

Women's soccer takes first loss to CSU

By Matt Smith
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The UNCP women's soccer team felt a familiar thorn in their side Sept. 12, as the Lady Braves fell 1-0 to No. 7 Columbus State for their first loss of the 2009 season.

Last year during a team-best 19-3-1 season, the Cougars were the only conference team to defeat the Lady Braves as the team was taken down once in the regular season and in the finals of the Peach Belt Conference tournament.

As most of the other recent games against Columbus State, the Lady Braves looked evenly matched with the Cougars in the early stages of the game.

But at the 26-minute mark, Columbus State's Gina Goforth scored her first goal of the season to give the Cougars the 1-0 lead and knock the breath out of the Black and Gold.

UNCP head coach Lars Andersson said that the early Columbus State goal negatively affected his team's attitude, and said in the second half he expected more composure from the Lady Braves.



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UNCP Lady Brave Rea Segoviano had seven saves against the Columbus State Cougars Sept. 12 in the team's first loss of the season.

"I talked a lot about pride," Andersson said. "We didn't come down here to just survive, we came to win."

Even with the motivational speech, the Black and Gold were unable to

find the back of the net in the second half, though the team did outshoot the Cougars 9-6 in the second period.

Freshman forward Anna Svensson led the Lady Braves with six

shots, including three shots on goal.

UNCP junior Faye Corbett was the only other Lady Brave with multiple shot attempts, as the forward took two during the game.

Black and Gold goalie Rea Segoviano saved seven shots during the contest.

For the game, the Lady Braves were out shot 15-12 on the road.

The loss to Columbus

State was UNCP's sixth straight since 2005 to the Cougars.

The team will regroup for a busy week as the Black and Gold take on Queens College, Erskin and Flagler at home in a

Lady Braves win big in season's home opener

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The Lady Braves scored early and often in their home opener Sept. 9 at Varsity Grounds. The first goal came just before the 10-minute mark when Britney Joiner broke away and put the ball in the back of the net.

That goal was just the beginning of the 9-0 routing of St. Andrews.

Joiner led the Lady Braves with three goals.

The Lady Braves scored six first half goals in the matchup, completely dominating the Knights in the early going.

In a four minute span, the Black and Gold scored three goals from the 33-minute mark to the 37-minute mark.

The Lady Braves'

final goal came at the 75-minute mark on a header from Joiner.

Svensson scores

However, Joiner was not the only one with multiple goals, as Anna Svensson, a freshman, scored two goals in just one minute.

Even with the offensive explosion from the Lady Braves, their defense might have been more impressive.

They allowed only one shot by the visiting Knights. The Braves also dominated in the possession game, controlling the ball all game long.

That time of possession advantage also translated to a school record 49 shots for the Lady Braves, which was more shots than they have had in their

two previous matches combined.

The Black and Gold took 25 second-half shots in the contests as St. Andrews couldn't get off a shot in the second half.

Possession domination

This domination allowed a lot of the Lady Braves who don't get a lot of playing time to get out and show their skills to the crowd.

All this extra playing time equated to some first goals of the season for these players, including goals by Emily DesJarlais, Rebecca Womack, Ashley Antcil and Fanny Forman.

The Lady Braves will be back at Varsity Grounds Sept. 15 as the team takes on Queens College.

Svensson honored by PBC

By Matt Smith
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UNCP women's soccer player Anna Svensson was honored by the Peach Belt Conference Sept. 1 as the Lady Braves' forward was named the PBC's offensive player of the week.

The freshman from Norrkoping, Sweden, led the Lady Braves with two goals in consecutive wins against Mount Olive and Lenoir-Rhyne to open the season.

Svensson's two goals in the game against the Lenoir-Rhyne Bears led the Black and Gold to victory as Svensson's game-winning overtime goal at the 93 minute mark brought the team back from an early 0-1 deficit for a 2-1 win.

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UNCP women's soccer player Anna Svensson is currently tied for third in the Peach Belt Conference with four goals.

ference with four goals, once with eight overall and is fourth in the conference points.

Dammann takes top spot in Black and Gold's opener

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After shooting a first round 77 at the par-72, Bayonet Golf Club at the Battle At Bayonet, UNCP junior Katja Dammann took home top honors with an even-par second round for her first collegiate tournament title on Sept. 9.

Dammann's two-day total of 149 led all competitors at the 5,841-yard course in Raeford, N.C.

Dammann's first place finish marked the second time in UNCP women's golf history that a Lady Brave won a tournament title.

"I was very happy for Katja earning her first college win," women's golf head coach David Synan said. "She puts in a lot of time working on all aspects of her game."

The Braves' first title

came in 2007 when Christina Crovetti picked up first place honors at the Peach Belt Shootout.

The Black and Gold also had two other competitors place in the event's top-5, as Crovetti and freshman Shauna Walor carded a two-round total of 160 to tie for fifth.

Sophomore Alexa Mooney (169), freshmen Abby Shipley (170) and Jennifer Crow (173) and senior Kaitlin Payton (187) finished 14th, 15th, 18th and 23rd respectively.

Team competition

As a team, the No. 24 ranked Braves picked up a second place finish overall.

The Black and Gold finished with a two-round team score of 637 to finish seven back of South Carolina Beaufort.

"As a team we played



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Dammann picked up her first collegiate tournament victory Sept. 9 at the Battle At Bayonet.

well," Synan said. "Finishing second is never a bad thing in col-

lege golf, a good way to start the season."

The Braves will next

be in action on Sept. 28 when the team travels to the Link Hills Country

Club in Greenville, Tenn., to participate in the Tusculum Fall Classic.