

Bulldogs End First Undefeated Season And Go To Georgia Bowl

Spirit And Depth Help

Produce Championship Team

Early in September, 40 boys turned out in response to the initial football call. There were only a few lettermen and a host of inexperienced freshmen on hand for the coaches to mold a team. It wasn't expected to be the brand of team that resulted from the blistering play of those 40 boys.

On September 24, the locals came through with a stunning 25-0 triumph over North Greenville Junior College at Greer in the opening game of the season. Again, one week later, the bulldogging powers wrapped up another win, this one an 18-0 win over Asheville-Biltmore.

Then, on October 6, in Forest City, the Bulldogs battled revenge-seeking Gordon Military Academy of Bartsville, Ga. in a return match from '50 at which time Gardner-Webb had fallen 32-7. However, sparked by the superb running of halfback Bobby Nix and Bobby Bush, both Summerville, Ga. sophomores who carried a big load for the team all season, G-W bounced through with an 18-7 win in the only non-conference tilt of the season other than the bowl game.

North Greenville returned on October 20, and the Bulldogs rolled up their largest number of points in a single game as they downed the South Carolina team 39-0 at the college field.

With five wins and no defeats under their belts, the Bradburn-men prepared for what was expected to be the toughest encounter of the campaign. This was a bout with Lees-McRae, for the past three years conference champs and participants in the same Golden Isles Bowl in '50 that the locals accepted this year, and when the bout in Banner Elk had ended, Gardner-Webb had run up 25-19 win. Lees-McRae scored more points in this particular game than were scored against the locals all season.

In a return game, G-W blasted out a 25-0 defeat over Lees-McRae, initiating a complete sweep over the Banner Elk crew and the first wins over them since 1948.

In their final bout before the homecoming game, the locals bested Asheville-Biltmore here 25-0 in one of their finest performances of the season.

The Homecoming fracas between G-W and Mars Hill came up on the 17th of November and the title of the first undefeated season in grid history was at stake. After 60 minutes of play, Gardner-Webb resulted with an overwhelming 34-7 triumph.

As far as statistics are concerned, Gardner-Webb was perhaps the leading junior college team in the state. In eight seasonal games, the locals rolled up 1,947 total yards rushing, while allowing their opponents 967. Ninety-three first

downs were chalked up by the locals and opponents succeeded in getting 63. Gardner-Webb attempted 85 passes, completed 44, for 763 yards. Opposition attempted 100 passes, hit good on 34 for 489 yards.

All total, G-W gained 2,720 yards running and passing and opponents got 1,381 in this manner. In the season, G-W scored 33 touchdowns and 11 extra points for 209 points. Opposition managed to hit paydirt only five times, got three extra points, for 33 total points.

Plans For G-W Expansion Program

The plans for the expansion of Gardner-Webb College are well under way with the completion of the Dover Memorial Library. The plans have been drawn up also for a new administration building, a new gymnasium located near the athletic field, a science building, a new boys' dormitory, and a new girls' dormitory.

The administration building will house all the offices and conference rooms. The gymnasium will be a 1,000 capacity gym, and will also have classrooms, showers, lockers, and provisions for a future swimming pool. There will be classrooms, lecture rooms, laboratories, and a lecture hall with 150 seating capacity in the science building. The boys' dormitory will house 50 students and the girls' will be similar.

The construction of these buildings probably will not begin before four or five years. \$810,000 will be needed for this expansion program to be carried out in the next ten years.

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Mrs. Barbara Holt, pretty Gardner-Webb College co-ed, is shown above receiving the 1951 Homecoming Queen's crown from President P. L. Elliott during halftime ceremonies held at the Gardner-Webb-Mars Hill football game here Saturday, November 17. She is the first "Mrs." Homecoming Queen in the history of the school and husband, Jack, is one of the top-notch men on Coach Wayne Bradburn's Bulldogs eleven.

Homecoming Festivities

Gardner-Webb's 1951 Homecoming Ceremonies took place at the half-time of the exciting Gardner-Webb-Mars Hill football game at the college field November 17. The cold wind did not daunt the spirit of the occasion. After the players had cleared the field the Homecoming Queen, and the Homecoming Sponsors and their escorts passed under the Gardner-Webb goal post and came down the middle of the field to the 50-yard line.

As the loud speaker called their names, the Queen and the sponsors came to the sidelines for the coronation: "The Gardner - Webb 1951 Homecoming Queen, Mrs. Barbara Holt, from Winston-Salem, N. C.; sponsoring the Gardner-Webb Student Government Association is Miss Dorothy Robertson, from Rutherfordton, N. C.; she is escorted by Bob Mulkey; sponsoring the International Relations Club is Miss JoLena Bridges, from Shelby, N. C., escorted by Harold Griffen; sponsoring the Marchal Club is Miss Faith Johnson, from Magnolia, N. C. escorted by Gaylord Lehman; sponsoring the B. S. U. is Miss Mollie

Hawkins, from Gastonia, N. C., escorted by Charles Raboin; sponsoring Decker Hall, dormitory for boys, is Miss Mildred Laney, from Maiden, N. C., escorted by Charles Hicks."

Queen Barbara, lovely in a grey flannel coat with red velvet collar and cuffs and carrying white chrysantheums with black and red streamers, was crowned by President Phil L. Elliott. The Queen was especially honored because she was the first "Mrs." to become a Gardner-Webb Homecoming Queen. Mrs. Holt is also honored in having for her husband a top-notch football player, and captain, Jack Holt.