

## Sports

Tennis set to compete at Atlantic Sun conference

## Tennis teams end regular season with loss

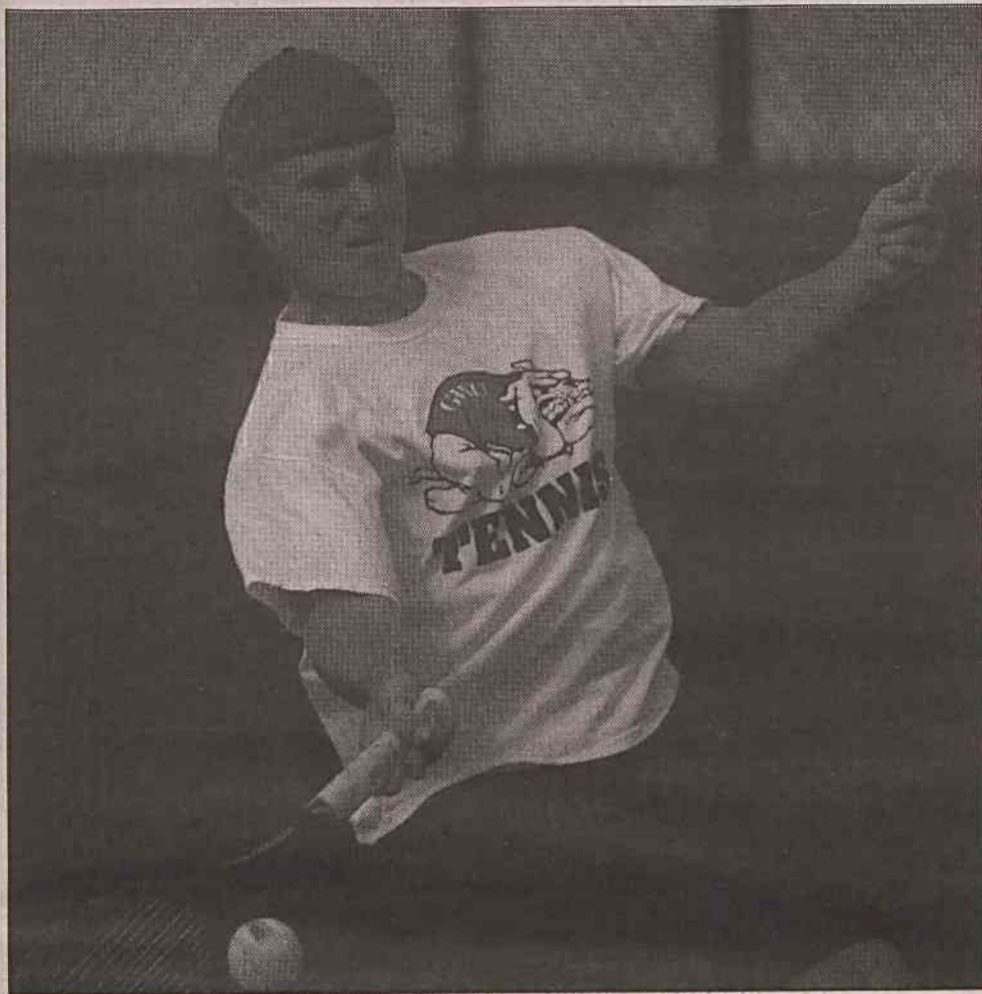


Photo by Scott Holstein

Senior Mike Osborne slams the tennis ball back at his opponent during Sat. April 3's match against UNC-Wilmington.

**Jared Smith**  
Pilot Staff

The Gardner-Webb men's and women's tennis teams suffered losses on Monday to Campbell. The Camels teams proved to be too

strong for the GWU men and women as the men lost 7-0 and the women took a 5-2 loss on the road.

