

Guilford Courtmen Climax Season With Three Upsets

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Guilford College's courtmen finally came to life by snapping an 11-game losing streak and coming up with three consecutive upsets over Conference foes. The first victory was over a supposedly strong Western Carolina five, 58 to 49, and two nights later they dumped highly touted Elon, the North State Conference's third place club. The triumph over the Christians was comfortably tucked away with a 10-point margin, to the tune of 49 to 39. This latter Quaker win avenged the 55 to 48 defeat suffered on Elon's home court the previous Saturday. The third team to fall in one week before the attack of the Quakers was the arch-rival High Point Panthers, the score being 48 to 42.

Guilford's conquest over Elon was precipitated by a second half attack which saw them overcome a 22-17 deficit at the half time. The home team's attack was led by scrappy Jack Chatham and versatile Jimmy Mann, who racked up 11 and 10 points, consecutively. Bill Byatt, who perhaps played his most brilliant game of the year at guard, also tallied 7 points toward the Quakers' score. In general, however, the team's performance was marked by excellent performance by all members of the squad, and there was no doubt as to the superiority of the Quakers' play over their rivals from the opening whistle. The only bright spot in Elon's efforts was the conference's leading scorer, lanky Ronnie Cates, who tucked away 17 markers to keep the visitors in the game.

Elon Lacks Spark

Elon's offense lacked the spark which they displayed on their home floor contest and which gave them a seven-point win over the Quakers on February 19, the score of which was 55 to 48. In this exciting battle the Christians bottled the Quakers up with an impregnable zone defense, which is most favorable to their "band box" of a court. This fray was climaxed in the second half when the Quakers chopped down Elon's 16-point lead and pulled up to within one marker of their rivals with seven minutes remaining. It was here that the rally fell short, however, and the Christians put the game on ice with some fine shooting by Cates and Burns. Cates led the scoring with a formidable 25 tallies, outgunning the Quakers' Jimm Mann, who scored 15 points himself.

Quakers Win

The Quakers' first conference win of the season, 58 to 49, over Western Carolina on February 18, was earmarked by "Bunk" Leonard returning to the form which made him the leading conference scorer last year. Bunk's play, and also that of George Ralls, was the spark plug which helped the Guilfordians completely smother the Wildcats with 10 points in the final four minutes of the second half. The Teachers' College, led by big Jim Gudger, enjoyed a 25 to 21 lead at half time, but this was soon narrowed down by the deadly shooting of George Ralls, who wound up with 10 markers, and Leonard who edged out his teammate with 11 points. It was undoubtedly this stunning victory which gave the Quakers the confidence and inspiration to display their masterful showing against Elon two nights later, as they at

last proved to themselves and their coach that they had the stuff to pull some ball games out of the hat.

That the Quakers were soon due for a win could be seen in the superb skill they displayed in losing a home game on February 11, 44-43, to the formidable Appalachian Mountaineers, who led the conference. This tournament was climaxed in the last 10 seconds of play when the Guilfordians muffed an opportunity to tie the game when George Ralls failed to throw in a technical foul. This court battle was closely contested throughout the whole 40 minutes and was spotlighted by admirable performances from Jack Chatham who netted 15 points, and George Ralls who shone with his floor play.

Tight Match

Two nights later a stubborn Guilford quintet dropped another hard-fought contest to the High Point Panthers on their floor to the tune of 56-49. The 25 points dropped in by Sheets and the 14 tallied by Moran of the Panthers proved too much for the Quakers, who had difficulty in rimming the basket. The points were evenly distributed for the visitors with Bunk Leonard, Jimmy Mann, and Dick Hall all collecting seven apiece, and were closely followed by Brooks Hansard, Bill Leonard, and George Ralls, each with six markers.

Final Win

The Quakers ended their regularly scheduled basketball season in a wave of glory by skinning the second place High Point Panthers in a home game on February 22 to the tune of 48-42. This scrap badly scorched all expert predictions by being one of the major loop upsets of the season, and saved the club from the cellar position in the conference, beating out Lenoir-Rhyne for seventh place.

This game was a nip-and-tuck affair throughout the first period, with Guilford holding the lead at the half 29-25. The frantic Panthers never could get the range, however, and Guilford forged to a 12-point lead at one time during the second half. However, the locals fired near the end, and the visitors managed to whittle the lead down to six points when the horn happily sounded the game's finale. The only Quaker grief to come out of the contest was the loss of Jimmy Mann for the tournament, when he badly sprained his ankle in the closing minutes. However, he managed to bucket eight points before the accident, just one point behind Dick Hall and George Ralls who were high scorers with nine apiece.

Graduating Guard . . .



BILL "POUCH" BYATT

INDIVIDUAL SCORING RECORDS For Guilford Players

(Including tournament play)

Mann	157
L. Leonard	100
Chatham	99
Ralls	95
Hall	89
W. Leonard	78
Hansard	73
Byatt	62
Inman	33
Lawhorne	14

TEAM STANDINGS (Excluding tournament)

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Appalachian	11	2	.846
High Point	10	4	.714
Elon	8	4	.667
Catawba	5	6	.455
W. C. T. C.	2	5	.286
A. C. C.	2	5	.286
Guilford	3	8	.273
Lenoir-Rhyne	3	10	.231

Day Hops - Archdale Lead Fast Intramural League

Going into the final round of the intramural basketball program last week, it was the Day Hop team of Coach Benny Newell that was ahead by a nose. Or should we say a game, because that was all they led the close-pressing Archdale "Rats." Heading the scoring for the first place Day Hops was the 32 points of Coleman. The rest of the total of the team's 148 points was spread out among the well balanced team members.

Keeping the second place Archdale quintet in the running has been the sharp shooting of Dancy and Rakestraw, who are among the top 10 scorers with 42 and 35 points, respectively.

After getting a late start in victories, the potent Married Vets team has been advancing steadily, and they are assuring themselves of a spot in the elimination tournament coming up. Led by the tournament high scorer, Tommy Riddle, the Vets have so far maintained the highest team scoring record. At the time of this writing, Riddle had gathered 76 of the team's total of 148 points.

Pushing the Vets for the third position in the final ratings is the rapid-firing Old South team which was in close second place in team scoring with 181 points as of February 28. Most of the markers have been chalked up as a result of the accurate eyes of Jimmy Nance and Wally Maulsby, holding down the second and third spot of the individual scoring record.

Next in the lineup in the team record was Old North and New South, the former having a possibility for a spot in the top four so as to be in the final tournament. Old North is represented in the scoring column by the 45 points of Coward, and the disappointing New South has been depending on the sharp-shooting of Short to bring them through.

Dragging along in the last places behind New South were Dockery

Hops, and New North, the Centerites having dropped out.

Intramural Team Standings (As of February 28)

Team	Wins	Losses	Points
Day Hops	6	0	148
Archdale	5	1	119
Married Vets	6	2	185
Old South	4	3	181
Old North	3	3	137
New South	3	5	131
Dockery Hops	2	5	104
New North	1	5	78
Center	0	8	15

Individual Scoring Record (As of February 28)

TOP TEN

Name	Team	Points
Riddle—Married Vets		76
Nance—Old South		58
Maulsby—Old South		47
Coward—Old North		45
Dancy—Archdale		42
Kaufman—Old North		37
Short—New South		35
Rakestraw—Archdale		35
Coleman—Day Hops		32
Kinch—Old North		26

The Time Is Coming

From the 1919 faculty regulations for MEN students:

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