

# SPORTS

## Bulldogs Rule Meet at Home

Track Team Beats Four Southeastern Colleges in The Only Meet of the Season at Greenwood Track

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Sports Reporter

The UNCA men's and women's track teams had a good day in their only home outdoor meet of the season.

They won 14-of-36 events and set nine school records en route to defeating East Tennessee State University, Tennessee Tech University, Belmont-Abbey College and Gardner-Webb University in dual competition April 14.

The women beat Belmont-Abbey 67-62, ETSU 84-44, Tenn. Tech 83-50 and Gardner-Webb 87-50.

The UNCA men beat three of their four opponents, with victories over ETSU 82-56, Belmont-Abbey 80-46 and Gardner-Webb 89-42.

"Part of it was the fact that we were competing at home," said head coach Stan Rosenthal. "For most of the people, that was a good thing because they got the opportunity to compete in front of their friends."

"We only have two opportunities to compete at home, one indoor and one outdoor, so it is more of a big thing to get a home track competition," said Rosenthal. "Because of that, I think our kids were a little pumped up."

"I think everyone is coming to their peak right now," said freshman Brian MacPhee. "The training is geared more toward performance than improvement, and everyone was loose, relaxed and focused."

The biggest excitement of the day was in the women's 4 x 400m relay, where senior Zola Davis, freshman Carleigh Knight and sophomores Jennifer Harrison and Brooke Thompson placed first with a time of 4:07.26.

The event was the last of the day, giving the Bulldogs the five points needed to win against Belmont-Abbey.

MacPhee set his third school record in as many events with a winning throw of 176' in the javelin.

Previously, MacPhee set record marks in the shot put and discus. He currently holds the Big South Conference rankings of first in

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the shot put, second in the discus and third in the javelin, according to Rosenthal.

MacPhee said hard work and commitment are the reasons why he has done so well this season.

"We have all done a lot of work this year," said MacPhee. "I have trained really hard during the fall lifting a lot of weights, learning techniques and doing drills. This is the time of year where all your work pays off."

Junior Andy Guzy was another winner and record-setter for UNCA in the meet.

He won the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 54.87. He broke freshman Joel Collier's school record by a second.

Guzy is ranked third in the BSC in the 400-meter hurdles.

"This is the first race I have had where everything fell in place," said Guzy. "It is really more luck, as well as ability, because that is the first time I have ever run that fast. So I was pretty happy with it."

Junior Molly de Mattos won the women's hammer throw for the Bulldogs with a personal record toss of 119'.

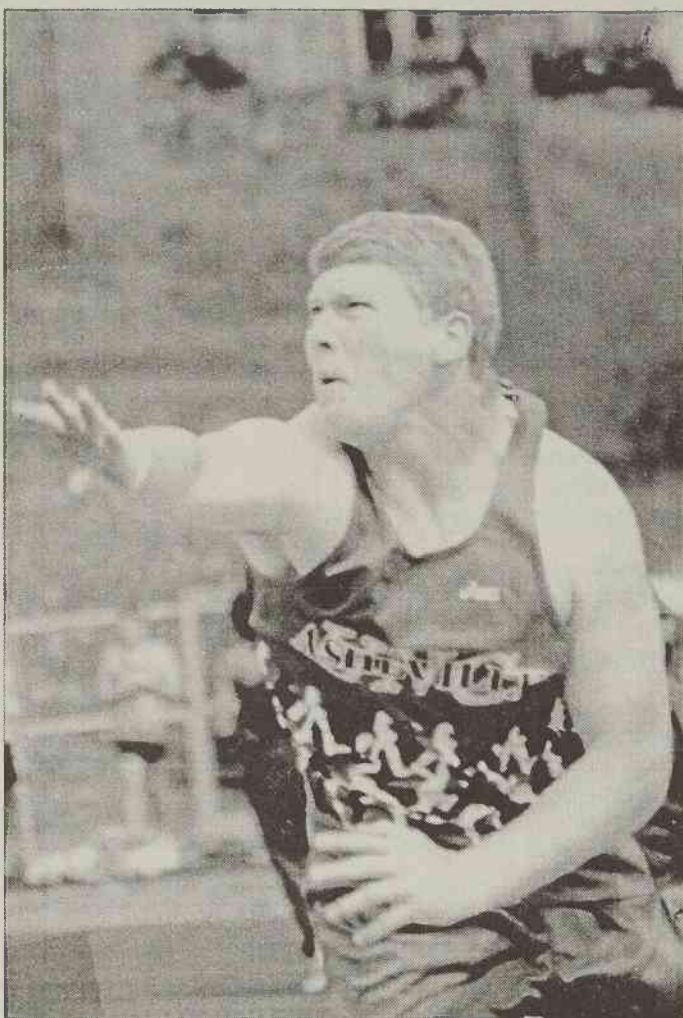
De Mattos said she credits UNCA assistant coach Dean Duncan with helping her become a stronger thrower.

