



# 2011 BRAVES FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

- **Women's Soccer** Following a stellar 2010 season in which the team reached the Peach Belt Conference Tournament Semi-Finals and NCAA D-II Tournament Second Round, the Braves are poised to build on their success this fall. The Braves will be led by returning goalkeeper and 2010 Freshmen of the Year, Britney Bennett, who posted a PBC best 10 shut-outs in 2010. Also, opponents will have to contend with 2011 Preseason All-PBC defender, Fanny Forsman. The women's soccer team will begin the 2011 season on the road against Barton College. The Braves play their home opener on September 23 at 5:00 P.M.
- **Men's Soccer** In 2011, Phil Hindson enters his second season as head coach for the men's soccer team. The Braves strong recruiting efforts and preseason training will propel the team to new success in the fall. A mix of returning players and nine newcomers will increase the depth and talent of the team as they strive to meet their goals. With only three seniors and two juniors, the underclassmen will be heavily relied on this season. The men's soccer team will begin their 2011 season at home against region rival St. Andrews on September 1.
- **Football** The Braves enter their fifth season of college football. Over the past four years, the team has achieved great success on the field. In 2011, the Braves will strive to reach the pinnacle of their potential by returning to the NCAA Division II Playoffs. The completion of fall camp has created a bond and focus among the players and coaches for the 2011 campaign. Braves Football will begin their season on September 3 at Fayetteville State University in the annual Two Rivers Classic. The home opener is September 10 versus Chowan University.
- **Men's Cross Country** With the return of four runners from the record setting 2010 squad including All-American Pardon Ndhlovu and PBC Freshmen of the Year Chris Schroll, the men's squad has been picked to finish the season in 2nd place in the Preseason PBC Coaches Poll. Seniors Zachery Bayless and Kevin Clancy will provide leadership to the 2011 squad which welcomes six new runners this season. The men will be taking the starting line at the Gamecock Invitational on September 2 at the University of South Carolina.
- **Women's Cross Country** The Braves return seven runners from the 2010 squad which finished 3rd in the Peach Belt Conference, the team's second best finish in UNCP history. With 2010 All-PBC runner, Livia Mahaffie, anchoring the 2011 squad, the Braves have been picked to finish in 4th place in the Preseason PBC Coaches Poll. The women will begin their season on September 2 at the Gamecock Invitational hosted by the University of South Carolina.
- **Volleyball** Braves Volleyball will look to build on a solid 2010 season with a mixer of senior leadership and five new members to the team. The Braves will be led by senior outside hitter and Preseason All-PBC, Rebecca Morgan. Morgan ranked 5th in the PBC in kills last year, and she ranked 13th in the league by posting a .271 hitting percentage. The 2011 squad has been picked to finish 6th in the Preseason PBC Coaches Poll. The Braves will begin the season at Francis Marion on September 2.

For more information on Braves Athletics visit [www.UNCPBRAVES.com](http://www.UNCPBRAVES.com) for news, schedules, and scores 24/7

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## BRAVES HIGHLIGHT REEL: GET TO KNOW YOUR ATHLETES



**Megan Carney - Women's Cross Country**  
Hometown: Tucson, Arizona  
Senior - Elementary & Special Education

**Favorite Food:** Mexican - a restaurant or my mom's fantastic Mexican rice

**Favorite T.V Show:** One Tree Hill

**Best Way to Relax After Practice:** Sometimes just sitting down! You don't realize how nice sitting down is until you run under Coach Aycock or Coach Moody! Eating dinner with my teammates is a fun way to relax with your good friends.

**Best Moment as a Brave:** When the women's team truly "runs as one" during workouts and pushing each other. Racing as a Brave is also thrilling. There is nothing like putting your uniform and racing flats on and feeling light as air and ready to race.

**UNCP and Community Involvement:** Helping out in local schools. I have been able to work in a few counties. Not only does it give us future teachers practice, but the children in the classroom love having someone new to try to "impress".



**Stuart Rodgers - Men's Soccer**  
Position: Defense  
Hometown: Retford, England  
Senior - Exercise & Sport Sciences

**Favorite Food:** Curry

**Favorite T.V Show:** How I Met Your Mother

**Best Way to Relax After Practice:**

Hang-out with the boys and friends at the apartment complex.

**Best Moment as a Brave:**

My best moment as a Brave would be receiving the Most Valuable Player award last season for the men's soccer team.

**UNCP and Community Involvement:**

I get involved in UNCP by helping out different groups on campus throughout the year. In the community, I volunteer my time through youth coaching sessions.



