Guilford, Unbeaten in ODAC, Falls to Duke

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The Quaker mens' soccer ran their unbeaten streak to five games last week with a 1-0 victory over Hampden-Sydney before losing to Duke University 5-1. With the victory over the Tigers, Guilford remained unbeaten in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference at 2-0-2.

Hampden-Sydney entered the game as the highest scoring team in the ODAC and was tied for first place with Virginia Wesleyan. The Quaker defense continued to play well, holding the high-powered offense to just 4 shots on goal and 9 total shots.

Goalkeeper Will Grimes said of the defensive play, "The defense played excellent. Nat Havholm took charge in the back and Scott Saxton, who was filling in for Scott Haymond, shut his man down completely."

With the score tied 0-0 at halftime, Coach Goldsmith had to make adjustments to counter the Tiger off-side trap. The Quakers started to attack the trap and make runs from the defense.

Ben Lewis scraps with a Tiger/photo by Carrie Hanover

The adjustments paid off in the 63rd minute when Trevor Pace broke free outside the box and knocked a shot off the goal post. Jason Wolff took a shot off of the rebound which was deflected by the Tiger goalie to Ron Wimberly, who calmly put the Quakers ahead 1-0.

Although the Quakers outshot the Tigers 16-9, the Crimson and Gray failed to attack after taking the lead.

Coach Goldsmith feels that his team plays best when they attack both offensively and defensively and feels that the Quakers need to attack for all 90 minutes to be successful.

Duke University ended the Quaker unbeaten streak at five with a 5-1 victory last Wednesday. The Blue Devils used their superior team speed and ball control to take a 4-0 halftime lead.

"We came out nervous and it showed in the first half," stated Goldsmith after the game.

The Quakers settled down in the second half. Trevor Pace put the Crimson and Gray on the score board in the 57th minute off of an indirect free kick from 25 yards out.

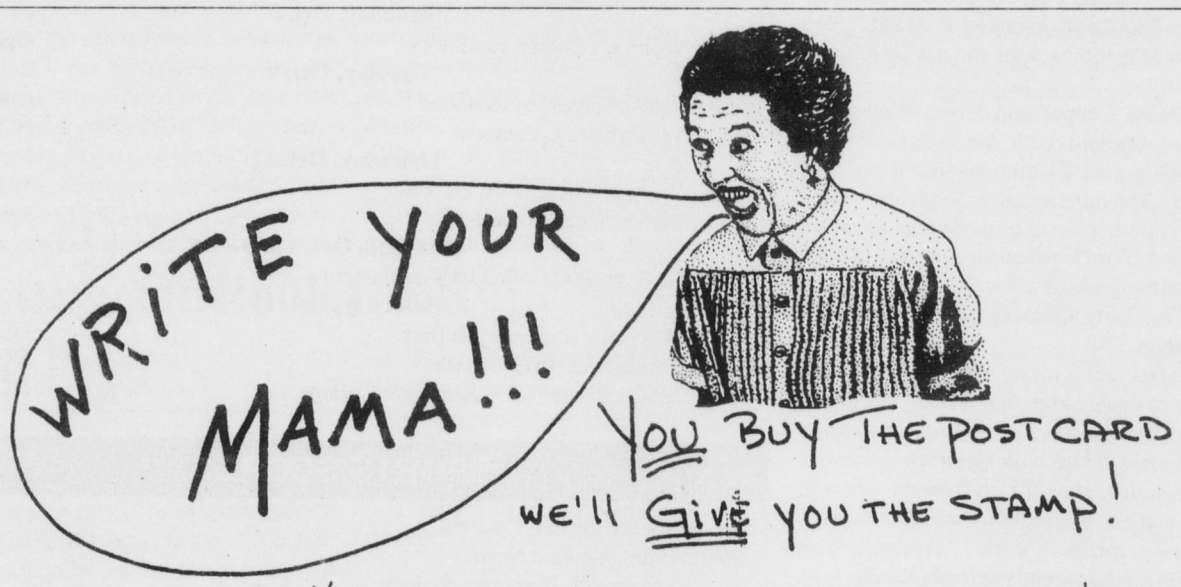
Charlie Johannes stepped over the ball as Wimberly laid it to the right of the wall where Pace ran onto it and rocketed a shot into the top right corner. The Duke keeper was able to get a hand on the shot but couldn't deflect it wide of the goal.

The goal was Trevor's team-leading third of the season.

The game was attended by approximately 100 loyal Guilford fans. "We would like to thank everyone who made the trip to Duke and we appreciate all of the noise you made. It felt like we were playing a home game," said Goldsmith.

Freshman goalie Chris Reed replaced Will Grimes for the second half, making three saves. The loss dropped Grimes' record to 3-1-2. Grimes became the starter when Lance Anthony broke his nose against Lenoir-Rhyne.

Guilford played Methodist, ranked 18th in NCAA Division III, this past Saturday. This week the Quakers will put their unbeaten ODAC record on the line against Roanoke on Tuesday. The Quakers defeated the Maroons 1-0 last season. The Quakers will travel to Elon on Thursday and return home for a Saturday game with Washington College.



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