"He has had us on heavy strength training, building up until this week," said de Mattos. "Now, we are doing twitch training, which makes us quicker and gets our muscles fired up," said de Mattos. "He also makes us watch videos."

Other winners for the Bulldogs included senior Jim Phillips, who won the 800-meter run by almost five seconds.

His time of 1:54.29 moves him to third on the conference rankings list.

Sophomore Crystal Goure won the discus event on the final throw with a mark of 147', breaking her old school record by 10', according to Rosenthal.



WALTER FYLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Freshman Brian MacPhee broke a UNCA school record in the javelin throw at the UNCA Invitational.



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A Bulldog high-jumper leaps over the bar during the home meet.

Goure's throw ranks her second in the conference.

Freshman Anna Walker, Knight, Harrison and Thompson won the 4x100 while posting a new school record to 49.79.

An hour later, Walker brought

home a victory in the 400-meter hurdles as well as run a personal record of 15.34 in the 100-meter hurdles.

Finally, sophomore Adam Chacon won the 16-pound hammer event with a throw of 145' and

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the shot put with a throw of 44'.

On a separate note, Zola Davis ran at the University of Tennessee Sea Ray Relays April 13, where she finished with a time of 2:10.69 in the 800-meter race.

Her time ranks first in the conference, and lowered her school best by three seconds.

Davis is now only three seconds away from the NCAA national qualifying time, according to Myers.

Her times continue to improve as the season goes along, according to Rosenthal.

"She started out the year at 2:17, so she has already taken off seven seconds which is a lot in a two-minute race," said Rosenthal. "It is a long shot whether or not she can take off another three seconds, but Zola is a very talented person and she has been working hard."

Davis is ready to take the next step and make it to the NCAA championships because of her experience, according to Rosenthal.

"It is her senior year, and I think she wants to finish her senior year knowing that she gave her best shot to do all the good things she has wanted to do," said Rosenthal.

With UNCA's dual-meet season now over, the women's team finished with a record of 9-1, while the men went 6-3.

The Big South Championship will take place April 19-21 at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

Coach Rosenthal and members of the track team feel positive they can make a good showing at the conference meet.

"We are heading in the right direction because this past weekend," said Rosenthal. "Not only did we set school records but a lot of people ran their best times of the season," said Rosenthal. "So we hope that it will translate into even better performances at the conference meet."

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Junior Nancy Livesay won against South Carolina State.

## 'Dogs Split Two Matches

**Eric Price**  
Sports Reporter

Last week saw the UNCA women's tennis team win against South Carolina State University and lose to Elon College.

The Bulldogs traveled to Elon College to take on the Phoenix April 11.

UNCA lost the majority of matches, winning two singles events and no doubles events.

In the first match of the day, junior Stephanie Shuba defeated Elon senior Sarah Benhaim in three sets.

In the first set, Shuba defeated Benhaim 6-4. The second set belonged to Benhaim, who won 6-4, and the third set was Shuba's by a 7-5 score.

The second and final win of the day for the Bulldogs came in the fifth match when freshman Sarah Cox defeated freshman Aubrey Rhodes in two sets.

Cox won the first and second sets by scores of 6-2.

