

Guilford Football Ends 2-8 Season

by John Lilly

Guilford College head football coach Charles Forbes "couldn't fault the effort" of his team as the Quakers completed a disappointing 2-8 season with a 56-13 loss to the Elon Fightin' Christians.

The November 14th game at Armfield Athletic Center saw the end of the college careers of eight seniors, among them quarterback Jeff Schreiber, quarterback/punter Donnie Redmon, kicker Rick Herring, running back Wayne Shepherd, offensive linemen Marc Scott and Kamus McNair, linebacker Charles Arrington, and defensive back Todd Kreuter.

Despite Guilford's losing record, which broke a string of seven consecutive non-losing seasons, several Quakers had good seasons and the team's youth would seem to indicate that the future is bright.

On offense, Schreiber completed nearly 47% of his passes for 1,154 yards. Junior Cedric Ellison paced the ground attack with 595 yards and five touchdowns. Shepherd was injured for much of the season, but finished his career by running for 206

yards and scoring two touchdowns in the final two games of the season.

Guilford will return all of its receivers in 1988. This group was led in 1987 by right end Rick Nichols, who caught 23 passes. Justin Skwara had 19 receptions, and Greg Despres and Frank Granack caught 13 and 12 passes, respectively. The offensive line will miss Scott and McNair who paved the way for many of Guilford's 2,842 net yards in 1987.

On defense, the good news is that Guilford will have ten of its eleven starters back in 1988. The bad news is that the one 1987 starter who will not be back is Charles Arrington. He led the team in total tackles, making 43 solos and assisting on 47 more, and he was also first in sacks (6) and fumble recoveries (3). Another linebacker, Daniel Cole, had 48 solo tackles, 29 assists and 3 sacks.

On the defensive line, Scott Biesecker, David Harlowe and Brad Gwinn were all new to their positions, but each showed improvement as the season progressed.

The defensive backfield was led by cornerbacks Mike Thomas and Mike

Green. Thomas intercepted one pass and broke up seven others, while Green broke up five passes and recovered two fumbles. Free safety

made First-Team; Marc Scott, Rick Herring and Daniel Cole were on the Second-Team; and Cedric Ellison and Charles Arrington made Honorable

Mention.

The Quakers now face the task of putting 1987 behind them and beginning a new streak of non-losing seasons in 1988.



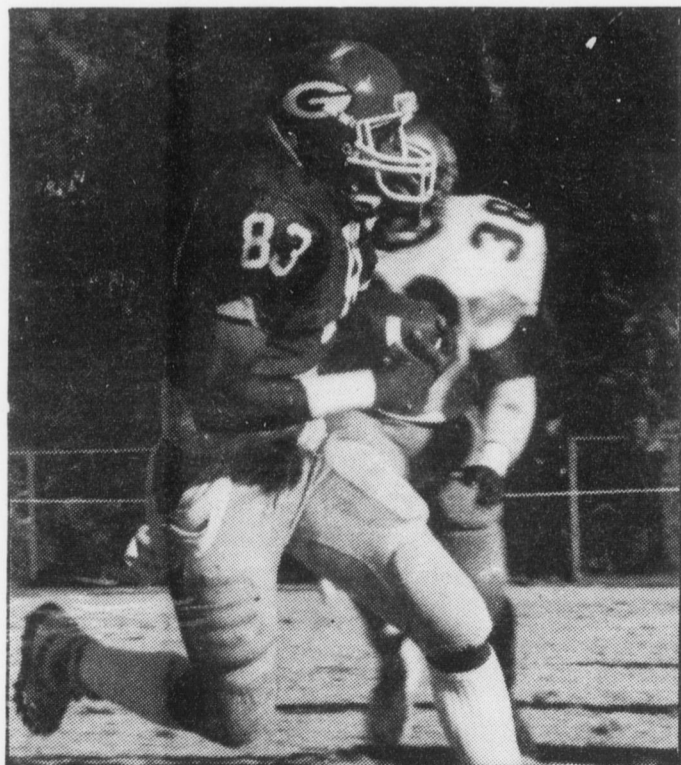
Andre Brody takes down a Christian.

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David Hopkins led the team in interceptions with two. Strong safety Steve Mason had 32 solo tackles and 31 assists, placing him third on the team in total tackles.

The Quakers must find replacements for punter Redmon and kicker Herring. Redmon averaged 35.6 yards per punt. Herring scored 43 points and made seven total tackles on the kick-off team.

Many of these stand-out performances did not go unnoticed, as indicated by the fact that Guilford placed six players on the 1987 NAIA All-District 26 Football Team. Offensive guard Kamus McNair



Brad France gains yardage.

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Jay Vannoy finds his target.

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