

PILOT SPORTS

By RICHARD GRANGER



How do you improve on a 20-4 season? The only way is to have a 21-3 or better record and that is what Coach Eddie Holbrook and his Gardner-Webb cagers have in mind for the 1971-1972 season.

Pre-season pollsters seem to agree that the Bulldogs have the potential to raise their final NAIA ranking of seventh from the past season. One pre-season rating lists the Bulldogs fifth in the NAIA.

The Bulldogs open the season with a home encounter with Piedmont College of Demorest, Ga., November 23. During the season Coach Holbrook's men will meet such powers as Belmont College of Nashville, Tenn., UNC-Asheville, Western Carolina, Elon, Lenoir Rhye, Guilford, Mars Hill, St. Augustine, Allen University, Barber College, Baptist College of Charleston and Yorkes.

Coach Holbrook is trying to solidify his starting five from seven returning veterans, five freshmen and one red shirt.

Returning for another year will be: Al Graves, 6-4, Cherryville, Tony Spagnola, 6-4, Patterson, N. J.; Dennis DiSanicis, 5-10, Trenton, N. J.; Richard Thomas, 6-2, Chicago His, Ill.; Len Dugger, 6-2, Hampton, Tenn.; Henry Boyd, 6-11, Wimborsboro, S. C.

Ken Long, seven footer from Hampton, Tenn., was red shirted last year and will be ready for action this season. He was hampered by an injury last year and the Bulldog coaches held him out of action.

Coaches Holbrook, Ron Hooper, Roger Banks, and Joe Ellenburg have been spending a lot of time with the freshmen and five prospect have caught the coaches eyes.

Holbrook, cautious as usual, did venture the prediction that his team could be more solid than the one which won 20 and dropped four last season. "I feel that we will be much deeper this season and if some of our first year men come through we should have an excellent season," said Holbrook. "It is hard to improve on a 20-4 season, but we have our sights set on the district title and a trip to the nationals.

*** TENNIS ***

The Gardner-Webb Tennis team has been hard at work lately preparing for the spring season ahead. Four of the six starters graduated last May which will seriously hamper this year's team. Two lettermen who saw plenty of action last year will be returning however. They are Charlie Nixon, a sophomore, and Richard Granger, a junior. Nixon has tremendous potential and is expected to win many matches this year. He has a cannonball serve and a steady

backcourt game.

Richard Granger is beginning his third year as a netter and is also anticipating a good year.

Coach Taylor is looking forward to the spring season because he feels his team has the potential. He feels his handicap at this point is inexperience.

The fall roster includes Charlie Nixon, Richard Granger, John Green, Johnny Cook, Page Delaney, Everett Robbins, Steve Sipe, and Ken Jarvis.

Bulldog Cagers Host Australian Olympic Team

Gardner-Webb basketball team will get international exposure when the Bulldogs will play host to the Australian Olympic team which will tour America playing some of the top college teams in the nation.

Coach Eddie Holbrook announced that his team would meet the Australians on December 14th in Bost Physical Education Building in a single game. The Bulldogs were placed on the nationwide tour of the Olympic team due to their reputation gained by being ranked fifth nationally in NAIA polls for the coming season.

It will be the second home game

of the year for the Bulldogs who will open at home November 23 against Piedmont College of Demorest, Georgia.

Coach Holbrook said that the Australians were coming here only after special arrangements had been worked out to make special charges to get the guarantee required by the Olympic visitors.

"We have to guarantee this team a sizeable amount and our athletic budget is not designed to take care of such costs," said Holbrook. "We have gotten approval to charge everyone \$100 at the door, including Bulldog Club members and students. This would al-

low us to meet our expenses." Holbrook announced that special arrangements have been made to sell advance student tickets for \$0c. These tickets must be purchased in advance upon showing identification cards. All tickets at the door will be \$1.

Bulldogs Hopeful In Final Games

The Gardner-Webb College Bulldogs who have had some bad breaks and hard luck this season, will be trying to make up for their mistakes in the final remaining games of this football season. Coach George Litton and staff were 2-5 after a 27-13 loss to Mars Hill on October 30. Last week the Bulldogs played Presbyterian College, one of the top teams in the Carolina Conference. Presbyterian won that game 35-10. This week the Bulldogs will be hoping for a sure victory against Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky. The Tigers, like the Bulldogs, have not been able to put both defense and offense together effectively this season, and will be trying for a victory also. Georgetown won against G-W last year 18-6.

The Bulldogs will be depending on their leading rusher, Dennis Duke, freshman from Spindale, and junior Ray Hannon in the air. Dukes has carried the ball 61 times for a 293 yards and one touchdown. Hannon, who has been plagued with 18 interceptions this season, had his finest passing day against Mars Hill. He threw

35 and completed 14 for 237 yards and one touchdown, with all these statistics completing seven games.

On the other hand, the defense has shown fine playing throughout the season, with exceptional games against Sanford and Carson-Newman. Lee Thompson, Arnold Smith, Hardin Davis, and George Foster have been tough in the line this season, making the opponent's running game difficult. Richard Wofford, a freshman from Gastonia, has intercepted four passes and has made the receivers very hard to pull in. Wofford has also recovered several key fumbles in close ball games this season.

