

Guilford Baseball Team 6-0

The Guilford College Baseball team has jumped off to an outstanding 6-0 record this spring. Combining fine pitching, powerful hitting, and sharp fielding, the Quakers have scored 67 runs while allowing opponents only 17. Guilford opened with two victories over Wake Forest 8-2, 12-6, and since has defeated Dickinson 14-3, Otterbein 9-0, Hampden-Sydney 16-5, and Upsala 8-1.

Larry Jackson and Ray Cooke have been effective starting pitchers for the Quakes with Rod Trivette as the number one backup man.

Guilford has been devastating offensively. Randy Black is leading the wrecking crew with three home runs, including a grand slam. Stan Smith, Paul Halfmann, Bruce

Baden, Chris Paphites, and Pella Stokes have all joined the home run parade for a total of eleven blasts in six games.

The Quaker infield of Halfmann, Stokes, Paphites, and David Green has given strong support to the mound staff. The excellent defensive play has been highlighted by the brilliant glove work of rookie second baseman "Magic" Stokes.

Crucial conference games with Catawba and Elon will take place on the Quaker diamond on Tuesday March 25 and Thursday March 27. Friday, the University of Massachusetts will be here for a single game followed by a Saturday afternoon doubleheader against Albany State University.



Wait 'Til Next Year!

by David Scott

There was no way that Guilford was not going to get to Kansas City. The year had been too successful. It was a foregone conclusion that the Quakers were going to breeze through the Carolinas Conference and District 26 Tournaments, and then take to Kansas City a ranking that would probably seed them in the top four. If something unusual happened to top-seeded Kentucky State, the Quakers would have become one of the favorites to win the National Championship.

Kentucky State did lose in the first round. Unfortunately Guilford was not around to take advantage of it. Winston-Salem State was.

The Rams eventually advanced to the quarterfinals, and then hung around to watch Grand Canyon (Arizona) win the title.

But what happened to Guilford, the team that had won 22 out of 24 games during the regular season and was ranked 6th in the NAIA? The Quakers had gone into the CC Tournament with a District berth already in the bag, and were soundly beaten by High Point. The loss could have been taken two ways. Some folks saw it as a warning not to get too complacent or over-confident, others felt that the Quakers had played a bad game, and thus had gotten it out of their systems.

Neither turned out to be completely true. The Quakers struggled by Pfeiffer at Grimsley High School, and then, with many High Point players looking on, Guilford's hopes for a second National Championship in three years came to a grinding halt at the hand of Bighouse Gaines' Winston-Salem State team.

Things just weren't the same after the regular season ended. The Quakes played the last half of the season as if they should have been in the same league as the Celtics, and maybe that is what the problem was. Guilford could

have shot their wad, and peaked too early. Who can say, though? Whatever, the forces that worked so well just weren't there in tournament play.

Guilford's shaky play continued as they met Pfeiffer in the first round of the Districts. The Quakes had beaten Pfeiffer by 30 earlier in the year, and realistically weren't expected to be any trouble. But...they were. As a matter of fact, if college basketball games lasted 34 minutes, the Falcons would have won, because they were ahead by five with 6 minutes left in the game. Luckily for Guilford, games last forty minutes, and they won by 10, 71-61.

Ray Branch and Sam Kennedy led the comeback, combining for 28 rebounds. For once, Lloyd Free's shooting from the floor was not a factor, but his free throw shooting was; he hit several important shots from the line in the closing moments. Free and Kennedy both finished with 20 points.

At the same time, Winston-Salem State was barely defeating Barber - Scotia. Guilford had beaten the pants off Barber Scotia in January.

So what? The Rams did not respect that statistic, and after an opening surge by Guilford and some momentum killing tactics by Bighouse, WSU was off to KC.

It did not appear that way at first, as the Quakers broke from the gate and started to look as if they were going to get that ticket west.

But then Coach Gaines decided that he had had enough. After demanding to examine the perfectly legit ball Guilford had furnished (Guilford being the designated home team), Bighouse argued and argued about whether or not the ball should be used. These shenanigans went on for five minutes, and the momentum that the Quakes

Women's Track

The new Guilford College Women's Track team will be having their organizational meeting tomorrow (Wednesday) on the track. Karen Hartsoe, who is organizing the group, states that this will be a rather informal but necessary meeting, and urges all interested women to come on by the track at 2 and see what it's all about. At the present time, Guilford is the only college in the area to have Women's track. But this should not deter anyone from joining up. The group, which now numbers 11, would like to have anyone join who is interested in any sort of track event -- anything from hurdles to distance track.

had worked up was in the wind.

Things never got as good after that, and while the Quakers went cold, the Rams continued to can shots that were closer to midcourt than to the top of the key.

Guilford still seemed to have things under control, though, as they went into halftime with a 45-41 lead.

The second half was even for the first 14 minutes. Guilford was scoring impressively as Free was knocking in everything that he put up.

Leading by 5, 62-57, things started to change. There were 5-1/2 minutes left in the game, and no one could hit a basket on either team. WSU got the ball, missed their shot, Guilford rebounded, turned it over. This went on for 6 possessions each.

Somebody had to get hot. It wasn't Guilford. Led by Don Helton, WSU pulled ahead finally at 4:05, and it was "wait 'til next year", or at least 'til Baton Rouge.

The Quakes finished with probably the most disappointing 24-4 record possible...But, do wait 'til next year.

March 25	Catawba College	Home
March 27	Elon College	Home
March 28	Univ. of Massachusetts	Home
March 29	Albany State University (Doubleheader)	Home
March 31	John Hopkins University	Home
April 1	John Hopkins University	Home
April 4	Atlantic Christian College	Away
April 5	A&T State University	Home
April 7	Atlantic Christian College	Home
April 9	Catawba College	Away
April 12	Davidson College	Away
April 15	Pfeiffer College	Home
April 17	Lenoir Rhyne College	Home
April 19	A&T State University	Away
April 20	High Point College	Away
April 22	Pfeiffer College	Away
April 24	Mars Hill College (Doubleheader)	Home
April 27	High Point College	Home
April 29	Elon College	Away

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