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Overlooked due to the record-setting streak of the Quaker basketball team has been the superb 9-1 record run by coach Arthur Bluethenthal's Guilford College wrestling team.

The Quakers won their first eight meets of the season before losing to Southern Conference power VMI last Saturday. The Guilford grapplers rebounded though with a convincing victory

over Furman and now are primed for Wednesday's NAIA District 26 Championships to be held at Guilford.

Leading the way for the Quaker squad has been sophomore stand-out Tommy Clayton. Clayton is still undefeated and on many occasions has not really been severely tested.

Despite the loss to VMI, Clayton won on a fall in one of the most exciting matches of the season. For his efforts this week, and all season long, Tommy Clayton is the Guilfordian's Quaker of the Week.

Against the Keydets, Tommy was nearly pinned in the second period. The way the meet was progressing, the Quakers could ill afford a defeat in Clayton's 126 pound class. So what Tommy did was rally and eventually pin his VMI opponent in the exciting third period and gain five points for Guilford.

Success though, is nothing unusual for Clayton. His record at Burlington's (N.C.) Walter Williams High School was outstanding. Coach Bluethenthal's summation of Tommy takes only one word, "dedication"

Tommy Clayton now has his sights on a district title and possibly even further. Somehow the Nationals in Wisconsin don't seem too distant at all.

THE GUILFORDIAN Conference Tourney Begins

Guilford's top-seeded Quakers begin their quest for the Carolinas Conference championship Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in the opening game of the league's 27th annual tournament.

The Quakers of coach Jerry Steele, who finished the regular season 14-0 in league play, will battle the league's eighth place team, either High Point, Presbyterian, or Pfeiffer, (this had not been determined at press time) in the event's opening game in Winston-Salem's Memorial Coliseum.

Tickets will be available in the Guilford College Business Office at specified hours. Tournament books may be purchased for ten dollars with individual evening sessions costing three dollars. Student tickets are available for \$1.50--but only for the first round, Wednesday and Thursday.

If the Quakers win the first round test, their semifinal game will be set for 7 p.m. Friday. Saturday brings the consolation game at 7 p.m. with the title tilt set for 9 p.m.

The Guilford five is the definite favorite but Elon, Lenoir Rhyne, and Newberry must be given consideration. This season the first division looms far above the bottom four and it would take a monumental upset to dislodge the above four schools from Friday's semi-finals.

1968 saw Guilford's first and only tournament title as Bob Kauffman and company led the Steelemen past Lenoir Rhyne 82-61, Appalachian 92-83, and Catawba 80-73.

The Quakers have added incentive as a three-game sweep will give Guilford 24 straight victories, tying Lenoir Rhyne's league record set in 1956-1957. The Quakes also want to improve their overall conference tourney won-lost record from the present 11-17.

All the action starts Wednesday in Winston-Salem with all Quaker games on WCOG Radio.

Scoreboard

This Week WRESTLING

Wednesday, February 25
NAIA District 26 Championships at Guilford

BASKETBALL

Wednesday, February 25
Guilford in Carolinas Conference Tournament, V'Inston- Salem Coliseum, 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 26-Saturday, February 28
Conference Tournament

March 4-3
NAIA District Playoffs, Winston-Salem

Last Week WRESTLING

Guilford	26	UNC-Wilmington	14
VMI	27	Guilford	11
Guilford	23	Furman	17

BASKETBALL

February 14

Guilford	93	Livingstone	75
Appalachian	105	Catawba	69
Newberry	81	Pfeiffer	76
ACC	115	UNC Wilm.	99
Lenoir Rhyne	93	High Point	81
Elon	62	West. Caro.	61

February 16

Guilford	87	Lenoir Rhyne	78
Campbell	97	ACC	81
Elon	59	Presbyterian	50
Va. Commonwealth	105	High Point	77

February 17

Guilford	95	High Point	65
Pfeiffer	88	UNC-Charlotte	72

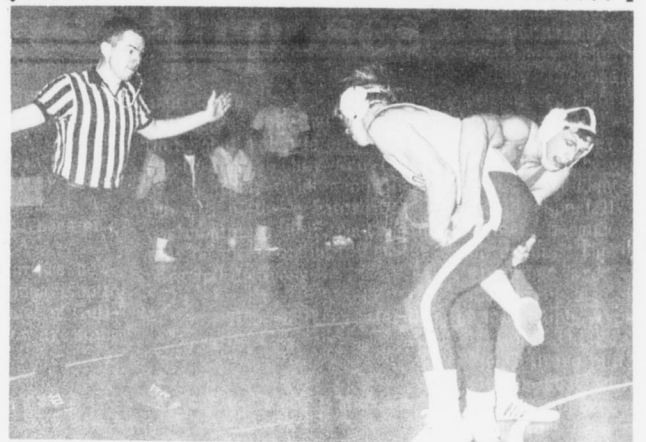
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Elon	76	N.C. A&T	74 (2 OT's)
Newberry	89	Wofford	87
Catawba	106	ACC	82

CC STANDINGS

(through games of Wed, Feb. 18)

	CC	Overall	PF	PA
Guilford	14-0	23-2	2298	1873
Elon	10-5	18-6	1871	1700
Lenoir Rhyne	9-5	18-6	1846	1734
Newberry	7-4	20-6	2128	1956
Catawba	8-6	10-15	1842	1922
ACC	4-8	7-18	2241	2527
High Point	3-11	12-16	2328	2346
Pfeiffer	3-12	7-19	1842	2049
Presbyterian	2-9	10-14	1687	1715



Guilford's Fred Blevins battles VMI opponent during recent meet. VMI ended Quaker's unbeaten string at eight.

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M. L. Carr, Teddy East, and David Smith seek the elusive basketball as High Point's John Kirkman looks on.

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GAMES THIS WEEK

Carolina's Conference Tournament
Winston-Salem Coliseum
February 25-29

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