Freshman forward Martin Pearson scored in the 71st minute, Erik Pajunk and Tucker when freshmen midfielders scoring a goal in the 41st minute, Connor O’Boyle, gave the senior defender/midfielder Brett Luccia, assisted by under a moth-infested sky at against Barton College, the team scored its first vic-tory of the season.

The Bulldogs answered with four saves in the game. The game was physical and became rougher as the minutes ticked on. The Braves finished with 15 fouls, while Wingate ticked the 18th.

Junior Rebecca Womack led UNC with three shots, as Holly Holcik and Jake Zielinski both tallied three shots for Wingate.

“Wingate is a quality team and they really battled us in the first half,” UNC head coach Lars And-ersson said.

“We made some changes at half to make the game competitive on our end,” he added. Anderson received back-to-back yellow and red cards in the 71st minute of action, leaving him off the field for what turned out to be 39 more minutes of action.

“I’m very proud of my players for the continued in-tensity and determination on the field and coach Priv-itera for stepping in and cur-rening the draw against a talented team,” Anderson said.

The tie was the first all-time in the series between the two teams.

**Men’s soccer falls to Lynn 2-0**

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Sports Writer

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**Men’s soccer earns first victory of the season**

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The UNCP men’s soc-ker team scored its first vic-tory of the season Sept. 8 against Barton College with a 1-0 shutout in Pembroke.

Freshman midfielder Brett Luccia, assisted by senior defender/midfielder Connor O’Boyle, gave the Braves a first-half lead by scoring a goal in the 41st minute of play.

The Bulldogs answered in the second half, however, when freshmen midfielders Erik Pajunk and Tucker Pearson scored in the 71st minute to tie the game. Freshman forward Martin Tomter, with an assist from Luccia, saved the game for the Bulldogs with a goal in the 76th minute.

UNC lost the Bulldogs 11-7 in the first half. Tomter made five shots, while senior midfielder An-drew Brown made two.

Finals played the Bull-dogs in the first half, with Pajunk, defender Luke Carowin, and forwards Matthew Arnold and Harris Carowin receiving three each. Arnold and Costanza each received a yellow card.

Additionally, forward Justin (JT) Taylor took a hard hit to the head, leaving him off the field with help from his teammates.

The Bulldogs continued to reign in the second half, outscoring Barton 10-4, five shots, and midfielder Brax-ton Perkins made six corner kicks. In addition to his as-sists, Luccia made two cor-ner kicks and received one foul.

On Barton’s side, Pear-son made one assist and re-ceived two yellow cards which resulted in raised cards and thus an ejection with eight minutes left to play.

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