

Golf teams get ready for Division I with new coach

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Gardner-Webb's golf team is tied up and ready for success.

Regardless of the recent resignation of Coach Spangler, the men's and women's golf teams are prepared to start the spring season and perform well.

Former assistant coach, Brian Ashley, has stepped in as head coach.

"The adjustment has been

an easy one since the players already know me," Ashley said.

The team also seems to approve of the recent change in coaches.

"Ashley is the best coach we've had," Joe Yocum, a junior on the team, said.

Senior Jason Fullbright said, "He's wonderful. He's better than what we have had in the past. There is a lot of potential for good things to happen with the team with Ashley

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coaching."

The fall season ended on Nov. 1. The spring season will begin in the middle of February.

There are 11 men and five women on the teams. Ashley hopes to recruit at least two

more men. The pre-spring season will be held in January when the ranks will be based on the fall season rankings.

The spring season will bring more Division I competitors, which will help to prepare the team for the transition into Division I next year.

"Division I will be interesting," Ashley said. "We can pick and choose who we want to

compete against."

The team is ready to take on those Division I schools. The golfers are prepared to practice hard and to create a strong golf team to represent Gardner-Webb now and next year as a Division I school.

"I want to build a strong program so we can step into a top spot in the conference next year at Division I," Ashley said. "I think we can make an impact as a Division I team"

Basketball team on winning streak

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With their 81-72 win last week over USC-Spartanburg here in Paul Porter Arena, the Gardner-Webb men's basketball team remained undefeated this season at 5-0.

Playing some of their best defense of the season, the team set a new record with 10 blocks. Also, they caused 25 turnovers and stole the ball 11 times on their way to victory.

By halftime, the Bulldogs had built a 7 point lead. They were led by Carlos Webb, who scored 14 of his team high 27 points in the first half. Two other players scored in double figures for Gardner-Webb. Bruce Fields had 15 points and Marcus Tyree finished with 19, with 14 in the second half alone.

Spartanburg was led by Sherrod Singleton who scored 16 points in the game. The Rifles also won the battle of the boards, outrebounding Gardner-Webb 46-40.

However, poor shot selection and critical turnovers would end up costing Spartanburg the game. The Rifles shot 41% to Gardner-Webb's 38%, but took fewer shots. The Bulldogs also were extremely cold from beyond the

arc, hitting only 5 of 23 3-pointers attempted.

The team's next game is during the tournament in Paul Porter Arena Dec. 4.

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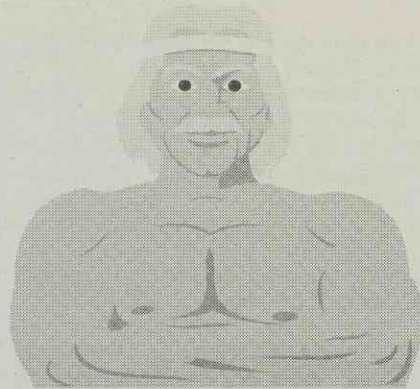
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