

# Quaker Sports

## Lady Netters Look Strong

Debbie Fry

Currently ranked 4th in the NAIA pre-season poll, Guilford's Women's tennis launches into its new season as teammates compete for seeds.

Vying for first position is junior Julie Tupper from Huntington, NY who is presently ranked 9th in the NAIA pre-season poll. Tupper made it to the fifth round of the National tournament last year. Also vying for first seed are junior Melanie Bischoff from Mt. Kisco, NY and Jennifer Friend, a sophomore from Chevy Chase, MD. Both are also 5th round national players. Also in the running is freshman Jennifer Hunter from Jacksonville, FL, who ranked 23rd in girl's U18s in the state.

Another strong returning junior in line, because of her agility on court, referred to as "our secret weapon" by Coach Gayle Currie, is Lisa Miller from Greensboro. For Miller, Currie says, "No goal seems to high." Other returning players from last year are sophomore Tracey Clark from Ottawa, Ontario and Erin Reidy, from Charlotte, NC.

Additional freshman players include Colette McShea from Rockville Centre, NY, Susan Morris from Venice, FL, and Cindy Nichols from Huntington, NY.

The team is gearing up as spring break and their opening match of the season, a scrimmage against Florida Jr. College in Jacksonville, grow nearer. The March 2nd match will be followed by a rough and demanding schedule as the Lady Quakers meet University of North Florida on the 3rd, Flagler at Augustine-the 4th, Stetson at Deland-the 5th, University of Central Florida at Orlando-the 6th, and wind up the week with a match against Rollins in Winter Park on the 7th.

"We have a young team, no seniors," said Currie, "but I think we'll be at least as strong as we were last year and with no seniors we're in pretty good shape for the next two years."

Within the conference, High Point is not expected to be as strong as in previous years and the most competition is foreseen to come from Atlantic Christian. Within the district, UNC-Asheville can never be counted out but the biggest competition for district title and a chance to return to the National Tournament in Kansas City will still probably come from Atlantic Christian.

An optimistic Currie remarked, "it would be a great advantage to take such a young team to the nationals this year."

The Lady Quakers continue action in the Carolinas Conference playoffs Friday & Saturday at High Point College.



# H O O P S

## Lacrosse Challenge Ahead

By Dave Owens

"Excitement" and "improvement" are two of the words that come immediately to mind as Coach Patrick Manzella talks about the 1985 women's lacrosse program.

Two returning Lady Quakers are expected to provide the bulk of the scoring, as they did last year -- junior Gretchen Rada (Kenneth Square, PA) and sophomore Kent Findlay (New Canaan, CT).

Defensively, the squad will be anchored by senior Ruth Tanham (Middleburg, VA) and junior Susan Marks (Greenwich, CT). Add veterans Nancy Heller (Greensboro, NC) and Vicky Aubinoe (Bethesda, MD) and, says Coach Manzella, one can sense a strong returning nucleus.

Freshmen to watch are Elizabeth Thomas (Moorestown, NJ) and Laura Dancy (Montclair, NJ).

"Although the schedule is quite ambitious, we feel the program is on the move, and we expect an improvement over last year's 3-4 record," according to Manzella.

The Lady Quakers will open the season March 13 with a scrimmage with UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke at Duke. The scrimmage will be followed later in the season with officials matches with both schools. Other opponents will include Randolph-Macon, Lynchburg, Roanoke, Davidson, Bridgewater, Hollins and Sweet Briar.

## Men's Tennis Tough Schedule Ahead

By Dave Owens

**MEN'S TENNIS.** Head coach Ray Alley, a 1966 graduate of High Point College and Guilford's coach for nine years. He was NAIA National Coach of the Year in 1975, NAIA District 26 Coach of the Year seven times in a nine-year span and Carolinas Conference Coach of the Year five times. His lifetime coaching record is 229-132.

With a successful 7-1 fall season behind them and a No. 13 NAIA ranking in hand, Coach Ray Alley and the Guilford College men's tennis team are looking forward to a tough but winning excursion on the court this spring.

Tough? Consider that the Quakers will engage 16 NCAA Division I schools as well as three others ranked in the top four nationally in their respective divisions.

The spring season opens February 19 with matches within five days with Wake Forest, UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State. One might assume that the remainder of the schedule would be all down hill until observing that it is sprinkled with such names as Temple, Flagler, Rollins, Rochester, West Virginia, Amherst, MIT and Harvard. And

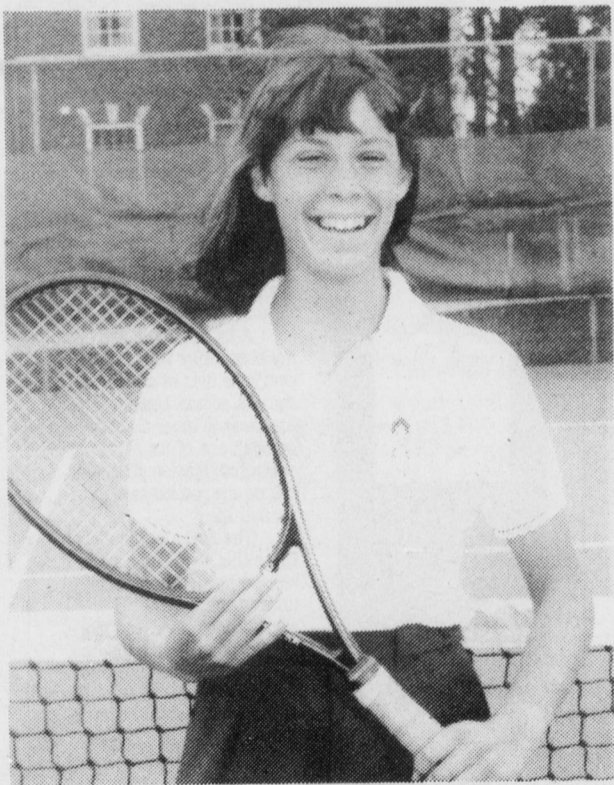
who can forget that from nearer home is the always-tough Atlantic Christian, ranked No. 4 in the NAIA this year.

Winner of the fall Quaker Classic with victories over Washington & Lee, East Carolina and William & Mary, Guilford has two nationally ranked players in junior Adam Neilly of Pittsburgh, PA, at No. 17 and senior Markku Salokannel of Oulu, Finland, at No. 31. Junior Nick Demetriades of Haddonfield, NJ, came on particularly strong during the fall season.



"Although we face a challenging schedule, we hope to be a strong contender for both Carolinas Conference and NAIA District 26 championships," Coach Alley says. "We feel that we are capable of being ranked nationally in the top ten, and our goal is to qualify for the NAIA tournament in late spring."

The Quakers will host the Conference tournament April 5-6 and the District tournament April 19-22.




Jennifer Friend battles for top seed.

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