Johnny Phillips, a senior from Greenville, South Carolina, has had a fine season in his punting game. Johnny has punted 48 times for a 38.4 average, with his longest punt of 54 yards against Guilford. Phillips has had some bad luck this season with three bad passes from center, in which all three ended in safeties.

As a whole the defense has been a great asset to the Bulldogs this season. The offense has had its ups and downs, but if they can put it together in a game, the Bulldogs will be hard to beat.

Sparks New G-W Bulldog

Eddie Sparks, a native of Shelby, is the new "Bulldog" for Gardner-Webb this year. Eddie promotes school spirit by helping the cheerleaders at games and acting as G-W's mascot.

Eddie is not new in the business of entertaining for team spirit. He was the Lion for Shelby High School in his senior year.

Eddie volunteered for the position of Bulldog and was appointed by the Athletic Committee. He is a former majoring in math, planning to go into some field of industrial work.

Other male members of the cheerleading squad this year also deserve special recognition. Male members were introduced to the squad last year and have played an important part in school spirit this year.

These men are Stan Napier, a junior from New London, N. C., Clarence Ash, and Doug Byers from Kings Mountain, and Richard Suttle from Charlotte, N. C.



EDDIE SPARKS
1971-72 G-W BULLDOG

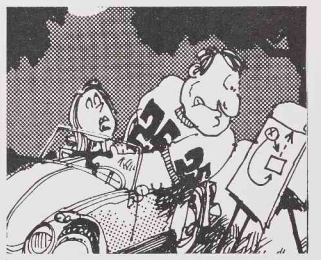
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Lenoir: Rhyne—Lee Thompson, Steve Phillips.

Newberry — Tim Livingston, Hardin Davis.

Guilford — Richard Wofford, Ray Hannon.

Sanford—Mike Cherry, George Foster, Arnold Smith.
Carson-Newman — Darryl Colley, Tommy Kirk.
Mars-Hill—Lee Thompson, Dennis Dukes.



MIST YOU USE CUE CARDS FOR ALL YOUR PLAYS

Campus Intramurals

In a hard fought contest the Day Veterans topped Myers after the regulation game ended in a 0-0 deadlock. Both teams moved the ball well, but couldn't get up on the board. The Day Vets held the edge in the regulation game making several deep threats, but the Myers defense stopped all drives.

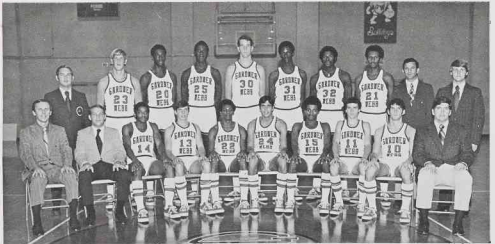
Myers made their best drive in the penetration period. Quarterback Bobby Jacobs completed key passes to prime receivers Eddie Galimore and Squiggy Cherry. Myers after one first down, punted to the Day Pats' 13 yard line after a penetration of 47 yards. With "Snake" Heffner directing the attack the Day Vets also managed one first down and had the fourth and third situation on 23 yard line of Myers. "Snake" Heffner then punted to the coffin corner and the ball went out on the eighth yard line. This gave the Day Vets a five yard advantage on a 53 yard penetration.

The Day Vets finished the season at 7-1 while Myers compiled a 6-2-1 record.

An intercollegiate women's volleyball team is in formation at Gardner-Webb. Mrs. Proctor is coaching the team, which plans to compete against Lincolnton College. There is the possibility that the team will be in competition in the Shelby League and against Queens College. Any female students wishing to participate should contact Mrs. Proctor.

Apologies go to Nanny Dorn for the misprint in the last issue that read "Happy New Nanny" in football. Let it be known that Nanny beat Happy in 1971 Girl's Football Intramurals.

Newly elected officers of the Physical Education Majors Club are Phil Hookkin, President; Len Dugger, Vice-President, and Ella Harrison, Secretary-Treasurer.



First Row (L to R)—Head Coach Eddie Holbrook; Assistant Ron Hooper; Will Moore, Demopolis, Ala.; Len Dugger, Hampton, Tenn.; Richard Thomas, Chicago Heights, Ill.; Tony Spagnola, Patterson, N. J.; Ken Napier, Elizabeth, Tenn.; Billy Ellis, Statesville, N. C.; Denny DeSanicis, Trenton, N. J.; Assistant Roger Banks. Second Row—Trainer Bennie Keese, Elkin, N. C.; John Ryder, Huntington, L. I.; Alvin Jones, Pompano Beach, Fla.; Kirby Thurston, Pompano Beach, Fla.; Ken Long, Hampton, Tenn.; Don Elliott, Dallas, N. C.; George Adams, Kings Mountain, N. C.; Al Graves, Cherryville, N. C.; Assistant Dr. Joe Ellenburg; and Mike Bridges, Manager, Ellenboro, N. C. Not present for photo: Henry Boyd, Wimborsboro, S. C.