

Sports

Bulldogs capture victory in season opener

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On Tuesday, Nov. 14, the UNCA men's basketball team defeated the Spirit Express 72-67 in an exhibition game. The Bulldogs played their first game of the 1989-90 season at the Civic Center in front of a crowd of 1,500.

Top performers for Asheville were small forward Milton Moore, point guard Maurice Caldwell and power forward Harvey Shropshire. The three seniors combined for a total of 41 points, 15 rebounds and seven assists.

Moore led all scorers with 20 points. He was nine of 18 from the field and one for one at the foul line.

"Milton is better this year than he was last year because he has improved his perimeter shooting. He also played tight, tough defense," said Bulldog Head Coach Don Doucette.

Caldwell was the game leader in assists, with six, and steals, with two. He also added five points and five rebounds.

Shropshire was the game's leading rebounder, with eight, and was second for UNCA in scoring. He shot 62 percent from the field and finished with 16 points.

"We're happy when Harvey can give us consistent, strong play. Tonight he was hot and came up with some good things. I've said before he has a good nose for the basket," said Doucette.

Other contributors for the Bulldogs were center Brent Keck, who had 11 points and 5 rebounds, guard Kurt Samuels, who finished with nine points, and freshman Darrell Wilson, who gave a six-point, four-rebound performance.

The Spirit Express was led by 6-6 forward Steve Williams, UNCA graduate Randy Shepherd and center Bernard Brown. Williams scored 17 points, including one three-pointer. Shepherd scored all nine of his points from three-point range, hitting three of eight. Brown was the team's leading rebounder, pulling down seven.

The Bulldogs were behind 42-34 at halftime and didn't lead until Keck scored with 2:38 left in the game. That basket put them ahead 66-64. Asheville took the lead for good at the 2:19 mark when Keck hit two free throws. With less than a minute left, UNCA led by three.

The Express fouled Caldwell twice in the last

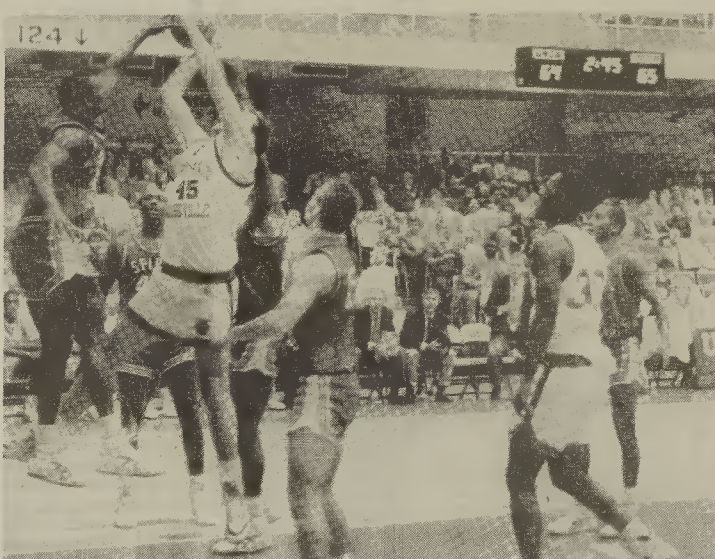


Photo by Diane Maney

Brent Keck, junior center, goes to the basket and puts one in to give the Bulldogs a 66-65 lead in Tuesday's game against Spirit Express.

minute of play. He responded by hitting three of his four foul shots to put the Bulldogs up 72-67. With twelve seconds remaining, Shropshire pulled down a missed shot by the Express, and UNCA held onto the ball until the clock ran out. According to Doucette,

the UNCA team played poorly in the first half, but improved in the second. "We stood around a lot at first and weren't aggressive enough defensively. In the second half, we adjusted well and never quit. The team changed defenses quickly and never fell

behind while doing it," said Doucette.

Doucette said his team had their ups and downs, but showed signs of improvement. Doucette said, "We saw some positive things and some things we weren't happy with. We were very tentative

defensively, but we improved that. I don't think we have that killer instinct yet, but I do think we can get it. It just takes some time."

Doucette also said it will take some time for the new players to adjust. "Kurt Samuels should turn into a very good perimeter shooter by mid-season. We also look for Darryl Sanders to improve. Right now we are a little worried about our outside shooting," said Doucette.

