Bulldogs continue winning season in style

**Men’s basketball team earns 10-1 record on the season**

By Nathan Jones

The Union Bulldogs won their last five games in big fashion with two wins of 20 points and winning the other three by more than 12 points. Union advances to a 10-1 record.

The Bulldogs are averaging big numbers in every position. Elvis Ochieng, Patrick Whyte, Anthony Brooks and Gaylon Moore are pulling down the rebounds. Union is out-rebounding their opponents with a 3-2 average.

Four Union players have a double-digit scoring average. Moore, Ochieng and Whyte, along with Tyrian Ridges, are each averaging at least 10 points per game.

In the Bulldog Thanksgiving Classic, Union claimed victories over Christian Brothers University, 68-54, and Bethel College, 87-73.

Union posted wins over Pikeville College, 98-75, and Tougaloo College, 87-76, in the Bulldog Classic.

The Bulldogs also posted a second win over Christian Brothers on Dec. 8, 88-76.

The Bulldogs are in the midst of an eight-game winning streak. Coach Ralph Turner attributes the victories to the team’s rebounding and defensive play.

“I feel good about our play. We’ve gotten better every game, but we can’t overlook any game,” Mark Campbell, assistant coach, said.

Union out-rebounded CBU 47-41 and were led in scoring by Ridges, 16; Moore, 14; Whyte, 11; Matt Hoover, 13. Union also had a strong showing on the board against Bethel College, out-rebounding them 47-21. High scorers in the game for Union were Brooks, 16; Moore, 14; Matt Hoover, 13; Ridges, 13; Ochieng, 12.

In the first game of the Bulldog Classic, Union played Pikeville College, Ky., to a 98-75 win for the Bulldogs. Union led in the rebound category 52-26, and was up at halftime with a lead of 48-28. Scoring totals for the game were Ridges, 24; Matt Hoover, 16; Moore, 13; Ochieng, 12.

The Bulldogs beat Christian Brothers.

The Bulldogs move on to the Lee University Classic in Cleveland, Tenn., on Dec. 12-13. On Dec. 12, Union faces host team Lee University. And on Dec. 13, Union will play Southern Polytechnic State University of Georgia.

Lady Bulldogs are picking up the pace

By Nathan Jones

The Lady Bulldogs are off to a fast start boasting a 10-2 record. After being ranked third in the NAIA preseason poll, Union has picked up wins against three top twenty-five teams.

Union played three games in four days to pick up three wins. Two of these wins came in the Lady Bulldog Classic Nov. 28-29. Union beat Claffin College of South Carolina 78-61 on Friday and then claimed another victory on Saturday against Oklahoma City University.

Both teams were top twenty-five pre season pick with Claffin being ranked number 12 and OCU number 19.

Union then played Auburn-Montgomery, Ala. to a 71-61 victory the following Monday. Union’s next game will not be until Jan. 6 giving the Lady Bulldogs some time to rest and prepare for the second half of the season.

Now we have a little time to relax. We played three out of four days last week and the girls are tired and have earned the rest,” David Blackstock, Lady Bulldog coach, said.

Union’s only losses have come at the hands of two top five teams. Union lost against Southern Nazarene University of Okla. and Oklahoma Baptist University. Both games were played in the Quality Communications Classic in Shawnee, Okla.

Union faced Southern Nazarene in a match-up on Friday, Nov. 21. Southern Nazarene is a preseason number one seed who had a 32-4 record last year. Union had the game tied up till the final two minutes before losing in a 77-70 decision.

Union’s second game in the Quality Communications Classic against Oklahoma Baptist ended in a 85-73 loss for the Lady Bulldogs.

Oklahoma Baptist was ranked number five in the NAIA preseason poll.

Even though Union has lost two games, they still have a strong 10-2 record.

Union will have a busy schedule once they start back in January. After they face Lambuth University on Jan. 6, they will play five games in two weeks.