

# SPORTS



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**UNCA BULLDOG GREG JONES** thinks attitude is the name of the game.

## Bulldogs sting Hornets

By Joan Sterk

The Bulldog men's basketball team overcame the Hornets' delay offense to defeat the University of North Carolina at Greensboro 68-49 Monday night at Justice Gym.

Coach Jerry Green said the Hornets "were holding the ball using a very disciplined offense."

It wasn't until 10 minutes into the game that UNCA applied effective defense, breaking the Hornets' strategy of holding the ball.

"We doubled up on them at the 10-minute mark which forced 14 turnovers in the first half," Green said. He credited UNC Greensboro with being "very well coached and playing smart."

## Attitude makes the difference

By Anne Snuffer

Attitude. It's an eight-letter word that means a lot to UNCA Junior basketball player Greg Jones.

That's what his game is all about, and he's the first to admit it.

"You have to have a lot of heart and a good attitude about basketball. That's what makes it exciting," he said.

Since the sixth grade, Jones has worked on his attitude and his game. "I like the action. I started on my high school team as point guard, and worked my way up," he added.

Working his way up meant starting on the team of Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, Florida, his home town.

From there, the Bulldogs recruited him to play as a junior transfer student.

Jones takes his position of point guard seriously. "I dictate the tempo of the game. If I get erratic on the court, the whole team will get that way," he said.

Jones feels it's "just part of his job as a part

of the team" to control the team's plays.

Coach Jerry Green said Jones is an excellent leader. "He does a good job of directing the team and handling the ball against pressure," he said.

Green feels Jones has "an outstanding attitude not only towards school, but also towards basketball."

Green said Jones is the only player the Bulldogs ever signed without Green seeing him play first.

"I saw him play on film and Assistant Coach Mike Sams saw him play in person. Coach Sams highly recommended him," said Green.

His first priority isn't to see how many points he can score. "I don't mind giving up 20 points a game to somebody else, as long as we win," Jones added.

Jones said his game strategy consists of taking one step at a time and "playing as hard as I can."

He enjoys getting out on the court and working with the team, and he

feels like this year's team is a tightly knit group.

"We do a lot of things off the court together. 10 of the players in Moore Dorm got together and painted the hall and laid down new carpet. That really helped us to get to know each other," he said.

Jones faces each practice with the same type of attitude he has in a game. "I like to work hard in practice. I'd rather work hard and hurt in practice than be down in a game. I just think about how practice will help me in the long run."

His attitude also gives him confidence about what he does off the court. "I

take pride in my school-work, and I really try hard," he added.

As for next year, Jones said he's "pretty sure he'll play" for the Bulldogs. As for his future, Jones doesn't know what he'll do with his major in business administration. "I don't want to

think about work right now," he said.

For the time being, Jones is content to think only about school, basketball, and his attitude. "Attitude is the key to it all. You've got to want it from the inside before you get on the court and put it all together," he added.



**UNCA'S BULLDOGS MANAGED** to give the sting to the UNC Greensboro Hornets in Monday's game at Justice Gym. The Bulldogs had to overcome a tough delay offense in order to defeat them.

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