Post season honors roll in for Braves basketball

By Nick Phillips

Following the best season in school history, several members of the UNCP men's basketball team received post-season honors for their efforts in 2010-2011.

Brackett all-conference

Senior Jared Brackett was named a third team all-conference selection by the Peach Belt Conference in March during the PBC Conference tournament.

Brackett, who was the 2009-2010 PBC Freshman of the Year, led the Braves in scoring this past season, averaging 15.7 points per game as well as 4.3 rebounds per contest and dishing out 2.7 assists per game. His 30.7 average in all five of his games led the team in that cate-
gory.

Looking at the Braves’ final statistical leaders, Brackett led UNCP in field goal attempts and field goals made, as well as three-point attempts and three-pointers made. His 48 steals were also a team high. Brackett scored 10 or more points in 14 of the Braves 18 conference games, and nine times had a 15-plus point scoring night.

Brackett’s best regular season game of the season came back in February, when he put up a positive per formance in a win over Francis Marion.

Brackett and fellow sophomore George Blak eney were both named to the conference tournament team after their efforts helped UNCP to the conference’s title game.

Trico All Named

UNCP saw three players selected to the North Carolina Col lege Athletics Information Association’s College Division All-Peach Belt Conference Second team.

Senior Chris Hargrove and sophomore George Blakeney and Brackett each played key roles in the season and are comprised of players from NCAA Division II and III schools and NAIA schools.

Blakeney was named to the team with 11.2 points per game while adding 5.0 rebounds per contest and led the Braves in free throw attempts and free throw makes and averaged 52.4 percent from the field for the season. His 6.4 re bounds and 1.3 blocks per game were both team highs, and he was also named to the PBC Tournament’s all- conference team.

Hargrove started 29 of UNCP’s 30 games in 2010- 2011, averaging 11.6 points per game while shooting 52.5 percent from the field, dominating the Black and Gold.

The All-Season selection was Hargrove’s first.

Blakeney was named to the 2010 PBC All Tournament team in March.

He had a season-high eight blocks against USC Aiken in February and scored 20-plus points three different times. Blakeney led the Braves strong pres ence on the glass, as UNCP was a team that finished the sea son with the eighth-best rebounding margin in the conference.

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Brackett is named to the team for his second consecu tive year career with 318 total points scored.

In her fourth year as a Lady Brave, Hobb led the team in scoring with 15.5 points per game, adding 21 steals and 20 assists on the year.

In her senior season, Kordenbrock, a native of Four Bells, Ky., is a 6-7, 220 pound power forward that averaged 15 points, 10 re bounds and three assists per game his senior season at Princeton High School.

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Kemp all-conference

Senior JaToya Kemp was named a second team all-conference selection by the Peach Belt Conference in March during the PBC Conference tournament.

Kemp finished her career as a member of the 1,000-point club, becoming the 19th associate of the elite club in UNCP’s win over Wingate on Nov. 14, 2010, as part of her 22-point night.

At the conclusion of her career, Kemp tallied 1,130 points to notch her spot as the 12th highest scorer in school history.

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Hunt finished her senior year averaging 6.5 points per game and 3.9 rebounds per game while making a team-high 38 three-point baskets.

Cotten also dished out 45 assists and tallied 20 steals during the 2010-2011 season.

Senior pair all-state

Seniors Britania Stanton and Kemp were both se lected to the North Carolina Collegiate Sport Association’s College Division All-State second team with the 19th associate of the elite club in UNCP’s win over Wingate on Nov. 14, 2010, as part of her 22-point night.

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