

## For one month, maroon and pink go well together



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Think pink, wear pink and live pink. Pink has been everywhere these days, marking October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Pink represents compassion, nurturing and love that signifies good health and life.

Many wonder why pink is the signature color for breast cancer. The idea came from DeAngelo Williams, a running back for the Carolina Panthers.

According to the Carolina Growl, a Carolina Panthers blog, in 2009, "Williams petitioned the NFL to allow players to wear pink cleats and the league accepted his idea."

His goal was to promote Breast Cancer Awareness by sporting pink cleats and other accessories during the month of October.

Thanks to Williams, athletes across America are now rocking pink.

"I wear pink to honor those who are diagnosed with breast cancer," said sophomore quarterback Mitch Ferrick. "Breast cancer affects the lives of many people and those who are close to me."

As a special way to bring awareness to Guilford, Ferrick's teammates are also displaying pink accessories on their uniforms.

"I support breast cancer by wearing pink in my football games during the month of October," said junior defensive line Jordan Farmer. "I gave money to one of my fellow teammates Chris Campolieta; money that went to the Breast Cancer Awareness Fund."

Farmer continued, "My best friend's mother is a breast

cancer survivor."

Many women find their lives rearranged and their daily routines shattered when they are diagnosed and find themselves battling a horrific disease physically and emotionally.

"My mom was diagnosed with breast cancer in December of my senior year," said sophomore safety Chris Campolieta. "It was a shock at first for my family, but since we have such a large family, we were all able to take care of my mom during her treatments and surgery."

Guilford women's soccer, volleyball and basketball athletes donated funds to Campolieta in support of her.

"For the past two years, I have done a fundraiser to raise money for breast cancer," said Campolieta. "I sell wristbands that say Hope, Strength, Faith and Survivor. It's not just my fundraiser, but I have a lot of support from the coaches and players."

"They make this whole fundraiser possible."

By wearing pink, Guilford athletics have contributed both to raising knowledge and supporting breast cancer research.

"Each of the players and coaches wear pink items in games," said head football coach Chris Rusiewicz.

Breast cancer is life-changing and has affected countless women around the world, but they are no longer alone in their fight.

"My grandmother is a breast cancer survivor who lost one of her breasts due to this terrible disease," said Farmer.

The Guilford community can show support by "participating in walks and having discussions led by breast cancer survivors in order to raise awareness surrounding the issue," said first-year Eleanor Bradford.

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Sophomore **JerMario Gooch** is just one athlete wearing pink.

## Women's basketball warms up for season

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The soles of shoes squeak on the hardwood floor. Yelling emanates from the bottom of the stairwell leading down to Ragan-Brown Field House, the way marked by a yellow sign denoting a closed practice.

It is nearly basketball season.

As two-time Old Dominion Athletic Conference champions, the goal is simple for the Guilford women's basketball team: three-peat.

When asked if they would defend their conference title, the playful trio of players, junior Brittney Drew and first-years Anais Weatherly and Miranda Martin all chimed in as one, "Yes."

"We have a good shot," said women's head basketball coach Stephanie Flamini, entering her eleventh year coaching the Quakers.

The women's team is coming off a 24-5 season in which they earned a spot in the first round of the NCAA Women's Division III Basketball Tournament. Flamini, during the season, earned her 200th victory as coach.

Three seniors are returning — forward Gabby Oglesby, center Morgan King and guard Kayla Adams — as well as junior guard Brittany Drew. Each averaged over 20 minutes a game last season.

Oglesby and King both are coming off All-ODAC performances. Oglesby previously was the 2012 ODAC Player of the Year.

Regarding this season, first-year forward Weatherly said, "We're on the road to success."

Do not think, however, that the team's winning ways and high hopes have clouded

their judgment or disrupted their focus.

"It's going to be hard," Flamini said. "It's going to be challenging, but it can be done."

The Quakers will surely face tough opposition this year from conference rivals Eastern Mennonite University (who bested the Guilford squad twice in the 2012-2013 regular season) and Virginia Wesleyan College (whom the women's team last met in the ODAC semifinal game).

With the offseason over, the women's basketball program is running on all cylinders.

Flamini admitted that she and her coaching staff — consisting of Mercedes Van Wagner, Ray Edmond, and senior Ryan Phillips — sometimes put in up to 18 hour days.

"A lot (of work) goes into this, more than most people would think," Flamini said.

That hard work will be needed to maintain their defensive pressure. Guilford held teams to an average of 52.5 points per game, leading the ODAC in scoring defense.

"The way that we prepare for the season and every game will just be as intense," said Phillips in an email interview.

One wild card to look out for this upcoming season is the addition of a 10-second backcourt violation. The NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel approved the change June 24 as well as a few other rule changes.

"It'll speed up the game for sure," said Adams in an email interview. "We've been simulating each practice as if it were a game, and it's tough, but it's nothing we can't handle."

The Quakers lost assist leader Brittany Atwater and steals leader Jaclyn Nucci, as well as contributor Shelly Barker. Entering

the season, the focus will be on how the team adapts to fills these holes.

Leadership, however, will not be a problem.

"As seniors, it's our job to lead," said Oglesby in an email interview. "That is exactly what we intend to do: lead."

With a mixture of newcomers and veterans on the Quakers' roster, opposing

teams will look to take advantage.

That doesn't worry Drew, who praised the team's combination of experienced and reserve players.

When asked to describe the team in one word, Drew responded, "Resilient."

The women's team kicks off the season on Nov. 16 hosting York College in the Marriott Invitational.



The Guilford women's basketball team is working towards winning their third ODAC championship.

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