Braves cross country teams both garner 1st place finishes

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Both the UNCP men’s and women’s cross country teams opened their 2011 seasons on Sept. 2 in the 5K Gamecock Invitational, and both sets of Braves brought home first place finishes in the event.

The men’s team captured its win with 28 points, while the second-place South Carolina Beaufort took the closest competitor at 40 points. The Lady Braves won the meet with 20 total points, well ahead of second-place USC-Aiken’s 63 point total.

For the men, junior Par- kerson and sophomore Shay Pe- terlow led the way with a 16-kill effort, recording a hitting percent- age over the three games.

Senior Rebecca Morgan led the Lady Braves with 27 kills, 23 assists, 21 digs and 10 block assists.

Barry

After going 1-1 on the first day of the Eckerd Col-
lege Classic, the Lady Braves lost to Barry 3-1 to open day two action on Sept. 10.

Each of the four sets were close, with the Lady Braves losing by two points in all three of their dropped sets. In their set two win, UNCP posted 25 kills, 54 assists, five service aces, 72 digs and 10 block assists during the match, while also recording a hitting percentage of .223.

Anderson again led the charge with a .364 kill effort, while sophomore Shay Pe-
terson and junior Ashley Rebok added 12 kills each of their own. Rebok tallied 42 as-
tsists in the loss, while junior Marissa Baker finished with 21 digs and Morgan added 17 assists.

Eckerd

In their final matchup, the Black and Gold went up against the host team Eckerd College Tri-

UNCP struggled in the game against Eckerd over the two-day tournament.

UNCP also surrendered six .329 hitting percentage.

who ended the game with a

The Lady Braves strug-

ningled by the duo of An-
derson and Morgan, who
each ended the match tied for a match-high 10 kills, 8 assists, four service aces and four block assists.

Braves have good showing at College of Charleston Invitational

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The UNCP men’s and women’s cross country teams both competed in the College of Charleston Invita-
tional on Sept. 10, with the men’s team grabbing a third place finish and the women finishing fourth in a pair of tough fields.

Junior Pardon Ndlovu was the men’s 8K race champion with his time of 25:04, finishing 25 seconds in front of the second place finisher and 45 seconds in front of third place as Ndlovu has opened the 2011 season with a pair of first place finishes.

UNCP sophomore Chris Schroll finished seventh overall with a time of 25:57, while senior Zach Boyles was the third Braves runner to finish with his 26:58 time and 99th place finish.

Sophomore Cedric Wil-
on (27:49) finished 23rd overall and freshman An-

Aikin’s 63 point total.

Kevin Clancy came in right behind him in 12th with a 17:48.86, and freshman Andrew Nguyen rounded out the Braves runners with his 19:07:08 time and 21st place finish.

Women

For the women, senior Livia Mahaffie finished with a time of 22:58.06 and a first place finish. Junior Annette Sem was right be-
hind Mahaffie in second place with a time of 22:59.21. While her sister, freshman Julie Sem, clocked a 22:10.69 time to finish fifth overall.

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most School College of Charleston won the men’s race with 35 team points while Elon finished second. The Citadel, Charleston Southern and South Car-
olina State finished fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively, be-

hind the Braves.

Senior Livia Mahaffie finished first overall in the women’s race with her time of 19:30.50 to lead the Lady Braves.

Sophomore Ashlee Doughty finished as the second UNCP runner and 22nd overall with her time of 20:05. Junior Amante Sem was right behind Doughty in 24th place with her time of 20:11 for UNCP. Freshman Carrie Blankenship (20:34), Kendrill Doris (20:52) and Julie Sem (20:01) finished 29th, 31st and 33rd, respec-
tively to round out the Lady Braves cross country team.

Eleno captured the women’s title with 17 points, while the College of Charleston finished second and Georgia Southern fin-
ished third in front of UNCP. The Citadel, Charleston Southern, South Carolina State and South Carolina-Beaufort finished fifth, seventh, eighth and ninth, respectively, behind the Lady Braves.

Both the men’s and women’s cross country teams will next compete on Sept. 17 when they travel to the BridgeStone- Pacers Invitational at USC-