

Guilford moves to 8-1 in ODAC

Courtesy Sports Information

Despite a rash of injuries to top players, Guilford's women's basketball team came back strong to win two close Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) games last week.

On January 28, the Quakers beat Randolph-Macon Woman's College for the second time this season, 55-54. On February 1, Guilford led all the way and defeated Emory & Henry College 66-61.

The Quakers are now 12-6 overall, 8-1 in the ODAC West Division.

Senior forwards Laura Klingseisen and Deana Pingley, both starters, missed the Randolph-Macon Woman's game because of injuries suffered in the Quaker's loss to Bridgewater last week. Without those two, Guilford struggled against a Wildcat team that it had beaten by 47 points on January 21.

But sophomore center Brenda Davis had another outstanding game for the Quakers, scoring 21 points, including the winning basket in the last ten seconds, and pulling down nine rebounds.

Against Emory & Henry, the Quakers built a 13-point halftime lead only to see the Wasps come to within three with four minutes remaining. Once again Davis performed in the clutch, scoring six straight points, with four of those coming on putbacks of offensive rebounds. The Wasps missed four shots in the last 1:45 to help the Quakers to

their eighth conference win of the year.

The two Guilford wins set up a key showdown with Roanoke College last Tuesday. The Maroons lead the ODAC West with an 8-0 record, and the game most likely settled the top seed from the west in the ODAC Tournament later on in February.

Tonight, the Quakers entertain a good Hollins College team at Ragan-Brown Fieldhouse at 7 p.m. Guilford escaped with a 47-40 win in Roanoke, Va. on January 18.

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Quaker Notes: The Quakers have relied on strong defense this season, limiting their opponents to only 59.8 points per game, third in the ODAC....Guilford is a pretty good rebounding team, pulling down 2.3 more than its opponents....Brenda Davis has risen to second in the ODAC in scoring and rebounding and is likely to stay there for awhile. She is scoring 18.5 points per game and pulling down 10.9 rebounds....Davis is second in the league in field goal percentage while Deana Pingley is fourth in free throw percentage....Guilford has hit only one three-pointer all year, that one by Carolyn Doss against Christopher Newport....Guilford looks to be in good shape for a top-two seed and home court advantage in the ODAC Tournament first round. The Quaker's nearest rival in the West Division is Lynchburg, which is two games back. Guilford plays the Hornets at home in the penultimate game of the season.

Guilford Women's Basketball Leaders

As of February 3

Player	Points	Player	Rebounds
Davis	18.5	Davis	10.9
Pingley	11.5	Klingseisen	4.9
Doss	9.9	Pingley	4.7
Klingseisen	8.1	Herring	4.4
Herring	6.7	Shotwell	3.4

Player	Assists
Klingseisen	3.0
Doss	2.8
McCoy	1.7
Pingley	1.3
Shotwell	0.7

Sports Quote of the Week

"I did not know that."

—Chris Myers, ESPN Commentator

Quakers trounce Randolph-Macon, but suffer two defeats

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The Guilford men's basketball team was looking forward to a home stand of three Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) games last week, but the Greensboro contests turned into disappointment as the Quakers dropped two by a total of six points.

The Quakers lost to Lynchburg 77-75 in overtime on January 28. Last Saturday, Guilford finally got a big win in beating Randolph-Macon College 70-48. Returning for a Sunday game, the Quakers gave away a 71-67 game to Virginia Wesleyan College.

Guilford is now 9-8 overall, 5-6 in the ODAC.

Guilford has had trouble winning the close games this season, and that tendency was evident last week. Against Lynchburg, the Quakers had the Hornets on the ropes in the closing minutes, only to miss six of 11 free throws down the stretch. That allowed Lynchburg to send the game into overtime with a three-pointer with four seconds left.

During a nip-and-tuck overtime, Hornet forward Daryle Dooms hit a layup with 18 seconds remaining, leaving Guilford with plenty of time to score. The Quakers never took a shot, turning the ball over as time ran out, and handing Lynchburg the win.

The Quakers routed Randolph-Macon on Saturday, extending a 15-point halftime lead to as much as 26 before winning by 22.

Guilford held the Yellow Jackets to only 28 percent (15 of 53) from the field and outbounded Randolph-Macon 42-26.

Senior forward Brad McCorkle had 15 points to lead Guilford while sophomore guard Andre Ricketts had 14.

Virginia Wesleyan entered as one of the top three teams in the league but may have been ripe for an upset after enduring a long road trip and losing to Emory & Henry the day before. It certainly looked that way, as Guilford took control late in the first half and led by as many as five throughout the second.

The Marlins hit two three-pointers in the last four minutes to get back in the game, and then took a 69-67 lead with one minute to go on a Scott Spruill offensive rebound and score.

That minute left plenty of time for the Quakers to tie it up, but they committed three straight turnovers, failing to take advantage of two Marlin turnovers. Guilford was forced to foul in the closing seconds, and two Virginia Wesleyan free throws provided the final four-point margin.

The Quakers faced a tough Hampden-Sydney team Wednesday. The Tigers beat Guilford 73-72 in overtime in Greensboro on January 9.

Guilford returns home tomorrow to play Washington & Lee at Ragan-Brown Fieldhouse. Game time begins at 7:30 p.m.

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Quaker Notes: The Quakers have played some close games this year, and are 5-5 in games decided by five points or less. In the ODAC, however, Guilford is only 1-4 in those games, the lone win coming in a 98-94 overtime win over Emory & Henry....Guilford is now 1-2 in overtime games in 1991-92.... The Quakers have seven remaining ODAC games, and five of those are against the top-five teams in the league. After travelling to Hampden-Sydney, which is tied for first with a 9-3 record, the Quakers must play at Emory & Henry, also 9-3, at Virginia Wesleyan (7-3), and then host Bridgewater (9-3) and Roanoke (7-5)....The only breathers appear to be next Saturday's game against Washington & Lee and a February 15 game at Randolph-Macon....Paul Ferrell remains the top free throw shooter (90.9 percent) and assist man (5.4 average) in the ODAC. Last week, he was ranked third nationally in NCAA Division III in free throw shooting....Brad McCorkle was eighth in the ODAC last week in scoring, while Ferrell was 12th....McCorkle is also accurate at the line, and was ranked fifth in the conference last week. As a team, the Quakers are shooting 72.9 percent from the foul line....Michael Wright has picked up his game in the last four contests. The senior forward has averaged 13 points and 6.5 rebounds since an 18-point win over Eastern Mennonite a week ago.

Guilford Men's Basketball Leaders

Player	Points
McCorkle	16.3
Ferrell	14.1
Ricketts	11.8
Wright	10.4
Brown	7.8
Player	Rebs.
Wright	5.9
Brown	4.7
McCorkle	4.5
Ricketts	3.6
Jackson	3.0
Player	Assists
Ferrell	5.4
Ricketts	2.8
McCorkle	2.1
Wright	1.5
Sanford	1.3