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sure to pick them up.

Hagedorn spends as much time as possible devoting himself to school and soccer to be the best leader possible.

"I only live 45 minutes away, but I only go home once or twice a semester. I could go home, but I don't have the time and it's not that important to me," Hagedorn said. "It's my senior year and soccer is everything right now because it's my last year. I just want to focus on having a good season with the team and having a good time with the guys. Of course things will change once it's over, but right now that is what's most important."

Hagedorn has transformed as a player over the past 4 years. He has been able to take command of the game as he's gotten into his junior and senior year, Kern said. He's always been very talented, but as he has matured and gotten stronger. He now has the ability not to only be a contributor or major role player, but also an impact player.

Hagedorn is one of three captains. He is a leader by example and a leader by actions. The guys respect him not only as a soccer player, but as a student and person, Kern said.

"Being a Bulldog means hard work and focus," Hagedorn said. "I'm thankful for the opportunities that UNCA has provided for me as a student-athlete and in return I think they should get all my effort, time, focus and energy."

Photo by Jackson Stahl

Jake Hagedorn juggles honors classes, practice, and weight lifting every day.

TEAM

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Runnin' Bulldogs.

The Lady Bulldogs previously outlasted Gardner-Webb in five sets on Sept. 3 during a match at the 2011 Gamecock Invitational hosted in Columbia, S.C., where UNCA also had to win the final two sets to claim victory.

Santos said he was impressed with his team's resilience and their ability to come up with big plays in defining moments.

"I'm very proud of our team tonight," he said. "The fifth set was wild but we managed to make plays when we absolutely had to have them."

Friday's victory marked the second straight win for the Lady Bulldogs

following a 3-0 drubbing of N.C. Central last Tuesday. Players said Friday's dramatic win could serve as a launching pad as the team prepares for the final stretch of the season with 13 of the remaining 14 matches coming against Big South Conference opponents.

"I think our five set battle was definitely a good starting place for conference play," Miller said. "It shows we won't give up and we can fight back when we are down. I think our momentum can only keep increasing as conference season continues."

The team continues conference play with a road-trip to Virginia, starting Friday against Liberty and Saturday against Radford, before returning for a three-game home stand next Tuesday beginning with a match against Western Carolina University.



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Head coach Frederico Santos pumps up the girls to come back for the win.