



## Sports

# Quakers Have Fantastic Finish

By Doug Drotman

The ending of the Quakers' final game was a fitting conclusion to a game that nevertheless would be an emotional event, for it was the final game for 15 seniors. With 06 seconds remaining in the game, kicker Bryan Wilson split the uprights with a 38-yard field goal to give the Quakers a 22-21 come-from-behind victory over the Concord College Mountain Lions. The play that led to Wilson's field goal was probably one of the oddest plays that I have ever seen.

With a fourth down at their own 47 yard line and 15 seconds on the clock the Concord coaches made an odd call.

Instead of running a play and giving the Quakers the ball at midfield, Concord decided to punt the ball to the Quakers. If Concord were to run a play, it would have meant the Quakers would have to go about 30 yards, and stop the clock to set up a field goal in one play.

The snap from center Wade Lopez to punter John Mann was high and before Mann could get off the punt he was swarmed upon by five Quakers at the 20 yard line.

From that point, with the crowd on their feet, Center Joel Snodgrass, holder John Montgomery and kicker Bryan Wilson executed the field goal. A mobbed field was the answer to the question if the fieldgoal was good.

Although the day ended on a glory note for the kicking unit,

their entire day was not glorious. After Charlie Heard (18-142) broke off a 50 yard run and Billy Holland (6-36) rambled for 12 more, the Quakers thought of settling for a 31 yard field goal. After a bad snap, Wilson was buried for a 15 yard loss.

The Quakers backed Concord deep into their own end when Jesse James got off a 58 yard punt that landed on the Concord 6 yard line.

After stopping Concord cold, the Quakers took over in fine field position. The Charlie Heard show continued when he broke off runs of 21, 15, and 8 yards to drive the Quakers inside of the five yard line.

From there quarterback Earl Clinton (12-29-176) hit Reggie Peace (2-14) with a four yard strike to put the Quakers ahead.

Although Heard did have a spectacular day, it was not all roses popping up. On a first down from their own 20 yard line Heard fumbled a bad pitch from Clinton to give Concord great field position.

On their first play, quarterback Mark Ryhanych threw 26 yards to Ed Zappi for a touchdown at 11:43 of the second quarter.

The next 10 minutes of the half saw the defenses battle and come up with big plays. Scott O'Kelley, Charles Kepley and Tom Shahady were very instrumental in the strong defensive stands.

With only 1:07 remaining in the half the Mountain Lions pulled off a big play. Aided by a 15 yard roughing penalty, the Mountain

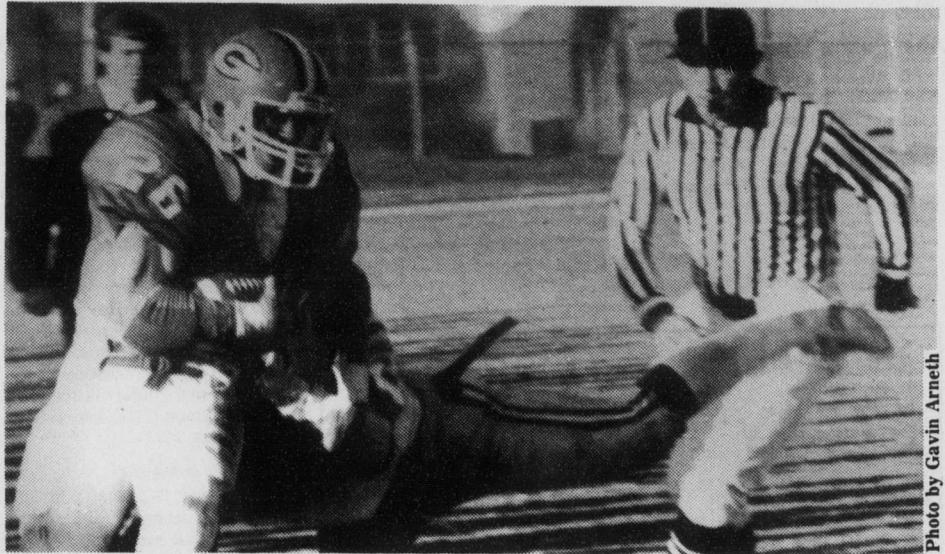


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Guilford College Quakers play to the finish.

Lions scored when Ryhanych hit Henry Sepherd with a 27 yard pass and a 14-7 lead.

Kicker Bryan Wilson's problems continued when late in the third quarter he was wide on a 29 yard field goal attempt.

The Quakers got a big break when Kepley recovered a John Mann fumble 16 yards from paydirt. From there Clinton hit Tight end Buddy Halbert (5-83) with a 13 yard scoring play.

Coach Forbes then called a smart play. In electing to go for

the 2-point conversion Forbes was being aggressive. Although Heard was stopped for no gain the team knew that Forbes was playing to win.

The Mountain Lions put their final points on the scoreboard in their first sustained drive of the afternoon. They drove 62 yards on six plays, and scored when Ryhanych hit Frank Baker with a 24 yard pass. The Mountain Lions now owned a 21-13 lead with under ten minutes to play.

With their backs to the wall and

8:10 remaining to play, the Quakers realized that it was now or never. They proceeded to drive four different receivers including a 32-yard pass to Greg Weaver (2-47) and a six yard touchdown pass to Halbert. The 2-point conversion was no good and the Quakers trailed 21-19.

The stage was then set for a play that Quakers fans will long remember. It was also a memorable finale for those 15 seniors.

## Lady Booters Still Kicking

By Rita Maroon

Guilford Women's Soccer had a weekend of mixed play: beating Salem College 2-0 and losing to Duke 0-1. Friday at home Guilco executed superb passing to dominate Salem with Gwyn Tracey and Madsie Bertram

each scoring one goal.

The team will play Salem away next Friday. Sunday Guilco lost in a tough game away at Duke. The inability to get a consistent offensive attack and defensive cooperation plus poor field, weather and ref conditions led to the Quaker defeat.

Mary Benbow played an outstanding game stopping all but one of 21 shots on goal. The coaching staff (Willie Flash, Steve Rubenstein, Chris Darnell) felt that Sunday's game will give Guilco plenty to polish up on in preparation for the tournament. Guilford will be hosting to Charlotte Stingers, U.N.C.—Chapel Hill and Greensboro Rhino club. See you at Soccer Sunday!!!



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Lady Booters get tough on the field.

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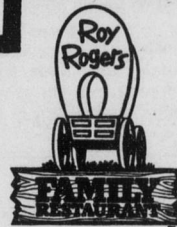
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