aytekin Yildiz and Sean Kelly were named back to back District 26 Players of the Week, but both claim that the recognition is a team honor.

Yildiz scored two goals in UNCA's 3-1 win over Lander and scored one each in a loss to High Point and a tie at Guilford. He is presently the leading scorer in the district.

Kelly was named for his two shutouts against King and Presbyterian. He leads all District 26 goalkeepers with a 0.75 goals against average.

"It's a reflection on the whole team," said Kelly. He credited the consistent play of fullbacks Frank Seidl, Pete Hammett, and Steve Sloan with the defensive honor.

Yildiz claims that anybody on the team could score but that the team is supporting him, and he is doing his job.

When the Bulldogs are passing clearly, there has been concrete evidence that they are the finest team in the district. The addition of talented recruits to this year's roster has definitely been a factor in team success, but the veterans have risen splendidly to the challenge of other district powers.

It remains to be seen whether the freshmen will continue to perform when the district playoff race begins to tighten the screws. Many of the teams battling for berths have been there before; the Bulldogs have not. The Cinderella story unfolding below Justice Center is certainly one to attract campus attention but let us not be hasty about predicting the future. One win, one game at a time, will place UNCA soccer in an unaccustomed position, in the district playoffs fighting for their first championship.

New show on the snow

By Keith Flynn

There is a sports organization on the campus of UNCA that does not hold practice sessions. This sports team has members that pay dues and travel to Colorado and Austria and never run sprints. They call themselves the ski club.

The first meeting of this year's ski club will be held Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the main dining hall of the student center.

The major principle of the ski club is first and foremost to introduce activities that appeal to both beginning and advanced skiers. "The only way to make our club successful," says club president Deborah Wilson, "is not to make distinctions between good skiers and bad skiers, but to have fun with whoever is interested in the trips."

This year the club is planning trips to the slopes of Snowshoe Mountain in Virginia, and Beech, Sugar and Wolf Laurel resorts in North Carolina. Also slated is a trip to Colorado which should appeal to skiers at all levels of ability. One of the major projects still in the oven is a proposed trip to Austria. The guidelines governing each trip will be decided upon during the organizational meeting.

UNCA has not always had a ski club. The club was rejuvenated somewhat three years ago and was,

only last year, able to get its financial legs and walk. Club membership tripled in that same three year span. Much of the club's income relies on revenue from a car wash here and there and club-sponsored parties. There is also money allotted by the SGA.

One of the advantages the ski club offers its members is a discount on all ski equipment in many area ski shops. Reduced rates are also available at many ski resorts with a simple flash of the membership card.

Another of the things generating excitement around campus is the formulation of something not before known at UNCA - a ski team. Although the project is in its infant stages, the possibilities could be made concrete through the efforts of the ski club. "Any persons who have had experience competitively should make the first meeting to discuss ideas," said Wilson.

A maximum of 50 persons are allowed on all ski trips, which means that anyone interested in the ski club should contact the club sponsor or president if they are unable to attend the first meeting. For information concerning the ski club, contact Roxanne Cauble in the Athletic Department at 258-6459, or club president Deborah Wilson at 252-7882.

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