The Spirit Express is sponsored by Athletic Ministries International, a non-profit Christian sports organization. The Memphis-based club, made up of former college players, travels throughout the U.S. playing exhibition games and discussing their Christian faith.

According to Sports Information Director Mike Gore, this was the first exhibition victory for the Bulldogs. UNCA plays a second exhibition game Monday night, Nov. 20, at the Civic Center. They face the USSR/Republic of Estonia at 7:30. UNCA students presenting their school I.D. are allowed into all games at Justice Center and the Civic Center free of charge.

Intramural soccer and volleyball underway

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According to Karl Johnston, director of intramurals at UNCA for the second year in a row, "The program is not just for those who know how to play a sport. It is for everybody."

Johnston also said that the intramural program provides an opportunity for those athletes who played a sport in high school to remain competitive. At the same time, someone who has no experience whatsoever can also go out and have a good time.

Currently, soccer and volleyball are underway.

Flag football, by far one of the most popular intramural sports at UNCA, recently came to a close in the usual fashion, with the Free Agents winning the playoffs. Capping off an undefeated season, the Agents defeated Sigma Pi 26-6 in the final to win the championship for the fifth consecutive year.

The level of competition in intramurals varies from team to team. As a rule, varsity athletes cannot participate in a coinciding intramural sport. Thus, a varsity soccer player is ineligible for intramural soccer, but varsity athletes are welcome to play other sports. The purpose of this

rule is simply to make intramurals open for students.

While the competition may not equal that of the varsity sports, there is a definite pool of talent throughout the teams. Johnston points out that the object of the program is to have fun and to have a chance to socialize. "The idea is to not always have to win," Johnston said.

A wide range of sports are offered to appeal to all sorts of people. Even so, Johnston has seen a slight drop in participation. He feels that can be explained by the large number of freshmen enrolled who just may not be familiar with

the facilities. Each year, fraternities play a large role in participation in every sport. Johnston hopes to expand and field sports other than those already available. That should attract more students.

The addition of lights on the lower field has been a tremendous help, because

games can now be played at night, instead of afternoons when many students are in class. Johnston also stressed the sign-up dates as a factor in participation. Many interested teams miss the deadlines by only a few days, but a cut-off point must be made, so people are turned away.

The next sport on the schedule is basketball, another favorite, which is open to both men's and women's teams. The sign-up dates for that are Jan. 18 to Jan. 25, with a captain's meeting on the 25th as well. Water polo teams will sign up on Jan. 22 through Feb. 1.

Commentary

False positives ruin careers

Why does the majority of the population seem to think all college athletes should be tested for drugs? I'm certainly not advocating drug use by athletes or anyone else, but there are more important issues concerning athletes that need to be addressed. More efforts should be focused on making sure athletes get a proper education and don't graduate from college without being able to read.

Nothing substantial is accomplished by trying to mandate that athletes be tested for drugs. The test can cause more problems than it solves. The test is less accurate than the lie detector test that is now banned in the workplace.

A document leaked by a disillusioned employee of the Syva Company, makers of the most widely used

drug test, lists over 250 legal medications that can cause false positives. The list includes such things as Tylenol, Formula 44D,

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Nyquil, Sinutab, and Alka-Seltzer.

I'm sure every athlete at one time or another as taken Tylenol. With all the other pressures placed on student athletes, they don't need to have to worry about defending themselves if their drug test comes up positive and all they are guilty of is taking Tylenol for a sore muscle.

In the words of U.S. District Judge H. Lee Sarokin, "If we choose to violate the rights of the innocent in order to discover and act against the

guilty, then we have transformed our country into a police state and abandoned one of the fundamental tenets of a free society. In order to win the war on drugs, we must not sacrifice the life of the Constitution in the battle."

Athletes are faced with the possibility of having their future professional careers placed in jeopardy if they are forced to take a drug test and they are one of the unlucky ones who are diagnosed with a false positive.

A more reliable test is needed before the results have a chance to negatively affect someone who has hopes of playing in the pros. In addition, if a reliable test is found, an athlete should exhibit drug-related signs before the test is given. Innocent until proven guilty, right?

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