

Rick Davis Talks Soccer

Editorial Column

Soccer's Inconsistency

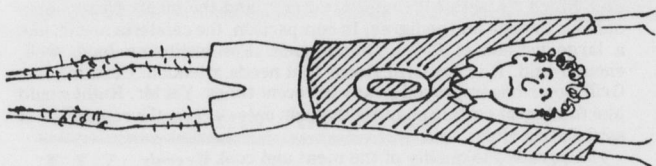
The Quakers Booters rebounded from a three game losing streak, defeating Liberty Baptist 2-0 on Homecoming. The team's record now stands at 3-4-1 after losing to Pfeiffer 3-1, Pembroke State 4-2, Davidson 3-2, and tying UNC-Asheville 2-2. A sad toll for anticipating only one or two losses thus far into the season.

A clear lack of consistency and spirit underlie the losses. With the possible exception of stalwart center-back David Hood, no one has continually performed at the level he must for the Guilford squad to achieve its potential. Coupled with several heartless efforts - where no one hustles, and there is little or no support, much less communication - one must ask, "Are the players not committed or uninspired? Also often lacking are intensity and

fervor, often the decisive factors in player execution. It can also be asked, given these premises, "Why does such a situation exist?"

The answers were hinted at last Saturday as spirits awakened with vibrancy and enthusiasm. The team clearly played under a new light; shutting-out the Baptist offense, controlling the mid-field and out-shooting the opponents two to one. Thus each players' attitude is a crucial factor and this can be influenced and often reflects that which is found at the top. So will the Quakers continue to shine? The coming week holds the answer and could prove to be a confidence and record strengthening one as the booters contend in three away games and on Oct. 6 host UNC-Chapel Hill.

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Women Booters Gear Up For Fall

By Susan Anderson
Staff Writer

Guilford's womens soccer club began their season on the wrong foot, so to speak, as they lost their first game of the season to Warren Wilson College. Warren Wilson defeated the Quakers by a score of 5-2 at Guilford's Haworth Field on September 18 with Gwyn Tracy and Chris Klein scoring Guilford's only goals of the contest. When asked about the Quaker's loss, co-captain Tracy commented on the fact that Warren Wilson fielded a varsity team compared to the club status of the Guilford team. She also added that this was the first time this year our girls had played together as a team and that they should continue to improve and grow as a unit as the season progresses.

This weekend, the club plays two games, the first being on Saturday against a team representing UNC-Charlotte. Last year, the team traveled to Charlotte to compete against this same team and the hosts were anything but hospitable, so look for the fireworks to fly. The game is at home at 2:00 pm on the varsity soccer field, so come with your vocal chords, ready to support the team. Then on Sunday afternoon, the club challenges a Greensboro womens club in an away game.

Also, the team will be making a road-trip to Washington D.C. to play in an area invitational tournament on October 9-11 which will require the squad to play a total of eleven thirty minute games over a two day period. This tournament time should provide plenty of playing experience for the club.



Photo by Mike Lopez

Paul Gurspan closes in on UNCG-Asheville player.

Lady Quakers Accumulate Victories

By Susan Anderson
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The lady Quakers volleyball team has been busy as of late collecting victories which add up to an impressive record of seven wins and one loss.

The squad went undefeated for five straight matches until running into arch-rival High Point College. Before then, the lady Quakers took the long way around in beating A&T 15-7, 15-6, 14-16, 13-15, and 15-9 on September 13. Three days later, the Quaker squad bounced back from their previous long match to soundly defeat Atlantic Christian College in two games 15-4 and 15-11. During that same night, Guilford kept its streak alive to beat Wingate 9-15, 15-2, and 15-8.

A&T returned to Ragan Brown Field House on September 21 along with High Point College and this time it only took Guilford 2 games to defeat the A&T squad 15-7 and 15-7. The third pairing of this tri-match pitted

Guilford against a High Point squad which has continually provided the Quakers with tough competition. A large home crowd saw High Point defeat the Quakers in a match filled with long rallies, powerful spiking from Dana Cooper and Amy Parrish, and exceptional serving from Teresa Bonnstetter. She collected the first five points of game one on her serve. But the talents of the lady Quakers were not enough to make up for their occasional lapses in defense and mis-hits as High Point took both games 14-16 and 12-15.

Guilford came back in strong form on September 23 to defeat the visiting Pembroke girls 15-8 and 15-12, and also WSSU 15-6 and 15-8 in an easy doubleheader.

The team travels to Johnson City, Tennessee the weekend of October 1 and 2 to play in the East Tennessee Invitational Tournament, where they hope to bring back more victories to add to their winning season.



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Teresa Arnold sets as Quakers attack.