By Nick Phillips
Sports Editor

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UNCP’s Morgan Patrick connects with a pitch earlier this season.

The UNCP softball team split a doubleheader against Nova Southeastern on March 11 in Tampa, Fla., with the Lady Braves taking game one 3-0 before falling 12-0 in the second game in the final games of their Spring Break road trip.

In the first game, pitchers Natalie Klemann and Starr Gilley combined for a five-hit shutout, with the fresmen Klemann allowing three hits in five innings of work before Gilley allow two runs scored in a two-inning save.

The Lady Braves scored a run in the bottom of the fifth inning and two final runs in the sixth inning for the game’s only runs despite only knocking three runs in the contest.

Senior Lynn Grantham led the Lady Braves with one hit, a two-RBI single in the sixth that drove in home junior Ashley Harrell and senior Morgan Patrick.

Patrick and senior Courtney Hill had one hit to total all UNCP’s hits in the game.

In the second game, UNCP couldn’t get anything going on offense, managing just one hit, with sophomore Kellie Van Dyke in the top of the fifth inning.

Defensively, the Lady Braves had a season-high seven errors, giving Nova Southeastern four runs scored in the games.

Junior Ashley Harrell knocked a three-RBI triple in the bottom of the fifth inning that also drove in sophomore Kellie Van Dyke.

That set the scene for Barrett’s double in the third inning, scoring sophomore Kellie Van Dyke and junior Ashley Harrell and Van Dyke.

Again UNCP aces

scored, scoring runs in the fifth and seventh inning, but UNCP pitcher Jamie Burwell closed the game standing strikers at second and third base.

Burwell ended up with her fifth win of the season, as the senior tossed four innings inside the circle while striking out two batters.

By Akeem Deacon
Sports Writer

The UNCP softball team took both games of a doubleheader against Peach Belt Conference foe USC Aiken on Feb. 27, with the Lady Braves winning game one 3-1 before falling 2-1 in the second game.

In the opener, UNCP senior Jamie Burwell picked up the win inside the circle after a perfect seventh inning, scoring runs in the third inning, but UNCP’s defense allow a hit to account for all the runs surrendered.

In the second game, UNCP freshman Schanieque Barrett knocked a bases-clearing, three-RBI triple in the bottom of the fourth inning in the push to lead the Lady Braves to the victory.

UNCP aces knocked Fran Barrone’s first hit of the game with her double to left-center field that scored sophomore Kellie Van Dyke.

Tied the score at five apiece.

Among the hits of game two.

Loren Bartz each tallied one appearance.

Host Lady Braves sweep visiting for USC Aiken

Sofball bats silent against Tampa

By Kelly Mayo
New-Editor

The UNCP softball team combined for one hit and three runs over two games against Tampa on March 9, falling in game one 2-0 before a 2-1 loss in the second game.

Tampa combined for eight hits and four runs in the doubleheader.

The Lady Spartans started off strong in the first inning, first baseman Brit- tany Hipple singled and advanced to second base on an UNCP error, then ran to third base on the throw in the first inning.

This earned Hipple an RBI and enabled third base- man Susan Jielo, who had already stolen second and third bases, to head home to score.

Two wild pitches cost the Lady Braves in the fifth inning, as Tampa freshman designated player Chelsea Brooks advanced to third base and center fielder Bre Walton advanced to second on the first wild pitch. The second wild pitch sent Wal- ton to third base and Brooks home for a run.

Senior Morgan Patrick knocked UNCP’s only hit in the top of the fourth inning.

The Lady Spartans started hot again in the first inning of game two, con- secutive passed balls allow- ed two Tampa runners to score.

The Lady Braves an- swered the second inning when sophomore Hillary Jones singled to center field and made it to second base on the throw. This sent right fielder Kellie Van Dyke to third base and Berry to an unearned run.

A hit to account for all of USC Aiken’s runs on the afternoon and just the second run of the season.

Bartz and Van Dyke.

The Lady Braves an- swered this run in the seventh inning scoring, blast- ing a two-run homer to center field to push the Lady

The Lady Spartans scored six runs in the first inning, scoring runs in the first, second and fourth innings.

Defensively, the Lady Braves completed a five-hit shutout, with the Lady Spartans scoring only one hit in the third inning.

Lady Braves split trip up Highway 74 with Wingate

By Nick Phillips
Sports Editor

After seeing their game one rally fall short, the UNCP softball team picked up a two-run victory over regional foe Wingate on Feb. 26.

Down four runs heading into the fifth inning in the opener, the Lady Braves scored two runs with two runners on base before falling 4-2.

Hill finished 1-for-3 with a run scored and an RBI, while Barry and senior Morgan Patrick each added a hit to account for all of UNCP’s runs in the fourth inning.

Freshman Natalie Klemann was saddled with the loss after allowing three earned runs over 5 1/3 innings pitched.

In game two, Lady Braves pitcher duo of Car- loline Newman and Burwell held Wingate to only three hits while the UNCP offense was helped by two UNCP runners in the shutdown.

Burwell picked up the win inside the circle after a perfect seventh inning, scoring runs in the third inning, but UNCP’s defense allow a hit to account for all the runs surrendered.

The homers were both Grantham’s and Patrick’s only home run of the year, as the duo tallied a combined three RBIs.

UNCP’s Morgan Patrick connects with a pitch earlier this season.

Patrick tallied three hits in the Lady Braves two wins over Pfeiffer.

In the third inning, the Lady Braves answered with three runs in the third inning, scoring runs in the third and fourth innings, before Barry scored on a two-RBI single off of Patrick’s double off the left-center field wall in the sixth inning.

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