

Quaker Basketball Update

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Elon College, N.C. . . . The Guilford College basketball team put on a great performance of basketball for one half of Saturday night against Elon College and then showed the fans how you could hold on to that lead and win a ball game.

Guilford defeated Elon for the second time this season 100-98, but not after the Quakers and Fighting Christians had to go into overtime to decide the game.

The Quakers, who had taken an earlier win from the Fighting Christians 105-100 in overtime came out as if they had instructions to run Elon off the court. The Quakers jumped out to an eleven point lead with 11:36 to go in the first half as Elton Gross hit a 10 foot jumper to make the score 30-19.

Big "E," then extended the lead to 15 with 6:51 to go as he hit another 10 footer from the corner to make the score 44-29. Sam Kennedy and Paul Drechsler working very hard under the boards tapped a ball in with one second to go in the half, to give Guilford their largest lead of the game 18 points, 61-43.

But as many people know it is very hard sometimes to

hold on to a lead of that proportion on an opponent's homecourt.

"I reminded the team at half time that big leads like the one we had can disappear," stated Guilford coach Jack Jensen.

Houdini came back out in the second half for the Fighting Christians dressed as Elon head coach Bill Miller and quickly performed a disappearing act on the Quakers large lead.

With 6:45 to go in the game Chris Matthews hit a 10 foot jumper for the Fighting Christians and cut the lead to seven at 81-74. With 1:55 to go, Larry Scott hit a 15 foot bomber to pull Elon to within two points at 90-88.

Elon finally tied the game up at 90 apiece with 1:10 to go in the regulation game as Larry Williamson hit a follow shot. Steve Rosenberry hit on a drive with :55 seconds left to give Guilford the lead at 92-90.

After an Elon timeout blond-haired Duke Madsen hit a 15 foot jumper to make the score 92-92 with :30 seconds to go.

Guilford had one chance at victory, but Rosenberry's pass to Elton Gross along the base-

line was just out of the reach of the big Quaker and Elon then had the chance at victory with :08 seconds to go.

The Fighting Christians try came up short and the score remained 92-92, the same score as the earlier game when the two schools went into overtime.

Neither team seemed to really want to score in the overtime period as only four points were scored in the first three and one-half minutes of the overtime period.

With 1:34 to go in the overtime period Gary Devlin who led all scorers with 29 points, hit an 18 foot jumper from the top of the key to give Guilford the lead 96-94.

Then with 1:03 to go in the game Steve Rosenberry was fouled and went to the line to shoot one-and-one. But before he could shoot Elon coach Bill Miller was about to pull out his bag of tricks; first he called time out to lay out some strategy and also give Rosenberry some time to think about the upcoming shots. Then just as the teams had returned to the floor, Elon guard Duke Madsen realized that his contact lense was not on his eye but had fallen onto his face very nicely. After a

few minutes of looking for his eye problem and trying to shake up Rosenberry, Madsen finally returned with his eye in place and Rosenberry still with a one-on-one situation.

Mr. Rosenberry stepped up to the line very calmly and sank both free throws to give Guilford a four point lead 98-94.

Gary Devlin hit a layup with :39 seconds to go to give Guilford a 100-96 lead.

The win gives the Quakers a 12-10 overall mark and a 6-3 mark in the Carolinas Con-

ference. The loss drops Elon to 9-7 overall and 2-4 in the conference.

Devlin was high for the game with 29 points, with Sam Kennedy following with 19 points and 14 rebounds, while Paul Drechsler had 17, Mike Cherry 12, and Steve Rosenberry had 10 points.

The win set up a big game on Wednesday night as Guilford will entertain Catawba College at 8:00 in the Cracker Box.

Soccer Program on the Move

A road trip including matches against former NCAA national champion Howard University and the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y. highlights a 16-match soccer schedule in 1977 for the Guilford College Quakers. The Quakers, who finished the 1976 season with a 17-4 record, will play Howard in the first of three games during fall semester break. Also included on the trip to Kings Point, will be Upsala College in East Orange, N.J.

In addition to a schedule of six Carolinas Conference matches, the Quakers will host Duke and the University of South Florida, both former NCAA Division I playoff partici-

pants, and will travel to N.C. State and Davidson. The Quakers will also participate in the annual Campbell College Invitational, along with Campbell, Erskine and William and Mary.

"We are excited about our schedule and feel it is the most ambitious ever played by a Carolinas Conference soccer team," commented Quaker coach Ray Allwy. "We hope that the schedule will prepare us for our conference schedule and for the post-season play-offs."

The Howard match has one very interesting note; this is a home and home playing agreement, so Howard will be playing at Guilford in 1978.

Intramural Basketball This Week

Tuesday, Feb. 1
8:45 - 1 vs 4C
9:45 - 1 vs 4A

Thursday, Feb. 3
9:15 - 1 vs 4W
10:15 - 8 vs 6B

Again this year the Intramural Council is sponsoring a one-on-one basketball

contest. There will be separate contests for the men and women. Competition will be held on Sunday nights and Wednesday afternoons. Signs will be posted in the lobby of Founders, in the grillroom, and on the intramural bulletin board in the gym for participants to sign up.

Field Hockey Anyone?

Those of you that have ever played field hockey know what an exhilarating experience it can be. It is a fast moving game that requires a combination of speed, dexterity, and endurance. A good game of field hockey on a

brisk fall day is one of life's great joys. If anybody is interested in taking part in this unique pleasure during the coming fall semester, whether you've played before or not, contact Barbara Gottfried, Binford 331, or call at 855-9561.

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