



BRAVES CLUB

THE BRAVES REPORT

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BRAVES CLUB

ON DECK CIRCLE: WHAT'S COMING UP?

Thawing Out: Spring Sports Begin Seasons

While a cold chill may still dominate the weather forecast, the Braves Spring sports programs are gearing up for some **HOT** seasons. The softball, baseball, golf, track & field, and women's tennis teams commence play this month.

Each team will be looking for fast starts for 2011. All five teams begin competition this month against non-conference opponents. The Braves will work to sharpen their skills following the off-season conditioning routines. Then, as the calendar flips to March, the Peach Belt Conference foes will be the teams to beat.

All the Braves spring schedules are available at the only place for complete coverage of Braves Athletics - www.uncpbraves.com

Go Braves!!

Score and schedules are available 24/7 at www.uncpbraves.com

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Larry Lindsey, a former UNC Pembroke basketball star and Braves Athletic Hall of Fame member, will be inducted into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in May. Lindsey ('65) went on to win eight state championships during his high school coaching career. He is the first UNC Pembroke Brave to receive this honor. The induction ceremony will take place May 12 at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel. Congratulations to Larry and his family on this tremendous recognition of his career and success.

BRAVES HIGHLIGHT REEL: GET TO KNOW YOUR ATHLETES

Favorite Food: Way too many to list, but I'll have to go with Lamb and sweet potatoes

Favorite Movie: Freedom Writers

Favorite TV Show: Criminal Minds

Major: Psychology

Words to live by: "There are no such things in life as barriers, and there is no-one that can stop you from achieving or doing something you love. It's all up to you to make it happen."

Best Braves Moment: There are so many, but my favorite in general would be when the team and coach cheer everyone on and support them. To me, that is what makes Braves stand out.

University and Community Involvement: The tennis team does a lot of charity work from helping monitor local triathlons, to senior games, and Ronald McDonald House.

Mia Winterbottom

Women's Tennis

Sophomore

Sydney, Australia



Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Movie: Pursuit of Happiness

Favorite TV Show: Prison Break

Major: International Management

Words to live by: "You can always become better."

Best Braves Moment: My favorite Braves moment was in September at the Honda of Columbia Newberry Invitational. I shot a first round 3 under par 69.

University and Community Involvement: I give back to the community by volunteering my time at the Robeson County Humane Society in Lumberton.

Scott Lambert

Men's Golf

Junior

Newcastle, England





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BRAVES HOME SCHEDULE

Women's Tennis

02/08 3:00 p.m. - Fayetteville State
02/15 2:30 p.m. - Wingate

Softball

02/04 12:30 p.m. - Kutztown
02/05 9:00 a.m. - West Virginia St
02/05 11:00 a.m. - Winston-Salem St
02/05 3:30 p.m. - California (PA)

Baseball

02/05 2:00 p.m. - Anderson (Doubleheader)
02/06 1:00 p.m. - Anderson

Men's Basketball

02/05 3:30 p.m. - Flagler College*
02/23 7:30 p.m. - Armstrong Atlantic*

Women's Basketball

02/05 1:30 p.m. - Flagler College*
02/23 5:30 p.m. - Armstrong Atlantic*

Wrestling

02/10 7:00 p.m. - Limestone

*Denotes Peach Belt Conference Opponent
Full Season Schedules Available Online - www.uncpbraves.com

FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

Braves Club Basketball Hospitality

- Available during Men's home games at halftime and before opening tip-off on doubleheader dates
- Native Angels Homecare and Hospice Braves Club Room

02/03 7:00 p.m. - 59th Miss UNCP Scholarship Pageant
- Givens Performing Arts Center

02/16 8:00 p.m. - University Theatre Production: *Sylvia*
- Givens Performing Arts Center
- Performance dates: February 16-19

02/22 7:00 p.m. - UNC Pembroke Band Concert
- Givens Performing Arts Center

IN-GAME ADJUSTMENTS: MEET THE BRAVES COACHES



Robin Langley - Women's Tennis Head Coach

Coach Langley enters her 12th year as the head coach of women's tennis program. She has led the program to its two highest win totals. In addition to coaching duties, Langley holds the positions of Senior Women's Administrator and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee supervisor. As SWA, she oversees many aspects of the women's programs including academics and compliance. As SAAC supervisor, she assists the committee which deals with issues involving student-athlete life at UNCP. Coach Langley is a 1995 graduate of Saint Mary's College, and a 2005 Masters graduate from UNC Pembroke. Also in 2005, Langley graduated from the NCAA Women's Coaches Academy. Finally, she is Chair of the NCAA D II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee.

