



The Guilfordian

SPORTS



Steele's Men Rip Christians 62-59

The Quakers never succeeded in blowing Elon off the court, but the cagers did secure a 62-59 victory, break a five game jinx against the Christians, and continue the Guilford reign as the supreme team in the Carolinas Conference. An aroused capacity crowd watched Guilford squelch a threatening last minute Elon rally, then go on to win a ninth straight victory, longest streak ever for the Quakers.

Jerry Steele's squad got little chance to display the offensive form which resulted in previous wins over Newberry and Lenoir Rhyne. Clinging defensive efforts by both teams left no room for clear shots, and both squads played slow games. Rebounding and foul shooting were actually the margin of victory, as Guilford held a 47-32 edge in rebounding while hitting 12 shots from the line as compared to 9 for Elon.

Tension was high on both sides, Guilford having 15 turnovers to Elon's 14 in the slow-paced action.

The Quakers never fell behind in the contest, jumping out to a 3-0 lead after the tap, increasing that margin to nine just before the half, but Guilford constantly had to fight off the Christians, who kept in range behind the shooting of sophomore Tommy Cole.

Elon, behind 59-50 with two minutes to play, nearly collared the Quakers before the final buzzer. Buckets by Larry Trautwein and Robbie Hicklin narrowed the margin to 5, a free throw by Jerry Crocker pushed it back up to six. Elon forward Richard McGeorge contributed a three point play, and the score stood 60-57 with 54 seconds remaining.

Elon executed a tenacious full-court press, which resulted in Noble Marshall fouling Teddy East. He missed his shot, the Christians rebounded and had another chance to pull within one. Tom McGee missed a field goal, Carr rebounded and was fouled. M.L. missed his shot, Elon rebounded, shot, and again Carr grabbed the rebound. This time East was fouled, and with 8 seconds remaining collected 2 free throws for 62-57.

Elon wasn't finished, having a

field goal and a timeout remaining. Noble Marshall got the bucket with one second to go, and Coach Bill Miller called time.

On the second attempt, M.L. Carr got the ball inbound, the buzzer sounded, and fans covered the floor.

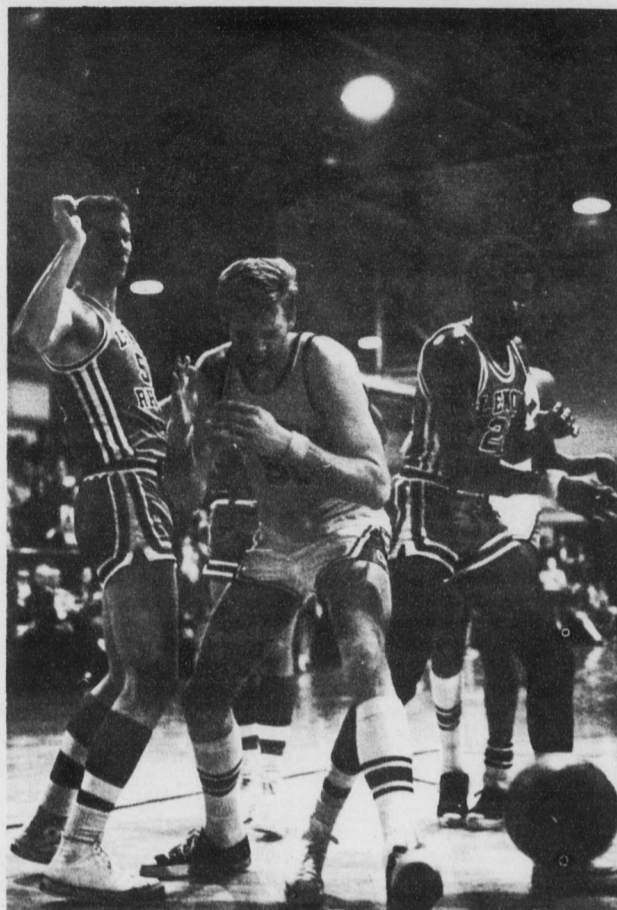
First half action saw Guilford accelerate to a 32-23 margin just before the half, but 2 foul shots and a last-second bucket cut the margin to 5.

Smith and Carr propelled the Quakers down that stretch, each collecting nine points, many from the outside. Eddie Dyer dropped in seven, also from long range.

Elon edged within 3 several times in the second half, but each time the Quakers halted the rally. Smith sank 2 foul shots on one occasion, Jerry Crocker hit from the corner on another tight spot, then sneaked inside for a layup when Elon threatened again. East sank his free throws to end the last Christian bid.

Carr again led the Quakers, compiling 16 points and 18 rebounds. David Smith notched only 13 points, but grabbed 13 rebounds. Jerry Crocker collected 12 points, 11 in the tightly contested second half.

Elon's highly-touted Tommy Cole had 16 points, followed by center Larry Trautwein with 14, Richard McGeorge notched 11 points.



QUAKERS' DAVID SMITH IN PAIN AFTER EYE INJURY AGAINST LENOIR RHYNE LAST WEEK

Conference Leaders

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WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. --- Only one point separates the top three individual scorers in the Carolinas Conference.

