

Lacrosse rebounds after opening loss

by Michael Van Wagner

After a season opening 14-8 loss to the College of Wooster last Wednesday, the Guilford lacrosse team rebounded Saturday, thrashing Randolph-Macon 21-7, and then topped Union College 16-11 on Monday, improving its record to 2-1 on the young season.

Coming after several miserable days, last Wednesday's balmy 70° sunshine must have put the Guilford stickmen back into a Ft. Lauderdale frame of mind. For so they played. Despite jumping off to an early 2-0 lead, the Quakers found themselves tied at the end of one period and trailing the Ohioans 8-4 by halftime. Although during the intermission many fans hurried to get a bit of dinner, there was little reason to hurry back, for The Quakers never got closer than 9-6 in the second half. Having taken the advantage both physically and psychologically, Wooster put the game on ice midway through the final period, scoring three goals before the Guilford defense had time to say "pass the Coppertone, please" three times fast, increasing the margin to 14-6. Guilford did answer with two goals of its own, cutting the difference to 14-8 before the final whistle.

Somewhat at a loss to explain

his team's lacklustre performance, Quaker mentor Geoff Miller commented: "We simply weren't ready and they surprised us. We looked like we were in slow-motion out there today (Wednesday). Perhaps we worked too hard on Monday and Tuesday. Whatever the case, this loss is a real setback to our program."

Senior tri-captain Brian Savage echoed Miller's sentiments and offered a more succinct analysis: "We were mentally unprepared, we didn't execute, and they took control."

And as if the final score wasn't a big enough setback. The Quakers may have lost Al Barth for the season after the sophomore midfielder collided with a Wooster player late in the game.

On Saturday, if the weather was anything but balmy, The Quakers were anything but lacklustre. Jumping off again to an early lead, Guilford never let down, building a 10-2 lead by the half and coasting the rest of the way. Pacing the attack which peppered the Randolph-Macon net with 53 shots, were Savage (6 goals, 1 assist), Kerry Donovan (3 goals, 3 assists) and senior tri-captain David Frank (3 goals). The defense also turned in an admirable performance with Ron



Crispi (15 saves, 5 goals allowed) being replaced in the goal by John Bailey (6 saves, 2 goals allowed) midway through the fourth period.

Commenting on his club's turnaround, Miller cited preparations and determination as the key factors: "This time we took it easier in the practices prior to the game and I think that helped today (Saturday). And of course on top of that we were determined to regain some pride and respect. I think the added incentive to make-up for Wednesday's embarrassment was clearly evident in our performance. These kids

don't like to be losers." Miller also added special praise for the efforts turned in by Donovan and junior attackman Jim Duncan.

Finally, on Monday, The Quaker stickmen went one-up in the win column, posting a solid 16-11 victory over Union College, from upstate New York.

Turning in what Miller called "a super performance", freshman midfielder Rich Metz paced the victors with 4 goals and 3 assists. Savage also had another fine game, notching 6 goals and assisting on another. Crispi and Bailey again split the

goaltending chores, with the former recording 18 saves while allowing 10 goals and the latter recording 3 saves while allowing one goal.

QUICK STICKS-Savage is again ringing the nets at a torrid pace, leading all Quaker scorers with 16 goals in three games...The Quakers end their home stand on Thursday, March 25 against Lynchburg and then take to the road for five straight matches beginning with Tri-State League for Virginia Military Academy on Saturday. The annual alumni game is set for Sunday, March 28 at 2:00.

Pitching, muscle help produce three key victories

By Chris Mackie

The Guilford College baseball team upped its record to 4-1 with three big wins last week.

Thursday afternoon the Quakers pounded out a 26-2 victory over Salem College. Guilford rapped 22 hits including four doubles, one triple, and one homerun. Ken Cornelison and

Todd Roberts had three hits apiece and Harley Miller added three more, including a three-run homer in the first inning. On the mound, Randy Doss, Chris Mackie, and Mark Malthouse kept Salem in check with Mackie getting the win in relief.

On Saturday, the Quakers traveled to Boiling Springs to take on Gardner-Webb in a

doubleheader. In the opener, Guilford nipped the Bulldogs 5-4. In the first inning, John Wilcox hit a two-out double and scored on Harley Miller's homerun to centerfield. Wilcox and Kelly Jenkins later added an rbi apiece for the Quakers. Lefthander Randy Doss held the Bulldogs to only five hits and went the distance to pick up his first win.

In the second game, Guilford used two runs in the fourth and three more in the sixth to capture an 8-2 decision. Vic Fucci led the Quakers with four hits in four trips to the plate. John Wilcox slapped three hits and Ed Smith had two, including a solo homer in the fifth. Starter Chris Mackie went six innings to pick up his second win of the year, with John Kennedy providing relief for the final three outs.

