Braves grab lopsided win over Chowan

By Jonathan Bym
Sports Writer

The UNCP men’s soccer team grabbed its fourth straight win with a resounding 10-1 non-conference win against Chowan in Murfreesboro, N.C., on Sept. 10.

The Braves (4-0-0) are off to the best start since the 2004 season that saw the Braves advance to the NCAA Final Four.

The Braves’ offensive attack was hitting on all cylinders against Chowan as they put 16 shots on goal to Chowan’s two.

The Braves received a strong game from sophomore forward Martin Tomter as he recorded a hat trick in the second half. Tomter also had a hat trick last year against Chowan.

Chowan struck first as Biez Neno scored in the third minute on a shot from three yards out. The Hawk’s lead was short lived, as a minute later, UNCP forward Sam Miles scored on a shot from five yards out.

Less than 30 seconds later, the Braves took the lead on a Jeff MacDonald header. From that point on, the Braves never let up as MacDonald scored on an unassisted goal in the 14th minute. Miles scored his second goal on a header from Adam Smith two minutes later to make the score 4-1.

In the 27th minute, freshman Matt MacDougall scored after a Chowan foul, giving the Black and Gold a 5-1 advantage going into the half.

UNCP carried over the momentum to the second half as Smith connected on a pass from Miles in the 68th minute to give the Braves a five goal lead. Brett Luccia made the score 7-1 after scoring on a cross from MacDonald.

Tomter took over in the last 15 minutes of the game as he scored three goals in a span of 12 minutes. Tomter scored on two unassisted goals in the 76th and 85th minutes and scored his third goal off a Luccia cross in the 88th minute to make the final score 10-1.

The Braves look to continue their success when they take on Beard in a neutral site in Rock Hill, S.C., on Sept. 13.

Four goals push Braves past visiting Mount Olive

By Nick Phillips
Editor

The UNCP men’s soccer team continued its strong start to the 2011 season, bettering visiting Mount Olive 4-0 on Sept. 7.

Freshman Adam Smith tallied two of the Braves goals, as the Black and Gold opened the season with a 3-0 record for the first time in seven years. That 2004 campaign ended with UNCP taking a 2-0 lead into halftime.

Both second-half goals came over a span of two minutes, first when freshman Sam Miles scored his third goal of the young season at the 53:22 mark. Payne Clark tallied an assist on the play.

Smith finished off the scoring with his second goal of the night in the 55th minute on a shot from inside the 18-yard box on assist from Matt MacDougall and Shaun Herseilman.

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