

1983 MEN'S SOCCER TEAM NCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

The 1983 men's soccer team was about as dominant as can be on its way to a second straight national championship.

Led by legendary coach Mike Berticelli, the Spartans went 23-1-1 on the year – the “blemishes” coming in a 1-1 tie with Wake Forest and a 2-0 setback against North Carolina.



The squad began the season with shutouts in 12 of its first 13 matches. UNCG allowed just eight goals the entire season – two of them coming to North Carolina and two coming in the national championship against Claremont.

The Spartans outscored seven Dixie Conference foes by a combined 44-1. Mike Sweeney became UNCG's first-ever men's soccer All-American in the process, leading the team with 21 goals.

The 1983 men's soccer team had:

- won a then NCAA-record 23 matches on its way to its second-straight Division III national title.
- defeated Claremont, 3-2, in the national championship match.
- allowed just eight goals the entire season, including shutouts in 12 of the first 13 matches.
- outscored Dixie Conference foes, 44-1, during seven conference matches.

The 1983 men's soccer team is presented by Elizabeth House, 2003 Hall of Fame Inductee