

## Quakers hold on, win 34-20

◆ Dwayne Cherry interception late in 4th quarter seals victory over Washington & Lee for football team

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With a minute and twenty seconds remaining, things were looking very familiar to the Guilford Quaker football team.

They had taken a quick 13-0 lead in the 2nd quarter, led largely by the tremendous play of the passing game. Senior quarterbacks Dan Strelkaskas and junior Jason Hoffman split duty and were both effective, and senior receivers Junior Lord and Squirt Rochelle were once again outstanding, combining for almost 300 yards.

Then, when Washington and Lee came back and went ahead of Guilford, 14-13 and later 20-19, Guilford came back to take a 27-20 lead.

That lead seemed impenetrable when, late in the 4th quarter, junior running back John Ferrington started running the ball very successfully. Ferrington ran for 25 yards and took up 3 minutes of the clock, until getting hit for a six-yard loss with 1:20 remaining, and fumbling the ball away.

It seemed like that was all Washington and Lee would need. Their quarterback, senior Chris-

tian Batchellor, had been extremely effective all day, throwing for more than 300 yards. Batchellor made a huge 4th-down completion, and led Washington and Lee inside the 30 before the Guilford defense really stepped up.

First, Batchellor was sacked for the fifth time that game, this sack by Guilford sophomore lineman Scott Sinclair, setting up a 3rd-and-long pass play. And then the clincher was when junior defensive back Dwayne Cherry picked off his next pass and ran it all the way back for the touchdown.

Cherry's key interception was just one of several big defensive plays by the Guilford defense. Guil-

ford dominated the line game, collecting 5 sacks, including two by sophomore linebacker Idris Coleman, and a 23-yard sack by Jason Landers, who continued his outstanding play this season. Even more importantly, the secondary picked off three passes, including two goal-line interceptions by sophomore cornerback Jimmy Lamour.

The Quaker running game continued to suffer due to the injury to running back David Heggie, however, rushing for only 88 yards.

Heggie's impact was felt though. From the sidelines, he saw

what looked like a hole in the Washington and Lee defensive coverage. Heggie drew up a play to exploit that hole, and both head coach Mike Ketchum and assistant coach Calvin Hunter agreed that it would work, and called the play.

The result was a 30-yard completion from Jason Hofmann to Squirt Rochelle, putting the Quakers inside Washington and Lee territory.

It is not yet known when the next time Heggie will be able to help the team on the field, however. He is questionable for this week's game against Hampden-Sydney.



Becca Lee

Receiver/returner "Squirt" Rochelle grabbed 8 receptions for 189 yards at Washington and Lee.

## Guilford offense "squirts" it's way to victory

◆ Guilford kick returner/wide receiver Squirt Rochelle makes up for his small size with speed and agility

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"Physically he's short but he has a huge heart — he's my dog," says Shawan Gabriel about his friend William "Squirt" Rochelle, wide receiver for Guilford's football team. Rochelle is already having a spectacular season with the Quakers and is one of the strongest players on the team.

"He's the single quickest person I have ever tried to cover," said Luke Martin, Quakers' defensive back, "emphasis on 'tried!'"

"When I'm out there I try to do what I can for the team," says the modest Rochelle. "Whatever

it takes to win." Rochelle says his favorite part of the game is running offensive plays because "The other team's defense doesn't know what's coming."

While in high school, Rochelle tore his ACL and was unable to play for some time. Soon, however, he was back on the field playing the game he learned almost as soon as he could walk.

Rochelle has been playing organized football since he was five or six years old. Now in his senior year at Guilford, Rochelle understands the importance of team work. "If you're not a team, you won't win," says the Greensboro native.

Off the field, Rochelle does his

best to structure his time and stay on top of his commitments. He spends a lot of his time in his apartment off the lobby of English where he is the hall director. "The guys over here are really great," says Rochelle who likes the low-key environ-

ment in English.

As for the future, this accounting major has no current plans to continue a career in football. Instead, Rochelle hopes to be working somewhere, perhaps in an accounting firm, after graduation.

By the numbers:  
Passing - Strelkaskas  
8-23, 164 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT. Hoffman 8-12, 154 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT.  
Rushing - Ferrington 21 for 59 yards  
Receiving - Rochelle, 8 rec. for 189 yards, 1 TD. Lord 6 rec. for 103 yards, 1 TD.

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