



## Sports

### Conference Champions

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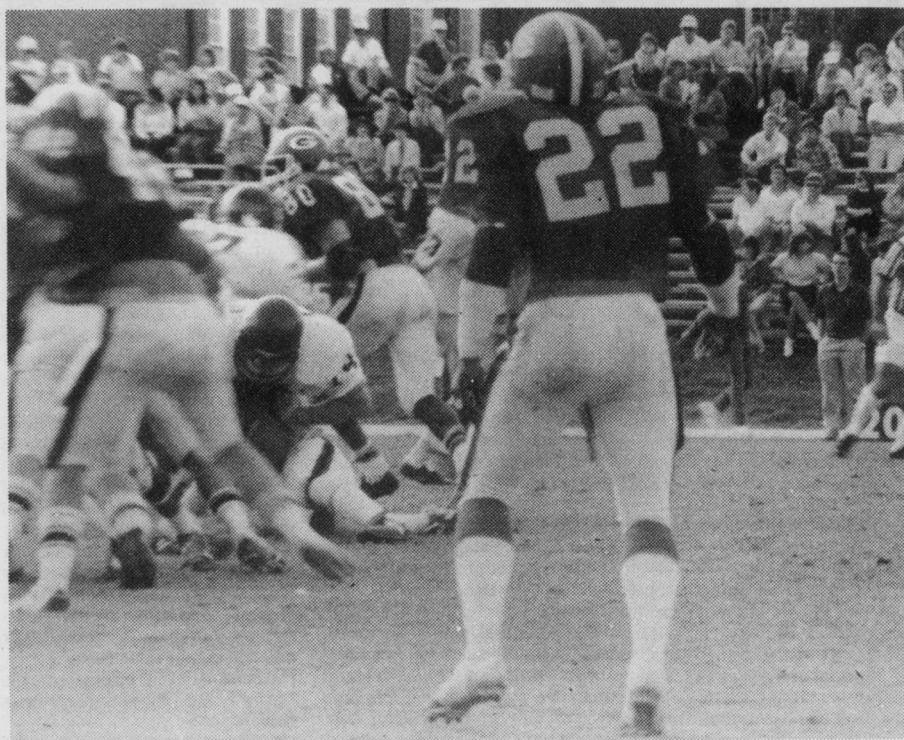
It took six years and a former Quaker soccer player to bring the Carolina's Conference Championship back to Guilford College. The booters captured the title this year with a perfect 7-0 record in conference play. The soccer team ended the year with an overall 9-6-1 record and 9-1-1 in district play. After coming off two rather disappointing seasons, first year coach Steve Skinner has turned the program around.

Coach Skinner who played college soccer for Guilford and Duke has always remained close to the game. When asked what brought about the turn around, Coach Skinner replied, "I feel that this year's team has the right chemistry," meaning an all-around excellent esprit de corps. Perhaps one of Skinner's best attributes is his ability to relate to all of the players. In many player-coach relationships there is a certain amount of artificiality, but in the case of Coach Skinner and his 25 players there is a deep relationship evolving. Coach Skinner takes a deep interest in his players not only on the field but also off as well. These are just a few of the attributes that Coach Skinner has brought to the Guilford soccer program.

The seniors on the Quaker team, which comprise the heart of the defense, will be sorely missed. Goalie Jim Schmutz (2 years) has given great play in the net and has improved vastly

since last year. Wingback Paul Gurspan (4 yrs.) has given steady performance, and when healthy has contributed greatly to the program. One of Coach Skinner's best moves was the moving of Jeff Polinchock back to midfield. Jeff, along with stopper T.J. Faherty has given the needed domination which the booters lacked for the past few years. Perhaps one of the best players in Guilford College history is captain David Hood. David has turned in fine performance after fine performance from his sweeper position and appears destined for another All-Conference team. The seniors helped guide the way to a winning tradition for the young soccer team. Of the 25 members of the squad, there are six freshmen and 10 sophomores. Guilford soccer owes the seniors a great deal of thanks for all of their great play over the years.

Now that the soccer team has accomplished its primary goal of winning the Carolina's Conference their next task is to win the District championship. The district playoffs are this week on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and depending on what seed Guilford is, will determine where and when they play. Guilford is looking optimistically at the districts but expects tough competition from Pfeiffer and Elon. If you get a chance to see a Guilford soccer district game come out because the tradition has begun.



Quaker safety Pernell Jefferson in action last Saturday, October 29.

## Last Second Loss Suffered

By Doug Drotman

Armfield Athletic field was the scene Saturday, Oct. 29 of a challenging game between the Salisbury State Seagulls, ranked nationally No. 7 in Division III, and the Quakers, considered the underdogs. Onlookers may have had a different opinion for it seemed as if the Quakers were capable of dominating the Seagulls.

