

Despite 'ugly' play, men's lacrosse wins 3 of 4

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"That was UGLY" were the words Coach Goldsmith used to describe his team's loss to Lynchburg. "In my three years here we've NEVER played as bad as we did in that game."

When asked about his team's much-improved second half performance, he replied, "What does a good second half matter when you're down 8-1 after the first five minutes of the game? In the four games that we have most recently played, three and a half of those we played with an almost nonexistent defense."

The men's lacrosse team, however, can be proud that they have gone 3-1 in their last four games. No matter how ugly, the Lynchburg game was their only loss since April 8 when the series began.

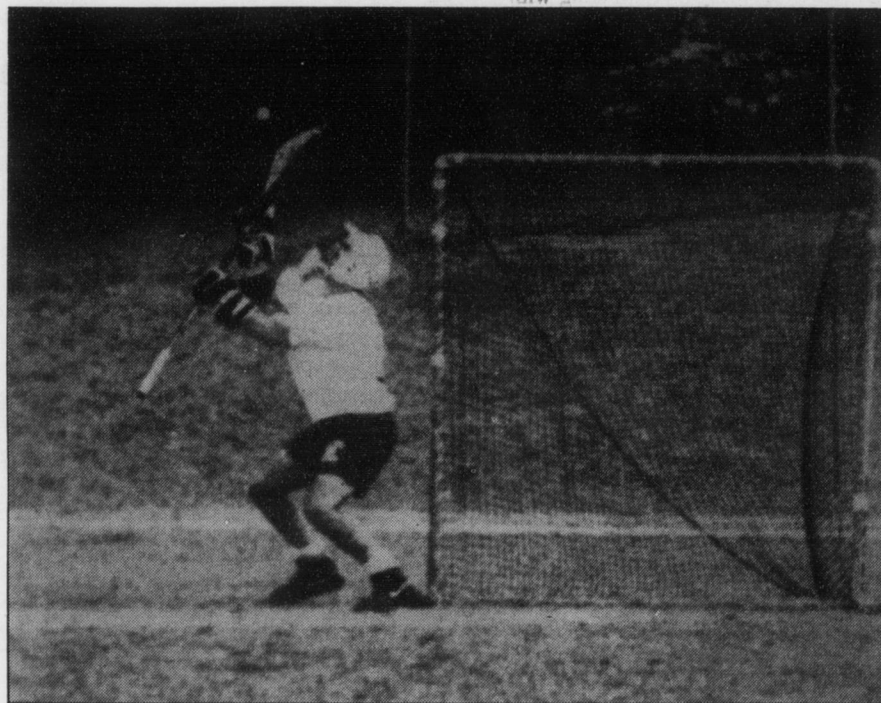
The Quakers played crosstown rival Greensboro College April 8. The Quakers won 19-13. Matt Parker scored five goals and contributed one assist, while Jamie Kittelberger had three goals and four assists. David Brown finished the day with four goals, while Kenny Saums put in three goals and helped out with two assists. Chris Lang threw in two goals and had three assists. Ousmane Greene added one goal and one assist, while Alex Gorman also added a goal. Goalie George Bullock had 18 saves; 11 of those came in the second half.

"That game started off slow," said Daryle Bost. "The defense was clicking. I don't think we played very well that game. The only thing I remember is that they were talking junk."

Against Virginia Wesleyan April 11, the Quakers won by a margin of ten with a 23-13 score. Leading scorers for Guilford were Saums with seven goals and two assists, Kittelberger added another seven goals and an assist, Brown put in four goals and lead

added an assist.

On April 15 it was D-Day. The Quakers lost to Lynchburg by an "ugly" score of 20-15. "The defense was nonexistent," said Bost. Scorers were Brown with four goals and three assists, Greene with two goals and



Goalie George Bullock recovers the ball.

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the team with four assists, and Mattie Parker gave out three assists and added a goal. Players having one goal and one assist were Boonin, Lang, Greene, and Varge. Ferraro

one assist, and Kittelberger with one goal and an assist. Bullock had 19 saves.

"We got there late," said Bost. The game was supposed to start at 3:30, but we got

there around 4:00. We warmed up for only ten or fifteen minutes. We got pumped up to play quickly. That may have hurt us, because we weren't quite ready to play. After they started scoring we thought we could still come back, but we had dug a hole too deep for ourselves."

The third game in the series came April 18 against Randolph-Macon. "In the second half of that game we played well defensively," said Goldsmith. "The entire team picked it up another notch. We played better all over the field."

