Dawgs’ pre-season basketball bounces off to a promising start

**Lady Bulldogs and Bulldogs seek continued success**

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### Lady Bulldogs

The Lady Bulldogs face a tough Nov. 1 season as far as last year’s NAIA runner-up team. After a great season, the Lady Dogs lost to four-time champion Southern Nazarene University in the championship game.

This year’s team returns with a lot of familiar faces. Although they are a young team with no seniors and only one junior, they do not lack in experience. Last year’s team usually started two or three freshmen.

The NAIA National Championship All-Tournament team selection sophomore, Rose Agnounoung, returns to add to the talent of this year’s team. The Lady Dogs also return the experience of sophomores Leslie Henderson, Meg Griffin, Celeste Gholston and Lori Love.

April Pearson, who redshirted last season, will move into the line-up this year along with freshmen Ginger Bryant and Carolyn Sagasi.

Union plays their first two games at home against Voorhees College on Nov. 1 and Lambuth University Nov. 3. Union enters the Lambuth University Tournament Nov. 7. The Lady Bulldogs have an exciting season ahead.

### Bulldogs

Last year’s Bulldog team reached Union’s first ever 22-win season and also the first ever national ranking. With those accomplishments, this year’s team should be even stronger.

Experience should not be a problem for the 1997-98 season with three starters returning and three new transfers. All-TranSouth Conference forward Matt Hoover averaged double digit scoring and rebounding.

Dexter Williams averaged a .470 digits the last two seasons.

Sophomores Gaylon Moore and Patrick Whyte, named to the TranSouth All-Freshmen team last year, bring back their talent. Moore returns as Union’s best rebounder.

Union adds the ability of three transfers to this year’s team. Marcus Price from the University of Southern Mississippi, Tryian Ridges from Virginia Commonwealth University and Demetrius Golden from Dyersburg State add to the Bulldogs arsenals.

Senior Brandon Wood, juniors Todd Haltford and Elvis Ochieng along with sophomores Steve Poindexter, Ryan Massey, Anthony Brooks and Bubba Hoover make up the rest of Union’s line-up.

The Bulldogs face their first opponents at home Nov. 1 and Nov. 3 against Mount Senario College and Lambuth University.

Union soccer limps into last leg of season

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Union’s soccer team suffered losses at the hands of the toughest competition it faced yet. Union’s record falls to 3-5-1.

Though the losses are tough to handle, the loss of personnel has become the most detrimental to the team. B.J. Sanford (bruised ribs), Steven Horn (broken nose) and Paul Farmer (chipped hip bone) all sustained injuries in the last three games. Paul Farmer, starter, ends this season with the injury.

“The injuries will hurt us going into the last couple of games, but the way the team has come together this year we should play fine,” Craig Dismuke, senior forward, said.

Ole Miss 8, Union 0

Union suffered its first loss against Ole Miss who is considered to be one of the best teams on the schedule. Ole Miss scored six early goals in route to an 8-0 victory.

“Though Ole Miss is a club team they still have SEC talent to pull from,” Dismuke said. The loss was a tough one for the Bulldogs, but the team says the game was not a total loss.

“The score really didn’t show how well we played. In our first game on a larger soccer field, we worked the ball around. Well, they just had a really good team,” Farmer, freshman sweeper, said. Union could face Ole Miss again in the SEC Tournament November 14-16 in Tupelo, Miss.

Williams Baptist 1, Union 0

Union had one of its toughest losses of the season in overtime to Williams Baptist. Ironically, Union defeated Williams in the Oct. 9 meeting 2-1.

The theme of the game for both teams was defense as neither team gave up a goal in regulation. The loss Farmer made it especially difficult for the Bulldogs.

“Losing Paul took us out of the game both mentally and physically, because he is probably our best defensive player,” Jason Hurt, freshman goalie, said.

The Bulldogs will finish the game with about four minutes left in overtime. “We had opportunities in the second half, but we just couldn’t put the game away,” Hurt added.

Mississippi State 8, Union 0

Union, coming off the heartbreaking loss to Williams, fell to Mississippi State 8-0 to finish its toughest road trip of the season. Mississippi State came into the game ranked number two in the nation among club teams.

“They came into the game as the highest ranked team we play, and they played that way,” Kyle Huggins, junior forward, said.

Mississippi State jumped out to a 5-0 lead before rain delayed the game for several minutes. State added three late goals to end a disappointing game for the Bulldogs.

“These were tough losses, but I believe they’ll help motivate us to take our last two games at home.” Calvin Allen, junior midfielder, said.

Union finishes the season at home against U.T. Martin today at 3 p.m. and North Alabama Saturday, Nov. 1, at noon. The bulldogs are 3-5-1, but it has only one home loss. The team looks for its record to improve in the next two games. “It would be good to finish the season with two home wins before going into the SEC tournament,” Allen said.

Tennis player’s future at Union may ride on Canadian vote

Nation’s decision on independence could seal educational fate for senior athlete

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Senior Angela Earl’s education at Union is in jeopardy. The Canadian student from Winnipeg, Manitoba, is concerned about Quebec’s upcoming decision on independence from Canada. Quebec voted on the issue two years ago through a referendum and saw 97 percent of the voting population participate. The people of Quebec decided not to secede by a mere one percent of the vote. The potential secession has hurt Canada’s economy considerably as a whole, and the effects of another referendum would be more devastating, she said.

The possibility of Quebec’s independence caused Canada’s economy to fall to one of its lowest states in 1995, said Earl. Canadian currency now stands at 40 cents on the American dollar, and property values in the country are at an all-time low, according to TIME magazine.

“Where an American might pay $1,000 for tuition, I have to pay $1,400,” Earl said. She explained that Quebec’s secession would mean Ottawa, the nation’s capital, also would leave Canada. “No one wants to invest in a country that has the threat of national division, especially with the capital involved,” she added.

Why would a part of a nation want to break away from its native country? As Earl explained, Canada is a bilingual country that speaks both English and French. Quebec has the highest percentage of French-speaking citizens, and Earl said many there feel that the French culture in Canada is diminishing.

But Earl feels the country cherishes the cultural diversity in education and celebration of various French festivals.

Earl is worried about the economic situation of the country because it can have a direct effect on whether she can continue her schooling at Union.

“Depending on how national and international investors respond to the possible separation of Quebec from Canada, the Canadian dollar value could fall to school at Union, and, Lord willing, I want to continue and graduate here,” Earl added.