

Profile: Chris Jenkins

by Linda Kreem

As the men's soccer team looks back on this year's losses, perhaps one of the greatest is the loss of senior Chris Jenkins.

Jenkins, a forward from Chatham, New Jersey, has been co-captain for the past two years, as well as the team's "most valuable offensive player," says goalie Barry Fullman. Jenkins scored ten goals this past season -- more than anyone else on the team. He also had ten assists.

But when his teammates speak of him, they say more about Chris Jenkins the person than Chris Jenkins the player. "He's a good friend," emphasizes Tony Rosica, a junior midfielder. "He's there for everybody," agrees Fullman. "He was someone the other guys could look up to."

And being there for everybody is what Chris says he enjoyed most about this past season. "I really enjoyed the guys on the team," he says; and while he describes the season as "really frustrating from a soccer perspective," he says. The experience of watching the team come together on a personal level was rewarding.

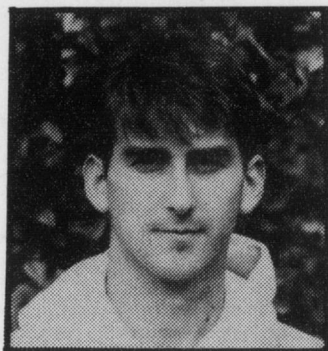
Jenkins, who has been playing soccer since he was six, also played lacrosse and ran track in high school. He says there were times when he wished he could have played lacrosse at Guilford, but in college, "balancing two sports and academics is a little too much," he says.

Academics, for Jenkins, means mostly religion, which is his major, and psychology, his minor. He has considered going on to get a master's degree in psychology, saying that his main interest is in tying his two fields of study together.

"I think there's spirituality in psychology; psychology can only go so far unless it admits some aspects of religion." For instance, he says psychology cannot ignore the role he feels

spirituality plays in mental healing.

While not certain about his career goals, Chris says he might like to be a counselor of some sort. Or, he says, "I'd love to be a soccer coach some day,"



Chris Jenkins

photo by Carol Irwin

(with emphasis on the some day.)

Aside from soccer and studies, Chris also plays guitar and sings. He writes a lot of his own material.

"I like to play as much of my own stuff as I can. I think people get kind of tired of hearing other people's stuff." He says he likes music "that tries to reveal something."

"I try to do that," he says. "I don't know that I do that, but I try."

Such modesty about his talents, be they athletic, academic, or musical, is an integral part of his personality. "He's very down-to-earth," says Fullman. "He's friendly, and he's very easy to get along with."

His friendly nature combines with his diverse interests to make Jenkins "super cool, and really neat-o too," as one student describes him. Jenkins responded characteristically on hearing that comment. One corner of his mouth turned up as he rolled his eyes and turned his head away.

"Who said that?" asked Chris. "And can I find him and pay him?"

Volleyball Defeats Rival Catawba

by Scott Genualdi

The volleyball team followed the Yellow Brick Road destined for Kansas, but were swept off the path by High Point in the District 26 final.

The fourth-seeded Quaker Squad arrived in Catawba to play the top-seeded Indians. In a thrilling match on Friday, November 4th, Guilford avenged two previous losses to Catawba by winning 5-15, 10-15, 15-12, 15-4, 15-12. Last year the Indians bumped the Quakers from the Districts while earlier this season Guilford fell to Catawba in three straight games.

"Revenge was sweet against Catawba," stated Coach Gayle Currie. "They played hard and well. As the match entered the third game, we got some breaks and the momentum shifted in our favor."

The one hundred spectators who traveled to Salisbury boosted the team's morale. Currie commented on their participation, saying, "they were great. The match turned up to be a fan contest, our devoted fans against their football players." The rally was led by Holly Rotalsky and Lisa Rockett, both

of whom had an excellent tournament.

Currie cited the Catawba match as the biggest accomplishment of the season. "The girls showed super effort." Currie said, "It was the best example of human determination I have seen. This match will always be remembered."