What is your assessment of the competition within the Peach Belt Conference this season? As the chair of the NCAA Men's and Women's Tennis Committee, I can say without a doubt that the Peach Belt remains the strongest conference in the nation for D II. The D II National Champion has come out of our

conference the last three years. So every match in the Peach Belt is a battle. But we match up well with many of the teams in conference, and this year I may have the deepest team I have ever had. I think we are in good position to surprise some teams this season.

How can the team's involvement at Hilton Head Island in March translate to conference play? Hilton Head is a tremendous opportunity for us to play non-conference opponents from in and out of our region. When you play in such a strong conference, the non-conference matches become so important both mentally and for ranking purposes. Also, the trip provides the opportunity for the team to focus solely on competing and each other. I always see a change in our team dynamics after this trip. There may be a misconception about this being a luxurious beach trip, but we squeeze a lot of tennis into that week, and we fundraise to be able to do it. This year we will play 6 matches in 7 days, 4 of whom are nationally ranked this year.

What has been your favorite moment as a Braves coach? As I begin my 12th year at UNCP, I could reflect on so many on-court memories with my team. However, it is seeing my players grow and develop into amazing successful young women that makes me most proud. My favorite moment occurred last spring after our season. I took my team to the Ronald McDonald House of Durham to spend the day and cook dinner for the families and children who were making it their temporary home. I have never been more proud of my girls as I was that day. They opened their hearts and gave so much of their time and energy into making it a memorable day for the children and their families. What struck me most was our team went to the Ronald McDonald House with the intention to give, but ultimately they received so much more. It was a day that I will never forget.

Coming in April

2011 Braves Club
Car Cash Bash

Check the Braves Club web page later this month for details and ticket information.

www.uncpbraves.com/athletics/Braves_Club

BOX SCORES: RECENT BRAVES RESULTS

Men's Basketball (12-7; 5-6)

1/02 - L, 82-86 vs. Francis Marion*
1/05 - W, 78-72 vs. USC Aiken*
1/12 - W, 81-66 vs. Lander*
1/15 - W, 71-69 vs. Columbus State*
1/16 - L, 39-61 vs. Georgia Southwestern*
1/20 - L, 54-72 vs. Augusta State*
1/22 - L, 65-67 vs. Armstrong Atlantic*
1/28 - L, 64-67 vs. Montevallo*
1/30 - W, 66-63 vs. Georgia College*

Women's Basketball (8-11; 4-7)

1/02 - W, 85-74 vs. Francis Marion*
1/05 - L, 38-68 vs. USC Aiken*
1/12 - L, 51-66 vs. Lander*
1/15 - L, 55-57 vs. Columbus State*
1/16 - L, 68-71 (OT) vs. Georgia Southwestern*
1/20 - W, 66-58 vs. Augusta State*
1/22 - W, 87-56 vs. Armstrong Atlantic*
1/28 - W, 67-53 vs. Montevallo*
1/30 - L, 45-48 vs. Georgia College*

Wrestling (11-3) (Dual Meet Record)

NCWA National Duals - Cedar Falls, IA
1/08 - W, 24-13 vs. Central Oklahoma
1/08 - L, 9-27 vs. Saint Cloud State
1/08 - W, 20-14 vs. Minnesota State-Moorhead
1/09 - W, 19-13 vs. Minnesota State-Mankato
1/09 - L, 15-19 vs. Central Oklahoma

Super Region I Duals - Pembroke, NC
1/21 - W, 40-6 vs. Shippensburg
1/21 - W, 25-8 vs. Mercyhurst
1/22 - W, 46-3 vs. Seton Hill
1/22 - L, 10-31 vs. Pittsburgh-Johnstown