

## Sports

## Lady Bulldogs soccer team wins 2 in a row at home

By Lanny Newton  
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The Gardner-Webb women's soccer team played UNC Asheville at home Friday and picked up its first win of the season, a 5-1 victory, in the GWU Classic. The Lady Bulldogs followed it up with a 2-1 win over Nicholls State Sunday.

The victories bring it to 0-2-0 on the season.

Lindsey Gladhill scored 2 goals against UNCA. These were joined by others from Sarah Keyser, Bailey Stevens and Tiffany Greene.

The Lady Bulldogs used good teamwork to score, but lost 4-1 to the Patriots of Francis Marion, on Sept. 2.

"We definitely have more talent than we showed this weekend, but that being said, if we don't put things together for a 90 minute stretch and stop making mental mistakes, then it'll

be a long year," said head coach Kevin Mounce after the Francis Marion game.

"But I think we will get it turned around. I believe we are good enough to win the [conference] championship but... we need to learn to work a little bit harder and not take 5 to 10 minute stretches off because that is where we're getting beat.

"We are creating chances, we're having trouble finishing, but we're creating chances better than we have in the past," said Mounce.

In the UNCA game, GWU out-shot its counterpart by a 22-8 margin for the match. The Bulldogs also tallied eight corner kicks to five for the visitors.

However, GWU was aggressive in the match and was called for 17 fouls.

Said Mounce, "We are looking forward to coming home [to play] in front of our fans, and hope they come out and support us."



photo by Jessica Jones

Gardner-Webb University goalie Sarah Wyszynski slides out to stop the shot on goal by UNC Asheville's Joy Haynes (17) while GWU defenders Samantha Cawkell (19) and Kara Kruger (3) assist. The Lady Bulldogs took away a 5-1 victory on Friday in Boiling Springs.

## Bulldogs school Dolphins with win in home opener



photo by Tyler Kucifer

Gardner-Webb University running back David Montgomery (1) eludes two Jacksonville University defenders.

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Saturday's game in Spangler Stadium against the Jacksonville University Dolphins went off with a bang - in fact, several of them - now that the Runnin' Bulldogs have a cannon for celebrating touchdowns.

The Gardner-Webb team was victorious, winning 27-6, to bring the season's tally to 1-1.

Defensive end Brian Johnston's work on the field got him named Big South Defensive player of the week.

Despite the win, Coach Steve Patton expressed disappointment in the kickoff coverage unit, saying it gave up too many

yardage.

At a meeting several days after the game, Patton said he has a plan to prevent the same problem in the game against Mississippi State on Sept. 22.

Patton is excited about the team's upcoming game against Mississippi State, which is GWU's first game against an SEC school. He said GWU has a chance to win if the score is close at the start of the fourth quarter.

Gardner-Webb's football team had hoped for victory against the Bobcats of Ohio University in the team's season opener Sept. 1 in Ohio.

But three blocked punts and two late fourth quarter scores doomed the 'Dogs as they fell 36-14.

## Men's soccer defeated again

By Lanny Newton  
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The men's soccer team fell Saturday to Liberty University's Flames, 2-1, despite a valiant effort on the team's part. This brings the team's record to 0-3-1.

The first half of play was a defensive battle between the two teams. Liberty tried pushing the action but the

Bulldog's back line held strong. Liberty was caught six times with offside penalties and only managed two shots on goal.

The second half of play proved to be more lively than the first.

Liberty quickly pushed the ball up the field attacking the Bulldogs, and scored the first goal of the match in the 47th minute to put the

Flames on top 1-0.

The Flames added a second goal and sealed the game, despite a goal by Bradley Morrison, who struck a direct kick over the Flames' defensive wall and past the keeper on a penalty kick.

The Bulldogs will play Radford University Friday in first round action of the Wingate Inn Classic in Rock Hill, S.C.

## Volleyball team has winning weekend

By Kory McNair  
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Thus far, the season has gone well for the Dawgs volleyball team.

That was evident during the Runnin' Bulldog Classic last weekend. After defeating Air Force 3-0 Friday, Gardner-Webb continued to roll beating NC A&T 3-0 and fought hard in a 3-2 victory over Davidson. This propelled the Bulldogs into winning the tournament.

Regina Feagin was the standout and was named the Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Week. Feagin, a sophomore setter, led the Bulldogs to a perfect week (4-0), and was even named MVP of the tournament.

This is the first time since becoming a Division 1 team that Gardner-Webb has had a winning record at this point in the season.

The record so far is 6-5. Gardner-Webb will play in the Coastal Carolina Tournament this weekend against Coastal Carolina, Delaware and Buffalo, respectively.

For the Gardner-Webb volleyball team this year, one word is key and that is "consistency."

This theme was in display throughout as Gardner-Webb defeated Wofford 3-0.

"We'll see a lot of good competition early," said Coach Chris Phillips.

