

Young Quakers roundballers hold 6-10 mark

By Scott Bradford

As grades were released for the fall semester, the Quakers were dealt another loss without ever having to step out onto the court. Three players were lost due to academic ineligibility—Keith King, Eley Boone and Bill Gross—leaving the roster severely depleted. With a new lineup, including Tommy Irvin back from an injury, the Quakers took on a Gardner-Webb team which they had lost to by 9 points three weeks earlier. This time though, they were not so lucky, losing 67-47 after being behind by only three points at halftime. It was a poor shooting night for Guilford, with only Ben Barrett scoring in double figures. He had 10 points.

The Quakers returned home to their first student-dominated crowd in over a month to score a victory over Pembroke State 71-65. Once again, the two guards provided most of the scoring punch with Jerry Greenwood leading all scorers with 25 points and Barrett tallying 17. Greenwood, having probably the best game of his college career, had a great night at the free throw line making 12 of 13 to help the Quakers hold off a Pembroke rally in which they recovered from a 42-26 halftime deficit.

At the beginning of the season, Coach Jenson remarked that the

Quakers needed to win the close games—a six point spread—to be successful. So far, they have failed to do this, one of the reasons they now possess a 6-10 record although they are near .500 in Carolinas Conference action (3-4). Despite much inexperience, the Quakers seldom get blown out and are almost always in the game down the stretch. It is this inexperience which seems to hurt them at critical moments in the game.

In yet another close game, Guilford fell to Pfeiffer 61-60. This time though the Quakers did deliver in the clutch coming back from 53-40 with 11:53 remaining in the game. With seven seconds left, Greenwood hit a shot from the corner to put Guilford ahead 60-59. but they could not stand prosperity as a Pfeiffer player sank a turnaround jumper with two seconds left to win it.

Two nights later the Quakers lost by four to Greensboro College, 77-73. After a close 35-34 halftime lead, Guilford came out of the locker room with an effective full-court zone press and devastating fastbreak. With Greenwood, 21 points, and Chris Lambert out on the BREAK, Guilford looked like they would run the Hornets out of the game. But Greensboro College rallied to trail by only one point with less than six minutes in the game.



Guilford coach Jack Jenson stresses the importance of control during one of the recent close games.

With 1:10 left in the game Greensboro College was six points ahead, and it was Guilford's turn to come back thanks to some missed free throws by the Hornets. But the Quakers ran out of timeouts with only two seconds to go and the team down by only one point. GC Coach Ron Mikels, a former

Guilford player under Coach Jenson, exclaimed that it was "a great win for our players and for the school," which has no players on scholarship.

On Saturday night, Guilford defeated Atlantic Christian 62-53 after trailing by three at

halftime. The Quakers continued to shoot well from the free throw line as Barrett, Greenwood and James Haygood each made two free throws in the final minute of the game. There were three players in double figures as Barrett had a game-high 18 points. He was aided by Greenwood, 15 points, and Lambert, 10 points.



Guilford roundballers Jerry Greenwood and Blaise Canero battle a Pembroke State player for a rebound.

One and three during break No Quaker holidays

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After students had deserted campus for break, the Guilford Quakers hosted their own Quaker Classic, an event seemingly held solely for alumni gratification. In the first game, Guilford lost to Lenoir-Rhyne 60-52 in overtime. The Quakers had to struggle all the way after falling behind 18-8, eventually crawling back to a 22-21 halftime deficit.

In the second half the Quakers did not score a field goal in the last nine minutes of the game but still managed to send the game into overtime as Ben Barrett sank a 15-foot jumper from the corner at the buzzer to tie.

A tired Guilford team was forced to play catch up as L-R controlled the tip, scored first and sank six straight free throws to end the game. Coach Jenson was perturbed at the inability of the Quakers to control the ball on L-R's missed free throws, "especially since we worked on that very thing for 15 minutes only yesterday."

In the consolation round of the tournament, the Quakers lost to

Gardner-Webb by a score of 83-74.

Guilford began the new year on the right foot, defeating Amherst 61-52 with a torrid finish. They started off the first half poorly, down by 10 points at one time. The Quakers came back to trail by only three at halftime. Guilford's comeback in the second half, finally subdued the Amherst team on a three point play by Chris Lambert which put the Quakers ahead 57-50 with 54 seconds left in the game. Barrett and Lambert led the Guilford scoring with 21 and 13 points, respectively.

In an away game, Mars Hill beat Guilford 64-61 after being behind by three points at the half. Mars Hill had increased the lead to 64-57 with a stall offense in the final minute of play before the Quakers scored two quick baskets before the horn. Three players, Barrett, 17 points, Jerry Greenwood, 12 points, and Lambert, 12 points, continued to shoulder most of the scoring burden.

In their third game in five days, the Quakers battled Elon to a close finish, ultimately losing by a score of 42-40.