

## Bulldog Scorecard

### Men's Basketball

Thursday  
vs. Coastal Carolina  
59 - 80 (L)  
Saturday  
vs. Charleston Southern  
77 - 69 (W)

### Women's Basketball

Saturday  
vs. Winthrop  
64 - 71 (L)  
Monday  
vs. Longwood  
66 - 76 (L)



Dan Lammers

Senior baseball player Dan Lammers was one of four student athletes who had a perfect 4.0 GPA for the fall semester. Overall, UNCA had 88 student athletes earn 3.0 GPA or above for the fall semester.

# Bulldog tennis prepares for season start

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The men's and women's tennis programs are poised to begin their spring season positively, with one huge advantage on their side: experience.

"The factor that will make this season so much better than last season is the fact that every player that played last year is back to play this year," men's team captain Nathan White said. "We all have more experience and know exactly what we are trying to do out on the court."

Head Coach Lise Gregory said she agrees this season will be more successful than the previous.

"The boys have worked quite a bit on the mental aspects of the game. I think we're a lot mentally tougher as a whole than we were last year. As far as the girls go, we've been working on our technical performance the most," she said.

Although the players have past seasons for experience, there are not a lot of them, and so, according to Gregory, the biggest

obstacle the team as a whole could face this season is potential injuries.

"We're low in numbers this season, so we'll be in sort of dire straits if we have any illnesses," Gregory said. "It's partly my duty as coach to make sure they aren't burning themselves out. On the side of the athletes, it's partly their job as well, because the minute you get run down, that's when you get sick. That's when you get injured."

According to Gregory, the Bulldogs have some new additions that will bolster the team's roster. French freshman Zoe Hamel is one of these new players.

"Zoe is very quiet, very focused, very reserved," Gregory said. "She's quite a hard worker, and a great addition to the team."

Devon Cavanaugh, a junior



Lise Gregory

player on the women's team, agrees.

"She has a great serve/volley combination, and we expect big things from her," she said.

The men's tennis program also has a couple of new players that, although ineligible for the 2011 spring season, will be useful in the future.

"John Schubel is a feisty red-shirt freshman from NC State. Alex Appelt is a beastly junior returning from a semester sabbatical at Roanoke College," White said. "Unfortunately, both of these players are ineligible to play because of their transfer status."

According to Gregory, the pair is still imperative to the success of the team regardless of their eligibility status.

"Both Alex and John can contribute in other ways until they become eligible," Gregory said. "They push their teammates in matches, practice and conditioning. They are still very valuable members of the team."

The Big South Conference preseason polls picked both Bulldogs tennis teams to finish seventh in the 2011 conference

season. Although falling in the bottom half of the league, White said the team is unfazed.

"I think that the Big South committee picking us seventh preseason is to be expected. All they have to go by is stats. Does this decision have any significance to any human being? Not at all," he said.

According to Cavanaugh, the women's team is equally unfazed and is ready for a challenge.

"We don't care about the preseason polls. We've proved them wrong in the past and we're more than ready to do that again this year," she said.

Despite the pressures of the upcoming season, Gregory said she is confident in the team's ability to succeed.

"My expectations are for the teams to do the things we've worked on and focus more on the progress than the results, because when you focus on the work the results take care of themselves," she said.

The women will play on Saturday at Davidson University and the men will play Augusta State University on Feb. 4.

## MEN'S

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to 56-50 by a tip-in from Jaron Lane with 8 minutes remaining in the game. Unfortunately, Coastal Carolina responded with a 15-2 run. Chanticleers forward Sam McClaurin ended the run with a reverse dunk, putting the score at 71-52.

The Bulldogs finished the game playing hard, propelled by encouraging cheers from the UNCA student section, and the buzzer sounded as the scoreboard read 80-59.

Coastal Carolina picked up their 15th straight win, and departed Asheville still leading conference play.

Primm and Lane led UNCA in scoring with 17 and 9 points, respectively.

The men's basketball team's next two conference games are on the road against Liberty University tomorrow and Virginia Military Institute on Saturday.



Dustin Stewart - Staff Photographer

Junior guard Matt Dickey playing hard against Coastal in front of a loud and raucous student