

Braves down Concord 29-7 in road victory

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The UNCP football team ruined Concord University's homecoming celebration by defeating the Mountain Lions 27-9 at Callahan Stadium on Oct. 24.

The win over Concord brings the No. 15 ranked Braves' winning streak to four games with an overall record of 7-1 for the season.

Concord now stands at 5-4 for the season.

"Our defense played great today. They shut down an offense that was averaging close to 500 yards and 37 points per game," said UNCP head coach Pete Shinnick. "Our defensive coaches really put together a great game plan and our guys executed it very well. We had a great week of preparation and they came out and just made it happen. I was really happy for them to see that take place."

Defensive stops

The Braves collected nearly 400 total offensive yards against Concord, with 264 yards coming in the form of rushing. Junior Rashon Kennedy rushed 19 times for 112 yards. This makes the

seventh time the junior has capped 100 yards in his career.

Concord, the nation's 12th ranked offense, was held to a single touchdown in the third quarter by the visiting Braves.

Braves scores

UNCP began the first quarter slow, allowing Concord to gain a two point lead with more than 13 minutes left of play.

The Braves were able to recover with less than four minutes in the quarter with a touchdown by sophomore Jamal Williams and a successful kick attempt by sophomore Taylor Baskett. Williams collected 31 yards for the day on five catches.

UNCP capped off the scoring for the first half with a one-yard touchdown run by junior Keith Gore and another good kick attempt by Baskett late in the first quarter.

The Braves led going into halftime, 14-2.

In Concord's opening possession for the second half the team was able to drive 87 yards on seven plays for their final score of the game with more than seven minutes left in the third quarter.

The Mountain Lions



UNCP running back Travis Daniels carries the ball in the Braves' road win over Concord. Daniels picked up 95 yards in the win, while fellow running back Rashon Kennedy rushed for over 100 yards.

brought the score to 14-2 with a seven-yard pass from S Hearons to Rashid Baker and a successful kick by Brandon Strupp. The Black and Gold answered the score with a one-yard rush to the end

zone by sophomore Travis Daniels.

The Braves finished the day with a pair of successful field goals in the fourth quarter by Baskett. The sophomore inked a career-best 42-yard kick

with less than two minutes in the game.

Freshman Fred Williams headed the defense for the second consecutive game with five solo tackles, eight total. Junior Terrell

Partlow inked the team's only interception for the day to add to his four solo tackles.

UNCP will continue with regular season play on Oct. 31 at Frostburg State.



UNCP senior Rondell Honora takes a pass from a teammate in the Braves' 4-3 senior night loss. Honora scored a goal in his last home game with the Black and Gold.

Lander breaks Braves' hearts on Senior Night

By Matt Smith
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After scoring twice in the first five minutes of the second half and holding onto a two goal lead with 27 minutes left in the game, the UNCP men's soccer team dropped a 4-3 heartbreaker to the Lander Bearcats at Varsity Grounds Oct. 17 on the Braves' Senior Night.

The Black and Gold used a furious offensive attack early in the second half before allowing Lander to score three goals in a 24 minute span to steal the win.

"I found it hard to find anything to say to my team after the game because I thought we fought tremendously hard

tonight," UNC men's soccer head coach Mike Schaeffer said. "We played good soccer to get a lead and then got away from what had made us successful. We managed to stretch them out, spread the ball and get ourselves in good situations to attack, and then we went away from it. A part of that was the pressure that they put us under, but another part was us getting a little bit overexcited."

The Bearcats used four goals from four different players to spoil the Braves' Senior Night and extended their win streak over the Black and Gold to six games.

The Bearcats took the game's first score of the

night as midfielder Craig Hughes took a pass from forward Ivan Stoykov and sailed it past UNCP goalkeeper Tom Courtney's head to give the visitors an early 1-0 lead.

But on their Senior Night, the Braves responded at the 25-minute mark as the Braves' leading scorer Andy Pullin registered his 11th goal of the year. Pullin took a rebound off Lander's post after a missed shot and found the back of the net to tie the game at 1-1. Midfielders Rondell Honora and Diego Castillo were credited with the assist.

After halftime, the Braves continued their offensive attack with two goals in the first five min-

utes of the second half.

Midfielder Chicho Abreu converted a penalty kick after Lander's Alex Pethick was issued a yellow card. Abreu's conversion gave the Braves their first lead of the game at 2-1.

Two minutes later, Honora would give the Braves their third score of the night, as the UNCP senior got the best of Lander goalie Matthew Atkinson in a one-on-one matchup.

With the Black and Gold up by two with just 30 minutes left in the game, the Braves looked like they would cruise to an easy home victory before the Bearcat's offense awoke with three late game goals.

Lander's comeback began in the game's 64th minute when defender Samy Beydown used one touch off a cross from forward Adam Arthur to get the Bearcats within one of the Braves.

Another goal by forward Aaron Britton two minutes later tied the game and the Bearcats regained the lead in the game's 88th minute on another one-timer by Lander's Andy Ludwig.

On the night, the Black and Gold out shot the Bearcats 16-14, but Lander used a 10-6 edge in the second half to retake control of the contest.

Courtney had six saves for the Braves in the net.

Pullin honored by PBC

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UNCP forward Andy Pullin was honored by the Peach Belt Conference Oct. 13, as the sophomore was named the Conference Offensive Player of the Week.

Pullin registered two goals and two assists in back-to-back wins over Peach Belt foes USC Aiken and Georgia Southwestern in last week's action.

"Andy continues on a strong scoring streak which has been instrumental in our recent victories," UNCP men's soccer head coach Mike Schaeffer said. "He got us off to good starts in both matches and we were glad to see a number of other players join him in the scoring column in those games, including Rondell Honora who scored twice against USC Aiken and Eirik Torgersen who got the overtime winner against Georgia Southwestern."

The forward's big game came against USC Aiken, where Pullin knocked in two goals and had an assist in the 7-1 trashing of the Pacers. Pullin had one goal in the team's 2-1 double overtime win against Georgia Southwestern.

Currently, Pullin is first in the conference with 25 total points. The sophomore is also tied for first in shots with 43 and goals with 10.

In the Braves' most recent game, Pullin scored a goal in the Black and Gold's 4-3 loss on the team's Senior Night on Oct. 17.