Ladys' soccer wins in NCAA opening round

By Nick Phillips Sports Editor

After battling to a scoreless first half, the UNCP women’s soccer team scored three second half goals to advance past Pfeiffer in the opening round of the NCAA Division II National Championships on Nov. 12.

The 13th ranked Lady Braves tallied their 14th shutout of the season in the 1-0 win, with freshman goalkeeper Britney Bennett finishing with seven saves for her 10th shutout of the season.

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Women’s soccer runs end with 3-0 loss

By Kelly Mayo Sports Writer

The Columbus State women’s soccer team over- whelmed the Lady Braves and eliminated them from the NCAA Semifinals in Evans, Ga., on Nov. 5 with a 5-0 UNCP loss.

The 12th-ranked Lady Cougars scored two first-half goals to clinch an early lead.

Despite a stubborn UNCP defense in the sec- ond half, Columbus State scored again in the 84th minute to seal the victory.

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Women’s soccer wins PBC tourney opening round game

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The UNCP women’s soccer team advanced to the Peach Belt Conference tournament’s second round following a 2-0 win over Montevallo on Nov. 2 at Van Buren Grounds.

The win advances the Lady Braves to the PBC tournament’s second round for the second time in three years.

Sophomore Anna Svensson and senior Sheena Matureracked a goal in the first half for the Lady Braves, as freshman Faye Corbett captured her ninth shutout of the season. The Lady Cougars tallied seven shots to UNCP’s four in the final half.

“Any win in a tournament is a great win and I am proud of the girls for not getting rattled,” Lady Braves head coach Lars Andersson said after the game.

“We played well in the first half, but we didn’t play well at all in the second half. However, we Stayed composed and didn’t allow Montevallo to use it to their advan- tage. We need to learn to play all 90 minutes of action,” Andersson added.

Defensively, the Lady Braves held Montevallaro-just 15 shots in the contest, only five of which were on goal. UNCP out-shot Montevallo in the opening half, 14-8, but had to use its defense to hold off Monte- vallo’s second-half pressure. Montevallo tallied seven shots to UNCP’s four in the final half.

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Offensively, the Lady Braves received six total shots from Svensson and five from Mature to lead the team.

Montevallo had four players each with three or more shots on goal in the game.

Photo by Nick Faulkner

Lady Brave freshman goalkeeper Britney Bennett finished with 11 saves in UNCP’s 3-0 loss to Columbus State on Nov. 5.

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The 2010 season for the UNCP men’s soccer team is complete after the Braves’ 4-1 loss to Lander in the first round of the Peach Belt Conference tournament on Nov. 2.

The Braves finished the season with a 5-9-4 record under first year coach Phil Hindson, who also loses two seniors from this year’s squad.

“We have made a lot of progress this season, but we really let ourselves down tonight,” Hindson said after the game.

“There is a lot of work ahead for the coaching staff and players to attain the level that is required to be successful in the future,” he added.

Second-seeded Lander used a pair of goals in the opening half from Aaron Britain to take a lead they would not relinquish to sev- enth-seeded UNCP.

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British, the 2008 PBC Player of the Year, also added an assist in the second half goal for Lander, as he finished with five of the team’s seven assists in the game. Jamie Dass- son also added a pair of assists for Lander in the match-up, while goal-keeper Ryan Brittain recorded a shutout of the season for the Braves.

Senior Faye Corbett caught the UNCP defense off-guard when she tallied a goal in the 22nd minute mark, rebounding a Mature shot that hit the post and putting it in the back of the net for her 17th goal of the season.

In the 41st minute, Mature took a pass from junior Rebecca Womack and placed it in the back of the net for the night’s second score and Mature’s second goal of the season. The assist was Womack’s fifth of the season.

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