The team started their High Point match one half hour after the grueling match with Catawba. High Point's semifinal victory over St. Andrew's took four games in much shorter time than the Guilford-Catawba semifinal. Emotionally and physically drained, the Quakers lost in four games 15-9, 9-15, 15-9, 15-11.

Currie was not pleased with the tournament committee's decision to hold both the semifinals and finals within four hours.

"I believe it was extremely poor scheduling in the tournament on their part," Currie said. "Two teams had the potential of playing ten games in a short period of time. They could have planned this tournament over two days or have put the semifinals in the morning and the finals in the

evening."

Rockett, Rotalsky, Suzanne Zaiser, and Heather Kennedy were selected to the All-Tournament team for their outstanding play.

The Quakers finished with a 23-7 record. Rockett earned All-District honors for her third consecutive year. "I'm proud of that selection," stated Currie, "but I'm disappointed on the oversight of Holly by the District coaches."

Overall, the team had a very successful season. They bettered their 21-9 record from last year and placed second in the District Tournament. Over the fall break, they won the Gallaudet Tournament.

"This was a very good year," Currie concluded, "I'm disappointed that we did not make the Nationals. I am sure that would have given the freshmen a taste of excellent volleyball and of course I feel for the two seniors who added so much to this team. I am proud of all our accomplishments."

Guilford's volleyball squad will not travel to Kansas this year. Their efforts, however, were much more successful on Tobacco Road than on the Yellow Brick Road.

Athletic Fields Have Brighter Days Ahead

by Kathy Corcoran

Early this summer, Guilford College began a grounds improvement project to solve its growing problems with the athletic fields behind the Frazier Apartments and Dana Houses.

By next fall, there will be two new fields there, as well as a new irrigation system under the entire area, according to Grounds Manager Bill Scott.

The project is a response to the increasing needs of the intramural program and the YMCA. Because of such fast growth in both of these aspects of the college, a task force was assigned to examine their needs as well as the growth potential of Guilford's intercollegiate sports program.

The decision that more field space was needed came at an opportune time, Scott said, because costs are being cut by use of the extra dirt from Guilford's library construction.

The major benefit for the school will be the fact that the fields are all on one level. This will allow the intramural teams and the YMCA to divide up the area into fields of different sizes according to their changing needs.

"This will allow for maximum utilization of our space, which is why we're doing this," Scott said. "When it's all done, it's going to be a positive change for everyone."

However, everyone on campus does not agree with that right now. Athletic Director Alan Platt is curious as to "what

they're doing over there. The fields are sloping down end to end, and you can't play soccer or lacrosse on a field like that."

According to Platt, communication about the progress of the field has not been very open, and his input as Athletic Director has been minimal.

The fields will not be available for play until next fall, and during that time, the 10 acres of land will undergo a series of efforts to improve the quality of grass.

Currently, the area is being graded. When this is finished in December, winter rye grass will be planted in order to stabilize the soil through the winter.

The most important step in

the process, according to Scott, will come in early spring. At this time, Scott will put an irrigation system throughout the entire area. "Our problem with the fields now is not that the grass isn't good, it's the lack of water," Scott said. "This will make a big difference."

Vamont bermuda grass will be planted in the spring to give Guilford a total of nine high-quality athletic fields, according to Scott.

However, Platt foresees problems unless the first step of leveling the ground is done correctly. If and when it is, though, he anticipates that it will be a beneficial change for the sports program as a whole.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

- Wednesday, Nov. 16 - Women's Basketball v. Bennett Home at 6:00.
- Nov 18, 19, 10 - Women's Basketball - Catawba Tournament
- Saturday, Nov. 19 - Men's Basketball v. Pfeiffer Away

SCOREBOARD

- Friday, Nov. 4 - Women's Volleyball - District 26 Tournament
Lady Quakers 3, Catawba 2
High Point 3, Lady Quakers 1
- Saturday, Nov. 5 - Football 14, Catawba 45



New athletic fields

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