## BRAVES HOME SCHEDULE

### Men's Soccer

09/01 7:00 p.m. - Saint Andrews College  
09/04 7:00 p.m. - Queens College  
09/07 7:00 p.m. - Mount Olive  
09/23 7:30 p.m. - Flagler College\*

### Women's Soccer

09/23 5:00 p.m. - Flagler College\*

### Volleyball

09/23 7:00 p.m. - USC Aiken\*  
09/24 12:00 p.m. - Lander\*

**GO BRAVES!!**

### Football

09/10 6:00 p.m. - Chowan University  
09/17 2:00 p.m. - Wingate University  
09/24 2:00 p.m. - Glenville State College

### Men's and Women's Cross Country

09/02 **Gamecock Invitational**  
*University of South Carolina: Columbia, SC*  
09/30 **Charlotte Invitational**  
*UNC Charlotte: Charlotte, NC*

*\*Denotes Peach Belt Conference Opponent  
Full Season Schedules Available Online -  
[www.uncpbraves.com](http://www.uncpbraves.com)*

### Braves Athletics Ticket Information

Did you know admission to many Braves home athletic games is **FREE**? You and your family can enjoy men's and women's soccer, volleyball, softball, and tennis at **NO** charge. Come out and enjoy NCAA collegiate sports at their finest!!

For season and single game tickets to Braves Football, Basketball, and Baseball visit [UNCPBRAVES.com](http://UNCPBRAVES.com).

### Want to make a gift to the Braves Club or UNCP Athletic Program??

Download the membership brochure by visiting [www.uncpbraves.com/athletics/Braves\\_Club](http://www.uncpbraves.com/athletics/Braves_Club), and you can direct your gift to the Braves Club, a specific sport, or a sport's scholarship. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Brian Russo at (910) 775-4339 or email [brian.russo@uncp.edu](mailto:brian.russo@uncp.edu)

## BRAVES CLUB EVENTS - SEPTEMBER

### Braves Club Pre-Game Hospitality Event - Sept. 10, Sept. 17, Sept. 24

The pre-game event requires an admission pass which is included in your season ticket package. The admission passes are collected at the door. Each event begins two hours prior to kick-off, and the event is located in the Dobbs Enterprises Lobby of the English E. Jones Athletic Center.

### Braves Club Pre-Game Hospitality Event Start Times \*Events end 30mins prior to kick-off

September 10, 2011 - 4:00 P.M.  
September 17, 2011 - 12:00 P.M.  
September 24, 2011 - 12:00 P.M.

### Braves Club Day - **NEW ITEM**

The Braves Club will be holding a special promotion at designated games and matches this season. More information will be sent out prior to each Braves Club Day on the specific promotion. Check back to [UNCPBRAVES.com](http://UNCPBRAVES.com) and watch your inbox for more information on the BRAND NEW ADDITION to the Braves Club. We encourage all Braves Club members to come out and support the Braves on these special days.

### Givens Performing Arts Center and Campus Events

Do not forget to visit the Givens Performing Arts Center web page for a listing of the 2011-2012 shows and performances. [www.uncp.edu/gpac](http://www.uncp.edu/gpac)

### The Black and Gold Report Official UNCP Athletic Highlight Show



Every Saturday at 12:30 P.M. on WFXB FOX TV

## GAME PLANNING: MEET THE BRAVES COACHES



### Pete Shinnick - Football Head Coach

Coach Shinnick begins his fifth season leading Braves Football. As the only coach of the newly reformed football team, Shinnick has produced a wealth of success in four seasons including a 2009 NCAA D-II playoff appearance and a 15-4 home record. Coach Shinnick has been immersed in football all his life. His father played and coached in the NFL ranks, and all three of his brothers played collegiate football. Shinnick played football at the University of Colorado where he graduated in 1988. He would receive a Master's degree from Clemson University as a graduate assistant. Prior to receiving the UNCP job, Coach Shinnick led a highly successful program at Azusa Pacific from 1999 - 2005. Coach Shinnick is supported by Assistant Coaches: Steve Saulnier, Shane Richardson, O.C. Williams, Jim Miller, and Jamie Deese.

### The Braves have won the first two installments of the Two Rivers Classic including 39-0 win last season. How do you keep your players' focus and intensity on this rivalry as you travel to Fayetteville State in 2011?

The past is the past, and we are focused on this year. With so many new players it is a completely different match-up then in the previous two years. We are just focused on getting better today.

### What is your outlook for the 2011 season overall?

We want to get better each week and each game. We have a young team that will need to come together quickly to handle the schedule we have this year.

### What have you learned as a coach over the last four seasons as you have built this program from inception to entering your fifth season?

Too much to put into a short statement. If I had to pick one lesson, I would say that is hard to start a program from scratch, but once you get it going you face the same problems that every team faces.