Danny Witt of High Point is the leading scorer for the second straight week, but David Smith of Guilford and Steve Hollingsworth of Newberry are closing in on him. Witt is scoring 24.9 points a game, and the 6-8 Smith is hitting 24.5. Hollingsworth's average is 23.9.

Witt is still the most accurate free throw shooter in the conference. He has made 73 of 84 for 86.9 per cent. Four other players are also above the 80 per cent mark: John Davidson of Lenoir Rhyne, 84.6; Vernon Long of Lenoir Rhyne, 83.3; Tommy Cole of Elon, 82.2; and Dana Olson of Lenoir Rhyne, 80.6.

Richard McGeorge, Elon's 6-5, 233-pound All-American end in football, has moved into second place in field goal accuracy. McGeorge, an all-conference selection in basketball last season, has made 36 of 73 attempts for 67.9 per cent. Tommy Miller of Newberry is setting the pace in this category with 69.1 per cent.

Grapplers Gain 4th Straight

Guilford's undefeated wrestlers took victory number four last Tuesday by whipping high-touted Campbell 24-14 on the loser's mats in Buies Creek.

Coach Arthur Bluethenthal's Quakers built up a 24-3 margin and then held off a late rally by the Camels. The Guilford squad has now shipped UNC-Charlotte, Washington and Lee, Methodist, and Campbell.

Heading the Quakers attack were Tommy Clayton at 134, Fred Blevins at 150, and Tom Phillips at 158. All these recorded convincing pins. Vic Cochrane, Perry Benbow, and David Pace also posted wins for Guilford-all on decislops.

After a home match with Southern Conference foe Davidson this past Friday, the Quaker grapplers are idle until February 10th when they host St. Andrews.

Win Over LR Carr Heads

M.L. Carr and friends blew Lenoir Rhyne off the floor of the Guilford gym last Monday night, in what was featured as a tough contest for Carolinas Conference supremacy. The Bears threatened Guilford's top position for almost 10 minutes, then Carr led the Quakers on a charge that ended as Guilford stumbled at the century mark, defeating the Bears 98-79.

Carr, a 6-5 freshman from Wallace, unquestionably dominated the action as he poured in 35 points, collected 17 rebounds, and passed for seven assists. Center David Smith found time to pop in 23 tallies and pull down 13 rebounds, and the whole squad combined to shut off the Lenoir Rhyne offense with a sticky zone defense.

Coach Melvin Ruggle's Bears grabbed a 4-0 lead immediately after the opening tap, then went ahead 10-4 for their largest lead of the night. Eddie Dyer moved the Quakers to within one, then Carr contributed a driving layup at 10:54 to put Guilford in command for the first time. Another

bucket by Carr got the lead for good, and the Quakers embarked on a 23-9 scoring spurge which produced a 51-36 halftime advantage.

A zone defense employed by Jerry Steele 5 minutes into the half resulted in Guilford stealing numerous passes, blocking shots, and controlling rebounds at both ends of the court.

Lenoir Rhyne's sharpshooting John Davidson edged the Bears to within 7 points at 72-65 with 7:55 to play, but the ever-present M.L. Carr swished home a bucket to regain control. A 21-7 streak by the Quakers completely halted Lenoir Rhyne's hopes.

Three other Quakers besides Carr and Smith hit double figures, as Eddie Dyer hit 14, all from the floor, Jerry Crocker had 11 as a reserve, and Ted East collected 10.

Carr hit 16 of 21 shots from the floor to continue leading the conference in field goal percentages. As a team, the Quakers managed 56.6 percent to less than 50 percent for the Bears.

| GUILFORD (62) | | | |
|---------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| | FG | FT | PTS |
| Ennis | 3 | 1-2 | 7 |
| Smith | 5 | 3-7 | 13 |
| Carr | 7 | 2-4 | 16 |
| East | 1 | 3-5 | 5 |
| Dyer | 4 | 1-1 | 9 |
| Crocker | 5 | 2-4 | 12 |
| Dixon | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 25 | 12-21 | 62 |

| ELON (59) | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| | FG | FT | PTS |
| McGeorge | 5 | 1-3 | 11 |
| Cole | 6 | 4-4 | 16 |
| Marshall | 1 | 0-0 | 2 |
| Hicklin | 3 | 1-3 | 7 |
| McGee | 2 | 2-2 | 6 |
| Trautwein | 7 | 0-3 | 14 |
| Berry | 1 | 1-2 | 3 |
| TOTALS | 25 | 9-17 | 59 |

Wrestling Results

118 - Vic Cochrane (G) - decisioned Buford (C) 4-2
126 - Perry Benbow (G) - decisioned McConnell (C) 10-5
134 - Tommy Clayton (G) - pinned Distal (C)
142 - Taylor (C) - decisioned Don Scarr (G) 4-2
150 - Fred Blevins (G) - pinned McHenry (C)

158 - Tom Phillips (G) - pinned Fisher (C)
167 - David Pace (G) - decisioned Sansome (C) 20-0
177 - Godfrey (C) - decisioned Bob Cross (G) 4-1
190 - Corbitt (C) - pinned Richard Lewis (G)
Heavyweight - Cowen (C) - decisioned Carl Leisinger (G) 4-2

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