That certainly rings true. Having already played tough teams like Syracuse

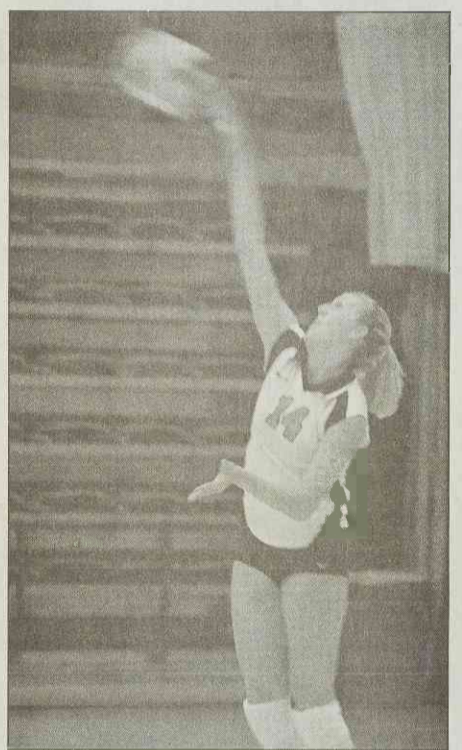


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Ashley Pridgeon serves against Davidson Saturday, helping bring the team to victory.

and Wisconsin, two games in which the team fought valiantly but lost, the team was tested early on to see how good it can be.

The schedule did not let up either, with games that included victories against Tennessee Tech and Winston-Salem State, and a loss against Western Kentucky.

During the first home game of the year, there was a huge crowd on hand ready to cheer on the team against the Wofford Terriers. GWU got off to a fast start scoring twice in the opening seconds of the game, jumping out to a 7-3 lead.

GWU won the first match 30-24. They followed it with a second victory by a

score of 30-21.

The third and final game was the highlight though. Gardner-Webb jumped out to a 12-6 lead and never looked back. At the end of game 3, Gardner-Webb had wrapped up its first win of the year, winning game three by a score of 30-11.

After finishing fifth in the conference last year, the victories have allowed Gardner-Webb to start off strong, after being voted as ninth in a pre-season poll.

That adds extra motivation to an already motivated team. The team's expectations are pretty clear.

Phillips said, "We want to be in the top 3 or 4 this year."

## Virginia Tech goes family friendly: Students upset they can no longer 'Stick It In'

By T. Rees Shaprio  
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(U-WIRE) BLACKSBURG, Va. - The Virginia Tech campus on a game weekend is full of tradition. However, one particular tradition this weekend will be amiss.

Last week, Jim Weaver, the director of athletic operations, and David McKee, director of the Marching Virginians, discussed the future of "Stick It In," the usual cheer when Tech's offense is within striking range of the end zone. After

complaints from disgruntled fans and alumni, Weaver told McKee that "Stick It In," would be no more.

"Two or three years ago," Weaver explained, "we had 8-12 complaints over such negative content. I thought we had done away with it then, two or three years ago. The band or cheerleaders would no longer do the gyrating, the thrusting of their hips forward during the chanting of the cheer. We (McKee and Weaver) agreed if this surfaced again (the pelvic motions) we would do away with it. We do not reflect this behavior.

That's not what Virginia Tech is about."

Larry Hincker, director of public relations for the university, offered his comments concerning Weaver's decision.

"Anything Virginia Tech does, because of the events of five months ago, affects us. The campus has a microscope over it," Hincker said. "I support his decision. Not a year goes by when I didn't receive a letter on this situation."

"We recognize why it's been removed," said Margaret Morris, a trumpet player in the Marching Virginians.

"We were given the chances to keep it, we are upset but we understand."

Members of the Marching Virginians are still in disbelief.

"Everybody feels that 'Stick It In' is a huge part of our offensive cheering, it's a huge loss," said Jarret Wright, a senior and member of the horns section of the Marching Virginians. "We know how much it means to the fans and to the team, it's a vital part of our repertoire. Who doesn't love 'Stick It In?'"

"It's Tech's pride and joy," said Morris. "Every-

one is upset it's gone."

Weaver and Hincker both feel the atmosphere in Lane Stadium should exemplify the "Hokies Respect" campaign and the lack of the cheer would only benefit the mission's message.

"We have a lot of youngsters in the crowd," Weaver said. "We want a positive environment in Lane for the gamut of ages."

Though the band and spirit squad are no longer allowed, as per Weaver's discretion, to participate or commence the "Stick It In" cheer, there is a larger and more vocal outlet of Lane

stadium neither Weaver nor Hincker have control over the student section.

"No," Hincker said. "We can't seem to control those."

A Facebook group that has recently been created is gaining student steam. "Save the Stick It In Cheer," created by Marching Virginians member Greg Bringham, has already attracted over 2,500 members.

The outcome of Saturday's game is uncertain, but one thing is for sure: The familiar heavy percussion beat of "Stick It In" will not echo inside Lane Stadium.