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Against Newport, the Good News Continues for Guilford

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The Quakers football team continued their winning ways last Saturday by defeating the Newport News Apprentice School 20-17.

The 4-0 start is the best beginning for the Crimson and Gray since 1984 when they started 6-0.

Coach Charles Forbes led his team onto the field at Armfield Athletic Center donning a tie on game day for the first time in recent memory. The knot seemed tighter at halftime as the Quakers trailed 7-6.

The first half Guilford touchdown came in the first quarter on a short Calvin Hunter scramble. Bron Thompson set up the touchdown with a 32-yard jaunt down the right sideline. Thompson finished the afternoon with 116 yards on 15 carries.

The Quaker defense played tough in the first half; forcing Newport News to punt on its first 4 possessions.

Two fumbles and a missed field goal by the Builders also hurt their effort.

James Collier, Guilford's leading tackler (31) for the season, was somewhat disappointed however, with the defensive performance saying, "They shouldn't have scored 17 points on us." The Builders were averaging just over 6 points a contest coming into the game.

A 95-yard pass play from Russel Pantak to Brian Gasden in the third quarter

boosted their total offense as well as their scoring average.

David Harlowe, assistant defensive line coach for the Quakers said the defense had some letdowns but made some adjustments and came through strong when necessary. Harlowe also noted that the defensive line put great pressure on Pantak, resulting in 5 Quaker sacks.

Along with the deep Newport News pass, the third quarter also included a milestone for Calvin Hunter. The junior quarterback threw an 18-yard strike to John Smart for a score and a record. With 19

career touchdown passes, Hunter exceeds former Quaker Jay Vannoy's career effort by one.

Smart said, "I wasn't sure where I was when I caught the pass, but I'm glad I was in the end zone and contributed to the victory."

Hunter felt the offense could've performed much better, saying, "We were just slack." Calvin finished 13-24 for 166 yards before leaving at the end of the third quarter with a knee injury.

Coach Forbes said, "It was an ugly win,

but good teams have to win those, too." He continued, "Against a stronger team, four lost fumbles and 85 yards in penalties won't bring us a victory."

The Quakers sealed the 4-0 start with a Dent Guarino run of six yards and Thompson's 2-point conversion. Guarino compiled 53 yards on 11 attempts to continue leading the team in rushing.

Andy Ragan summed up the Newport News game by saying, "We played well enough to win, but we must improve and play exceptional to win this week against Ferrum."



Bron Thompson taught the Apprentice School how to run Sat. with 116 yards rushed/photo by Charles Almy

Move to NCAA Division III Leaves Lambert Behind

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David Lambert, last year's second seed on the men's tennis team, will not be competing this season.

Due to Guilford's move from the NAIA to NCAA Division III, Lambert would not be able to receive a \$5,000 athletic scholarship if he were to compete for the Quakers this spring.

"You have to go back to 1986, when Guilford College began to be serious about its move to the NCAA in Division III," said Dr. J. Phillip Roach, the school's athletic director. "At that time, the coaching staff was apprised that we were going to be making a move and that we were no longer going to be giving scholarships [based on athletic performance]."

Lambert was given a different impression.

"Before I came here, Ray Alley [then the men's tennis coach] sent me a letter promising me that I could get the [athletic] grant for four years," Lambert said. "What happens is that they are renegeing on their promise - and Dr. Roach actually said that."

Roach also said that there were other

options available for Lambert.

"Alley said that David's scholarship would probably not be affected because there are other ways to give money to students, and that was a true statement," Roach said. "The NCAA Division III has ruled that you can no longer use athletic ability or participation as a criterion for giving scholarship money, but he could have applied for financial aid or looked into a loan possibility."

The athletic department sent a letter to the Lambert family last December, explaining the circumstances.

"We told them the scenario — that several athletes were going to get caught in the crack [switching to the NCAA Division III]," Roach said.

Those several athletes turned out to be eight, seven of which resolved their monetary problem. Lambert was the only unresolved case.

"Some filed for financial aid, some for need, and some of them got governmental grants," Roach said. "We got it worked out with all of them but [Lambert]."

The only difference with Lambert, according to the athletic department, was that he did not get active in the process.

"We kept waiting," said Roach. "It was

August 14 before his dad called the financial aid office and said that 'David is not going to play tennis—I want that money.'"

Lambert saw himself with two options—take the money and forego his last season of eligibility at Guilford or find some way to make up for the lost scholarship.

"They should have set up some kind of way so that we could get the money and be able to play by transferring the athletic grant into some other kind of grant," Lambert said.

"My dad didn't want me to pay an extra

\$5,000 for me to play one extra season of tennis, so he took the option of me not playing and getting the money instead," Lambert said. "I wanted to play this year, not only for the team's sake, but for myself, too."

Obviously the switch to NCAA has caused problems, but blame can legitimately be shared by both sides. Regardless of blame, the fact still remains that David Lambert will not be allowed to play tennis this year — he will miss out on his senior season... and so will Guilford.

Quakers Beat Pembroke, L. R.

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The Quaker volleyball team finished a roller coaster week Wednesday night by defeating Lenoir Rhyne 15-4, 15-6 at Ragan Brown field house. Guilford began the week with a convincing 15-6, 15-5 victory over Pembroke at Elon's tri-match, but lost to the host team 11-15, 16-14, 15-7 Tuesday and to Davidson 15-5, 15-7 early Thursday.

Beginning the week, Coach Gayle Currie was "real pleased with how we came

into the match" against Pembroke. The Quakers were smooth from the outset, playing intense, hard-hitting volleyball.

Heather Kennedy (5 kills for 10 attempts), Laura Klingseisen (6 for 12), and Brenda Davis (5 for 11) were efficient on offense, committing just 5 attack errors combined.

"That's like having three players in double figures in basketball," Currie said. Guilford looked good going into the

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