In the first half the Quakers, led by a strong defense, brought a 7-0 lead into the lockerroom. In the first half, which was played primarily between the 30 yardlines, the Quakers put together the only two sustained drives. Taking over on their own 19-yard line, Quaker Coach Charles Forbes used a mix of 11 rushing plays and nine pass plays

to eat over nine minutes off of the clock. Doing the bulk of the ballcarrying on the drive was freshman halfback Johnny Hines (13-24). He was replacing sophomore Terry Jones who in turn was replacing team leading rusher, senior, Charlie Heard. The absence of an experienced halfback was a big loss to the offense since the Quakers seem to run most of the plays to the halfbacks. When quarterback Earl Cinton put the ball in the air, Greg Weaver (8-83) was usually on the other end. The Clinton to Weaver combination connected four times on the drive, twice picking up first downs and twice connecting on second down and long yardage situations. After driving to the Seagull two-yardline, Seagull safety Tim Randolph broke through the line and caused Hines to lose two yards and on a fourth down gamble from the two yardline

After holding the Seagulls, the Quakers took over 41 yards away from the Seagull end zone. The

drive, primarily on the ground, saw four different Quakers carry the ball before fullback Billy Holland (11-47) rumbled into the end zone from nine yards away.

Bryan Wilson kicked the extra point to give the Quakers a 7-0 lead, and the last points they would score on the afternoon.

The third quarter started similar to the first half until Salisbury St. took over with 6:11 remaining in the quarter on their own 19 yardline. The Seagulls drove to their own 45 yardline and just when it seemed that the drive would end, when faced with a third and 12 situation, quarterback Robb Disbennett hit speedster Joe Allen for a 55-yard touchdown pass. The extra point evened the score at 7-7.

Following a short Quaker drive, the Quaker specialty teams contributed a big play. Tony Mcmillan recovered a mishandled punt at the Seagull 38 and gave the Quakers a golden opportunity. The offense, then proceeded to pick up three successive first downs.

Then faced with a fourth down and inches, coach Forbes decided to call on his most reliable player, kicker Bryan Wilson. Wilson's 35-yard field goal attempt was wide for only the second time this season. The blown scoring opportunity seemed to frustrate the offense for a rash of penalties would follow. On the next Quaker drive, penalties drove them from field goal range to their own side of the fifty yardline. Salisbury State's next possession ended immediately when Quaker safety Pernell Jefferson intercepted his third pass of the afternoon 55 yards away from victory.

The Quakers took over and following two penalties they were

faced with an obvious passing situation. Clinton's final pass was thrown into the waiting arms of safety Sherman Wood, who returned the ball to the Guilford 28 yardline. With only 1:32 remaining, the Seagulls ran four successive plays to fullback Duane Humenik (16-69) down to the Guilford 18 yardline. Kicker

Larry Schreidegger kicked the 35-yard field goal with no time remaining on the clock sending Salisbury St. home winners. The 10-7 loss evened the Quakers' record at 4-4 with two games remaining.

For the past two weekends, without the luxury of a fall break, the football team stayed at school and also played two road games. In the first game the Quakers were victorious over a surprisingly tough Bridgewater team by the score of 24-13. The offense pounded out 305 yards rushing with Billy Holland (17-94) and Terry Jones (19-70) leading the way. Quarterback Earl Clinton (11-12-139) had a fine day hitting Buddy Halbert (2-24) and Mike Reardon (2-15) with touchdown passes.

The following week the Quakers blew by Hampton Sydney by the score of 20-8. The defense intercepted four passes, two setting up scores. Billy Smith and Scott O'Kelly each picked off a pass and NAIA defensive player of the week, Pernell Jefferson picked off two passes, recovered a fumble and made five solo tackles. Buddy Halbert (4-52) caught his team leading, third, touchdown pass.

The following two weeks are important for the Quaker season because victories over Catawba and Concord could give the Quakers their first season above .500 in five seasons under Coach Forbes.

## Guilford Women's Soccer

By Josie Alexander

Welcome to Guilford College Women's Soccer Club. The Lady Quakers romped Durham 1-0 with 5 times more shots on goal than their opponent. Madsie Bertram scored late in the second half and the defense enjoyed a shutout to spur the Guilford club in victory. The Lady Quakers will be demonstrating their talents this weekend with a home game this Friday at 3:30 p.m. Be there—ALOHA.



Gwyn Tracy is on her way to a record goal in the earlier, victorious game against Wake Forest.