The Bulldogs (2-4 A-Sun) were led by the doubles duo of Bryan Edmonds and Roberto Vasques. Edmonds and Vasques won their

number three doubles 9-8 against the Fighting Camels. However, neither of the other doubles pairs or singles claimed victory for the Bulldogs.

As for the rest of the season, the Bulldogs next match will be in the A-Sun Conference Tournament. Mercer is hosting the conference tournament from April 14-17 at the John Drew Smith Tennis Center in Macon, Ga.

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- Senior  
**Elena Iltcheva**

Even though the Lady Bulldogs (0-7 A-Sun) lost as well, they finished with wins at number five and six singles. Both Krystina Sigmon and Elena Iltcheva won their singles matches against Campbell. Sigmon won 6-3, 6-2 over Stacey Batkiewicz. Iltcheva, a senior from Sofia, Bulgaria won 6-1, 6-2 against Colen Gore in singles action.

Overall the Lady Bulldogs lost 5-2 to Campbell, and will look to get a non-conference win today at South Carolina State. The match is scheduled to start at 3 p.m.

This week the Lady Bulldogs have been working hard both physically and mentally to get ready for the conference tournament.

"We're practicing very hard, and

we are out there about three hours a day," said Iltcheva. "We've kept a journal so we remember the girls we played and the way we played them; so we know what to expect in the conference tournament matches."

Both the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs will spend the next week as well preparing for the conference tournament. At the tournament, the teams will compete with Belmont, Campbell, Florida Atlantic, Georgia State, Jacksonville, Lipscomb, Mercer, Stetson, Troy State and the University of Central Florida for the A-Sun crown.

For fans who wish to go and support the GWU tennis teams at the tournament the ride to Mercer, Ga. is around three hours from GWU.

"It looks like we're (men) going to be the eighth or ninth seed playing against Belmont," said Head Coach Mike Griffith. "We have a good chance of beating them if we play well."

For the women, Griffith mentioned "We're a young team. We played well. Anything can happen (at conference)."

"If people come and play hard and not nervous we will do good," said Griffith.

## Golf ends season at Belmont

**Sean Hubbard**  
Pilot Staff

Gardner-Webb golf is now in full swing as the men headed to Belmont to play in the Belmont Invitational. The Bulldogs finished 13th out of the 19-team field. The men managed to shoot a team score of 891 in their final tournament before the Atlantic Sun conference championship.

The Bulldogs Rory McCaughna posted a strong 72 in his opening round to help him earn a 20th place finish with the score of 220. Brett Saunders got better everyday of the tournament by scoring a 75, 74 and

73 to end with a tournament score of 222 and a tie in 35th place.

Steve McDonald and Matt Renegar each posted a 226 to finish in a tie for 56th while Casey Flattery tied for the 68th spot with his 228.

The Bulldogs are back in action on April 19 when they travel to play in the A-Sun championships hosted by Campbell.

The women's golf team will play in the Bonnie Hoover Invite on April 10. This will be the last tournament for the women before playing in the conference championships.

## Diamond Dogs defeat Bulldogs

**Jared Smith**  
Pilot Staff

The Gardner-Webb baseball team sealed a win this past Tuesday by defeating UNC Asheville 6-2 in Boiling Springs.

After taking a 2-0 lead in the third inning, Bulldogs (14-16) pitcher Abe Gonzalez did not allow a run until the sixth inning. Asheville's Matt Roberts drove in a run during the sixth inning with two on and one out. However, a second run batted in was stopped when Charles Pippet was thrown out at the plate. Roberts eventually did score after a single by

teammate David Williams.

After tying the game at 2-2, UNCA failed to acquire any more runs. The Bulldogs pulled away in the eighth inning after an RBI single by Matt Higginson, a two RBI triple by Sammy Styers, and an RBI double by Billy McCarrson provided four more runs for GWU. The Bulldogs secured the win with four runs in the eight inning.

GWU will play a three game series against Campbell at home starting today at 3 p.m. The last two games of the series will conclude in a double header on Saturday starting at 1 p.m.