By Nick Phillips

**Montevallo ends men’s soccer’s PBC run**

The UNCP men’s soccer team now has to sit and wait before knowing if their 2011 season is over or if they have a birth in the NCAA tournament after Montevallo beat the Braves 0-1 in the PBC tournament semifinals on Nov. 4.

The Braves, who were ranked 18th in the most recent NCAA Southeast Region poll, want to see the updated rankings on Nov. 8 and the NCAA Selection Show to see if the season will continue.

Montevallo scored the game’s only goal in the 47th minute when Phil Jackson used a penalty kick to push the Falcons to the PBC Championship game.

Sean Hank led the Braves with four shots, while Sam Miles added two shots of his own. Six other players all recorded one shot each for UNCP.

Goalkeeper Ryan Hanson had two saves on three shots, allowing the only goal.

In a game that featured 28 total fouls, the two teams combined for 18 fouls in the scoreless first half. The Braves actually outshot Montevallo, 12-9, while also tallying a 7-1 advantage in corner kick opportunities.

Braves advance to second round of PBC tourney

By Jonathan Bym

**Men’s soccer grabs 1-0 road victory over Francis Marion**

Adam Smith delivered the game-winning goal in the 51st minute as the UNCP men’s soccer team grabbed a 1-0 Peach Belt Conference win over Francis Marion at the FMU soccer complex on Oct. 26.

Offensively, the Braves were in command in the first half as they took six shots on goal to FMU’s one.

The one shot from the Patriots came nearly three minutes into the game as Igor Souza took a shot from the left wing that was saved by UNCP goalkeeper Ryan Hanson.

The Braves looked to score after that shot as Michael Davis headed a shot that went wide a little over a minute later. Miles took a shot at the 5:37 mark that went wide left.

Sid Peterson had the best chance for the Black and Gold in the first half as he took a shot seven minutes into the half that was stopped by FMU goalkeeper Nick Lucido. Both teams were quiet offensively for the rest of the half to go scoreless into halftime.

Five minutes into the second half, Smith broke the scoreless tie with a shot from the top of the box that went in the upper left corner of the goal for his fourth goal of the season.

In the 55th and 65th minutes, the Black and Gold looked to extend the lead as Smith headed a shot on goal that was saved by Lucido, and a Stuart Rodgers shot was blocked.

The Patriots looked to respond three minutes later as an Adrian Williams shot was saved by the UNCP defense inside the box. Williams also took a shot in the 74th minute that went high.

The best chance that FMU had in the second half to tie the score came at the 78th minute mark as Chuy Cruz shot from the far right wing and was stopped by Hanson for his second save of the match.

UNCP out foiled FMU eight to six and had an advantage in corner kicks as the Braves had seven and the Patriots recorded three.

In the second half, Sean Hank took over for the Braves, scoring the tying goal in the 59th minute off an assist from Sam Miles before the eventual game-winner came in the form of a header in the 77th minute.

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