Scoring for the Quakers was widespread throughout the team. Saums laid in five goals and had an assist, Kittelberger put in four goals and passed out two assists, both Brown and Parker put in three goals and handed out two assists, and Greene threw in four goals and lead the team with three assists. Other contributors were Boonin with two goals, McNeil with two assists, and Tully with a goal. Bullock had a nice game, finishing with 16 saves for the day.

Says Bost about the game, "It went back and forth in the first half, but in the second half we took over. Defense played better in the three previous games. Our offense really clicked. Michael Boonin really stepped up his game and Ousmane came on strong for us. We went all out; I'm sure we crushed 'em in groundballs. We wanted to dominate. We didn't let anything slip away from us."

When we asked if he wished that the men's lax team had an ODAC tourney, he had a few words to say, "This year? No, not this year. Heh! Heh! Next year I might want one. This year I'm ready to play golf."

Women's tennis struggles in NCAA Tournament

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The women's tennis team is now 15-4 overall, three of their four losses coming in the last week or so, and 8-1 in the ODAC, their only loss coming from powerhouse Washington & Lee.

Against Elon on April 8, they won 8-1. Emily King, at the top seed, Cari Peterson at second singles, #3 Terri Mancuso, #4 Jamie Campbell, and #6 Trudy Buckingham were all successful in their singles matches. The #5 spot Hanako Ibaragi fell to her opponent, but came back to win in her #3 doubles match with Buckingham. The #1 duo of King and Mancuso and the #2 duo of Peterson and Campbell were also successful at doubles.

"The Elon match was fun, but they were missing their top two spots—so we had good matches but not that tough," said Peterson.

King said, "The team was not as strong, not as deep as usual. Our #1 doubles was good competition."

The team spent April 10-12 in Atlanta at the NCAA South Regional Tournament. They had some tough competition to play

against. On April 10, they played Rhodes of Memphis, Tenn. (a school with the same enrollment as Guilford that actually costs more: \$19,500 a year). The Lady Quakers won 8-1. The next day they played University of the South, a team that is ranked 12th in NCAA Division III. They had two singles canceled due to rain. Sewanee won 5-2, but with the cancellations, the score might easily have been 5-4. King and Peterson were the only singles winners.

Against Mary Washington, the Quakers felt the increased competition. Peterson pulled out the only win, and an impressive one at that—Mary Washington is ranked first in the nation; Peterson won in straight sets: 6-2, 6-4. The #1 doubles match was not finished due to rain.

"The Atlanta trip went really well," said Mancuso. "The competition really was tough, but we had some close matches against University of the South. It was our first time this season against competition this tough. If we had more like that earlier, we might have done better."

"Now I have a very good chance," said King. "It looks promising for me [going to the nationals]. I played well against University of the South. On Sunday, I played well.

I played a 3 1/2 hour match. It was tough, and I lost it but a very close score. Overall I was happy about the weekend. We, as a team, were able to raise our games to a higher level of competition."

On April 14, the Quakers won, despite using two substitutes. Catherine Herring and Tricia Allman filled in at the number 3 doubles spot.

The Washington & Lee match on April 17 was a disappointing one for the Quakers. The ODAC title rested on the outcome of the match. W&L came out on top in the end, but not after the Quakers put up a good fight. The match lasted for six hours. In eighty-degree weather, six hours is agonizingly long for a tennis match. After the singles competition, the score was deadlocked at three. Singles winners were Peterson, Mancuso, and Ibaragi.

Peterson now holds an impressive season record of 18-0. She attributes her support group for helping her go so far. "The support has been great: my parents, Clarence [Inscore], and all the fans who come out to watch us."

After King's and Mancuso's #1 doubles match ended, the score stood at 4-3, Quakers' favor. The #3 doubles dropped their

match to W&L. The pressure intensified for Peterson and Campbell. The match went back and forth, but the duo ended up falling to W&L in a disappointing loss: 5-7, 7-5, 6-2.

"The loss was disappointing," said King, "I think we had some good clutch performances from some people. I lost, but it shouldn't affect my chances of a national berth."

Peterson said of W&L, "Compared to our other conference opponents, W&L is like night and day. We had a lot of pressure because they had been to nationals for the last 12 years in a row. They were really good, and they did beat us, but we may see 'em in the ODAC tourney."

Said Mancuso, "It was first time thing, playing them, and now we know how they play. It's disappointing, but those are the breaks—a lot of individuals had good single matches." This is Mancuso final season as a Quaker. "I'm really gonna miss it—when you start off the season you think, 'I have a whole season ahead of me,' but the next thing ya know, it's over. This year we had more team bonding because of our many away matches when we spent a lot of time together as a team."