After the Elon match, UNCA's overall record dropped to 6-12, while their Big South Conference record fell to 2-5.

In the second set of matches from last week, UNCA improved their record to 7-12 with a win over South Carolina State University April 14 at the UNCA Tennis Center.

In the first match and win of the day for UNCA, Shuba defeated Janet McWillis of SCSU in three sets.

McWillis won the first set 7-6, but lost the next two sets to Shuba, 8-6 and 6-0.

Junior Nancy Livesay defeated SCSU's Aja Sterling during the second match of the day in two sets with scores of 6-1 and 6-0, respectively.

The first loss of the day for UNCA came from SCSU's Bolu Abe defeated UNCA for their first loss of the day. She beat sophomore Ashley Jones in two sets, 6-1 and 6-0.

Cox then defeated SCSU's LaVeda Booker in two sets 6-2 and 6-1.

UNCA also won its final two singles matches of the day.

Bulldog freshman Emily Ackers-Estes defeated Janine Reasonover, 6-1 and 6-0.

Sophomore Andrea Knight then completed UNCA's near sweep of singles competition when she defeated SCSU's Kourtney Fulton, 6-3 and 6-1.

In doubles competition, UNCA almost swept SCSU as the Bulldogs won two of three matches.

In the first doubles match, the team of McWillis-Sterling (SCSU), defeated Shuba-Jones 8-4. This would be SCSU's only win in doubles.

### Earth Day Celebration on the Quad April 20 From 12 to 4 p.m.

Events include: Brendan Conley with the Asheville Global Report will speak about his recent Witness for Peace delegation in Columbia. Tracy Davids with the Southern Appalachian Biodiversity Project will speak about local forest protection campaigns. Zev Friedman of the Canary Coalition will speak about the Clean Smokestacks Act now in N.C. Congress, and the possibility of N.C. being the nation's leader in Air Quality Legislation.

At 4 p.m., participants will gather to bicycle downtown and rally in support of the activists protesting this weekend.

### Exhibit Remembers Black Mountain College

The Smith-McDowell House Museum will feature a special exhibit, "The Grand Experiment: Remembering Black Mountain College," March 27 through May 6. Smith-McDowell House is located at 283 Victoria Road on the campus of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College.

The Museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.. Admission is \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for seniors, students and children ages 5 to 18.

For additional information, call the Museum at (828) 523-9231.

### Sports Question of the Week:

**Q: What are the top two largest college football venues in the nation?**

### Sports Feature of the Week

## Dogs Run Wild in Bulldog Dash

**Jessica Welch**  
Sports Reporter

UNCA's track and field team hosted the third annual Bulldog Dash April 14.

About 75 dog owners registered for the race. Participants ran with their dogs around the half-mile course on campus.

The Bulldog Dash was designed similar to a track meet, with four separate races, depending on the dog size and the owner's gender.

Large dogs with male owners made up one category. Large dogs with female owners made up another group.

Small dogs with female and male owners were grouped into one category.

A category for children under 14 and dogs of all sizes made up the last group.

Most of the races had between 10 and 20 contestants, with an average of about 16 participants, according to head track and field coach Stan Rosenthal.

Some faculty, staff and students entered their dogs into the race.

"I entered the race because my dog loves to run, and I thought it would be a lot of fun for us to race together," said Katie Harmuth, a senior biology major and winner of the female category for large dog owners. "I had a good time."

First place winners won a \$20 gift certificate from Superpetz, a 20 pound bag of dog food and a plaque.

This year is the first time since 1997 that UNCA held the Bulldog Dash.

The Asheville-Citizen Times, Ingles, Forever Faithful Pet Services, Jus' Running, Purina and Superpetz sponsored the event.

Proceeds go to the track and field

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Head Track Coach

program and the athletic department, according to Rosenthal.

The athletic department holds a lot of fundraisers, according to Rosenthal.

An auction, a tennis tournament and a golf tournament are other fundraisers the athletic department will be conducting.

"They are doing things all the time," said Rosenthal.

"We are happy for everyone who came out and supported the event," said Rosenthal. "We will have it again next year."