

Guilford senior athletes cherish final seasons

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It is 5:00 p.m. on a temperate Friday evening, and as the football team trickles out of the gates of Armfield Stadium, the women's soccer team begins to congregate on the sideline ready to have their turn at practicing on the turf.

Today the team is fresh from the previous night's victory over Meredith College, which ended in a winning point for Guilford College after being tied in a stalemate for a majority of the game. Player Rachel Harman believes this auspicious point is a "good omen" for the rest of the season.

The grind of the season, however, will be the last leg of Harman's soccer career at Guilford. Even though the team has an intimidating eighteen matches looming in the upcoming fall, these games will be the

graduating seniors last few.

The athletic lifestyle can define a student's college experiences, from how to schedule their time to which friends they make.

"You literally depend on

who they are, that's what they do," said Bill Cason, head coach for cross country and track and field.

He estimates that his runners average 60 to 80 miles a week

their team?

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has gained in the entirety of her athletic experience.

"I wouldn't take anything back. I give it everything that I have all the time. I wouldn't change anything, even the mistakes. They make you stronger," said Andrews

"When I was a senior I tried to develop those friendships when I could," said former club rugby player Bryce Bjornson '10.

Instead of being severed from the team and the sport when he graduated, he now assists the team and offers experience as a way of passing the torch.

"The brotherhood continually evolves, said Bjornson."

Moving on is inevitable. Eric Lewis, women's soccer coach, has seen players come and go for the ten years he has coached at Guilford.

"They all know it's going to end," he said. "Our job is to get them here, and graduate, and grow as people."

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everyone," said Harman of her teammates.

The demanding nature is evident in other sports as well, such as cross country.

"For the kids that run, that's

for men and 30 to 50 miles for women. They also train year-round."

So how does a college athlete approach the inevitable dilemma of having to eventually leave

said Morgan Andrews, senior softball player, who is entering her fourth and final year playing at Guilford.

Andrews hopes to one day coach the sport using what she

Quakers dominate the Pride in 15th annual Soup Bowl

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The old mantra "a win is a win" is used to teach and also to keep a team grounded, but when that team has not tasted the thrill of victory in more than 10 games, that win means much more.

On Sept. 3 Jamieson Stadium played host to the fifteenth annual Gate City Soup Bowl. On a 90-degree afternoon that saw 1,100 fans shading themselves from the sun with umbrellas, the temperature on the field was even hotter. Cheers of support bellowed throughout the old stadium as the Quakers took center stage and grabbed their first win of the season, 27-7, over Greensboro College.

As both teams experienced first game jitters, and tried to feel out the opponent, the first quarter ended just as it began: scoreless. As the second quarter started, the pace picked up and the teams started scoring.

"Guilford College came ready to play today, and we did not, and it showed," said Greensboro College head coach Dr. Randy Hunt. "They are a well coached bunch. A couple of key plays made the difference today, but again, I could tell they were ready to play."

First-year running back Josh Williams capped off a five-play drive by powering his way into the end zone for the

first score of the game, with 7:20 remaining in the first half.

With a quick snap of the wrist, sophomore quarterback Zac Halbert connected with junior wide receiver Ben King. King did the rest, as he ran in for the 69-yard score, building the lead to 14-0 just before halftime.

The Quakers picked up where they left off as the third quarter began. At the 5:40 mark of the third quarter, King caught the football and 41 yards later found himself in the end zone with his second touchdown.

The Quakers scored once more as Halbert utilized a pump fake that froze the Storm defense which allowed sophomore wide receiver Lawrence Blake to slip behind the players en route to a 40 yard touchdown and a final score of 27-7.

"Wonderful game," said Waldon Hinshaw '81. "After last year's winless season, this was a great win for Guilford."

"This was a great win and the first for me in a college experience," said defensive backs coach Marty Collinson. "It was a total team effort. We got rolling there in the second quarter and things came together. It is wonderful to see the domination on both sides of the ball. I am so proud of our men."

Besides winning the game, the Quakers won the canned food drive, which collected 6,398 cans of food — 1,100 from

the football team alone — and returned all Soup Bowl honors back to Guilford College. Guilford now leads the Soup Bowl series 8-7.

A victory should also be noted for the Greensboro Urban Ministry and the Second Harvest Food Bank as they used the cans collected to help families that are in need.

Coach Rusiewicz's stamp of confidence and discipline is all over the team, and the fans witnessed this in-game.

"Coach Rusiewicz seems to really have made a very positive impact on the kids and it shows," said game attendee Tammi Hinshaw. "Education is being stressed in the classroom and discipline on the field. Great, great win."

"This is an unbelievable win," said head football coach Christopher Rusiewicz. "It has not set in to me yet. I am surprised I have not teared up yet. It was a great job from our coaches to our players. We had some issues with cramping, which you expect in this heat, but nothing major, so we are still healthy. Now we begin preparing for Methodist."

Being focused and not resting on their laurels seem to be the ideology taught to the Quaker football team.

The determination shown by Rusiewicz was poured out onto the field Saturday afternoon. But it's a long season. After all, a win is still just a win.



The Quaker defense halts the Pride's advances downfield in their 27-7 win against Greensboro College on Sept. 3. Both the defense and offense contributed to the first win of the season.