

Sports Shorts

A quick look inside
athletics at Guilford and
beyond

Butch Maier

HOME SWEEP HOME: The Quaker baseball team won all three of its games at Guilford this week to improve to 7-6. Look right.

WAD'S WISDOM: In his column packed with the latest in sports news, Mike Waddell speaks his mind. Look to the bottom of this page.

REVERSAL: Guilford avenged the last-second defeat it suffered to Roanoke 11-10 in men's lacrosse last year by winning in overtime by the same score Wednesday. The 3-2 Quakers hit the road this week. See this page.

TIME FOR "BUSY-NESS": The Lady Quaker lacrosse team began a stretch of four games in six days on Wednesday. See page 11.

CANNONBALL: Freshman Cannon Morgan shot a 75 Monday... and he's still learning the game. For a feature on this golfer, see page 11.

EXPECT NOTHING: No one can control what others think you should accomplish. And great expectations can bring big letdowns when they go unfulfilled because of hype or injury. Bo knows. See page 12.

SUPER SCRUMMERS: The Guilford Rugby Club is 4-0 and looking for its shot in the state tournament in April. See page 12.

LONG TIME NO PLAY: The men's tennis team doesn't meet another opponent before visiting Averette April 7. The next home match of the Quakers is against Methodist, April 10 at 2:30 p.m.

NIGHT SHIFT

In a match that ran from 3 p.m. last Friday until after 10, the Guilford women's tennis team defeated 11th ranked Lander College 5-4 for its biggest regular season win of the year.

After the top two lady Quaker singles players, Jill Daly and Emily King, lost a couple of intense matches, the other four seeds: Heidi Meroth, Cari Peterson, Terri Mancuso and Heather Kennedy, swept through their contests and Guilford was up 4-2 heading into doubles play.

The top two Lady Quaker duos took losses, so it was up to Peterson and Kennedy, playing in just their sixth match together, to pull out the win. Down 5-2 in the third set, Peterson and Kennedy rallied for a 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 triumph.

Guilford, 9-0, hosts Wingate Tuesday and Winthrop Thursday at 3 p.m. For an interview of Peterson, see page 11.

SPORTS

Quakers Blast Hampden-Sydney 15-6

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Behind an offensive assault that featured four home runs, the Guilford baseball team defeated Hampden-Sydney 15-6 Wednesday for its third straight victory, all at home. The win was costly though, as three Quaker players suffered injuries in the contest.

After having lost a lead in late innings during a ballgame with Hampden-Sydney three weeks earlier, Guilford's Head Coach Robert Fulton was relieved to be comfortable ahead in the ninth Wednesday.

"We've had trouble with close leads, so it was good to have a comfortable lead going into the last inning," Fulton said.

One dinger each by four different players led the charge for the Quakers, 7-6. Mike Charlson, Chris Redmon, Scott Stier, and Todd Taylor all smashed blasts, Taylor's shot being a grand slam. But this team doesn't live or die by the big swing—before the game Wednesday, every player in the Guilford starting lineup was batting .300 or better.



Tony Smith fires home during his win over H-S/photo by Joan Malloch

Even in victory, the Quakers suffered. Outfielder/shortstop Shane Handy dislocated a shoulder and is lost for the season. Centerfielder Bron Thompson will be out for a game or two with a severely bruised hand. And Tony Smith, the ace of Guilford's staff, at 3-0, is listed as day-to-day with an injured arm.

"With two of those injuries, our outfield was decimated," Fulton said. "We'll really miss Shane this season. Clarence Inscore stepped in and got two hits to take

a little bit of the strain off, but the loss of Shane was a tough one."

The Quakers make up a game Monday before hosting Salisbury State Tuesday at 3 p.m. and visiting Lynchburg Friday.

"Our goal is to stay above .500, but I don't know if that is a possibility," Fulton said. "Our schedule coming up is not easy. At least three of our next four games should be tough."

"We need good pitching to keep us going the way we are."

Guilford to Be Challenged by W&L

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The men's lacrosse team faces a difficult challenge this week when they travel to sixth-ranked Washington & Lee on Wednesday. The game against the Generals follows two difficult matches where the Quakers defeated eleventh-ranked

Roanoke last Tuesday before travelling to 17th-ranked Hampden-Sydney on Saturday.

Currently, Washington & Lee is 5-1 with their only defeat coming to the Number 1 team in Division I, Virginia. Guilford coach Mark Goldsmith is impressed by the General's play.

"I saw them play during our spring break

and they were good," he said. "But they are a lot better than when I saw them play."

Goldsmith had similar words to say about the Hampden-Sydney Tigers.

"We will have to play at the top of our game to beat them," he said. "Last year they defeated us 11-10 after we had a 8-3 lead so you never know how the game will turn out."

Last week, the Quakers defeated Roanoke in overtime, 11-10, after finishing second in the inaugural Guilford Lax Jamboree with a 23-15 victory over St. Mary's and a 16-15 overtime defeat to Wooster.

"We did not play too well against Roanoke," said Goldsmith. "But we showed heart and guts."

"We had a couple of guys who don't normally play too much, Mike Donny and Rich Kane, come off the bench and do what was asked of them," Goldsmith continued.

"I was happy to see the guys, especially the [defenders], pick up their intensity," said Goldsmith. "Offensively we struggled but their goalie is an All-American. Beating a team when you don't play well is encouraging."

In the Guilford tournament, the Quakers were faced with a 12-9 halftime deficit against St. Mary's. In the second half Guilford exploded with 14 goals while allowing only three. Goldsmith compares the half with last year's senior-dominated



Mike
Waddell

Big news in the world of sports this week includes the possible end of the career of two-sport marvel Bo Jackson. It seems as if the injury suffered last football season was more serious than originally diagnosed.

One interesting sidebar to this story is the reporter who first suspected that the injury was more than routine. O.J. Simpson, the heralded former Heisman Trophy winner who has been maligned during his career as a journalist, said in a segment of NBC's "NFL Live" before the Raider's last game during the playoffs that Jackson's hip was much worse than the Raiders were letting on.

Cheers to O.J. on the report, and double jeers to the Royals for letting Bo go. The

Kansas City management was fully aware of the possibility of Bo getting hurt while pursuing his extraordinary career, yet when the man who brought them fans in the stands and money in the pocket got hurt, they abandoned him.

Not that Bo really needs the \$2.3 million from the Royals, but I'm sure that he is hurt by their apparent lack of loyalty to the All-Star. If Bo had gotten hurt in baseball, I don't feel as if Al Davis would have sent him walking.

The Raiders are a family—the Royals, on the other hand, are a team in shambles.

On the lighter side, the NCAA Final Four is coming up this weekend, and as of press time, the field of 16 is still intact. My picks for the teams which will be making the trip to Indianapolis are probably a lot different than others, but I thought I'd pick my Fab Four with a flair of Cinderella—Oklahoma State (East), Indiana (South-

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