

On The Sidelines



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It used to be that the athlete was the fellow on the white horse.

He was the guy who saved the day with a grand slam homerun or hit the basket from half-court in the final three seconds of play.

He was the "All American Good Guy."

That image is changing. More and more we hear charges of drug abuse, bribery, and other scandals.

And it's happening in every sport, not only in the United States, but around the world.

Recent reports from Russia give frightening statistics. Fifty-nine Soviet athletes, all in their twenties, have died within the last

few years from the use of steroids.

Is winning worth dying young?

Consider the American athlete. Colleges and universities in the United States recognize the increasingly widespread use of drugs in sports.

Many have faced the problem with drug education programs.

But four ACC schools don't feel this is enough, and they're taking a harder line.

According to the Charlotte Observer, the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Wake Forest, Maryland, and Georgia Institute of Technology will begin urinalysis testing this year to detect drug usage by their athletes.

At Wake Forest, these tests will also include

coaches, managers, and cheerleaders.

The procedure at the four schools will vary from unannounced tests to voluntary participation.

What does this say about our "Good Guy" athletes?

It says that basically, athletes are a reflection of their time. They always have been, and always will be.

The deaths of Soviet athletes and urinalysis testing is proof of this.

But perhaps it's fortunate because it brings us closer to an understanding of the reality of the athlete as a person.

In a way, it's sad that the hero image is shattered.

Bulldog victory

by Anne Snuffer
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After a two game losing slump, UNCA came out on top with decisive victories in last weekend's Smoky Mountain Shootout soccer tournament.

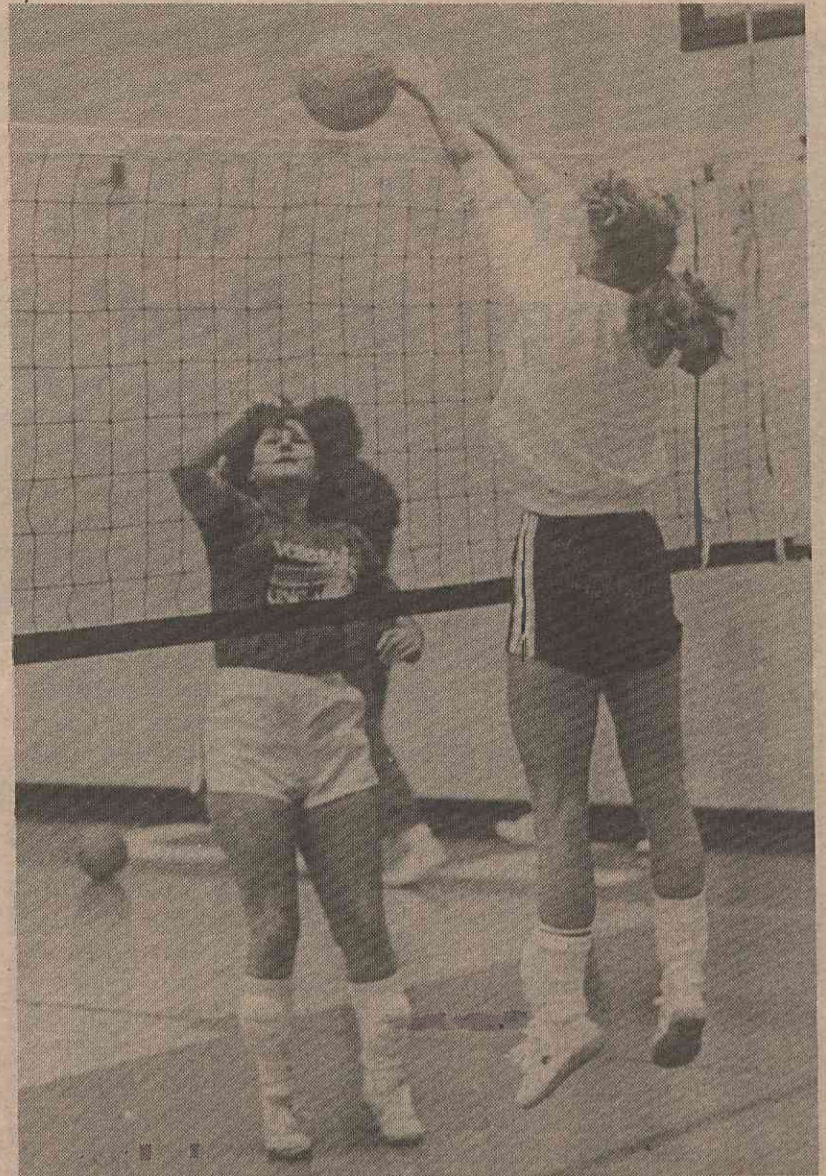
In last Saturday's action, Chip Pensa led the Bulldogs with two goals to a final 5-2 victory over Western Carolina.

Sunday, UNCA matched up against Appalachian State for a 3-2 win.

Goalkeeper Larry Cook earned the title of Most Valuable Player by a unanimous decision.

His contributions of several key saves and a tough defense in the mid-field helped the Bulldogs put the icing on the victory cake.

Head Coach Hank



Staff photo By Phil Ross

Dink or Spike? Joan Sterk goes above the net as Judy Burgess gets ready.

Lady Bulldog volleyball

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The Lady Bulldogs are set for volleyball action as they open the season in a tri-match against Pfeiffer and Tusculum on Sept. 13 at 6 p.m.

Newly appointed Head Coach Suzanne Patterson heads up the team, which she calls "a relatively experienced squad."

Returning from last year are setters Sara Orozco and Joan Sterk, and hitters Pat Bemby, Karen Griffiths, Marie Meyer, and Judy Burgess.

Newcomers include Cindy Carswell and

Komodowski said "it was a great victory."

He credited his freshmen players "who've had to step in immediately" because of injuries among the seasoned players.

The win was especially gratifying because of the tough, five games in one week,

Laura Glass, and Florida transfers Kim Groendal, a hitter/setter, and Karen Noffsinger, a defensive specialist.

Patterson said the team "is really strong mentally, and they keep each other motivated."

One of the team's biggest goals is to improve their 1983 record of 19-17 overall, and a fifth place finish in the district.

The Lady Bulldogs pulled off wins in three scrimmage matches last weekend in Charlotte.

One of the teams they defeated was High Point, last year's District 26 Champions.

schedule the Bulldogs faced last week.

Komodowski said his team "was helped by great fan support which gets the guys pumped up."

UNCA hosts High Point in its next game on Sept. 19 at 4 p.m.

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