Braves open fall seasons with good showings

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As we set to turn the calendar to October, the fall UNCP athletic teams are ready to jump into the heart of their schedules.

From the Hawk’s Nest

The month of October is make-or-break time for many sports, and what each team does in this coming month will determine if they continue play just mid-October as we look at the Big Four sports teams.

Football

The big boys. All eyes are on them, and after losing 22 seniors from last season’s squad, head coach Pete Shinnick’s team is about where most people were predicting them at this point in the season. In their three wins over Fayetteville State, Chowan, and Guilford, the Braves defense showed up in time to provide a fourth quarter stop, and UNCP held on for the victory. The loss to Wingate, the defense has been energetic and the Braves paid for it with an overtime loss.

In the past, names such as Adam Dreverse and Cyleon Han have come to mind as defensive leaders, but this year’s team seems to be providing a a steady flow of people in the warden of the players that can speak and have everyone listening.

On the other side of the ball, it has been the Travis Daniels show so far for the Braves’ offense. He entered the Glenville State game as the nation’s leading rusher, and barring someone else putting up some absurd totals last weekend, he will stay atop that category.

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