

Bulldogs Make Mark In Senior College Basketball

Gardner-Webb's Bulldogs were host to their first senior college visitors of the season Thursday night, December 4, at 7:30 p.m. when the Piedmont College quint ventured into Best Gymnasium.

The Lions were a tall team and although they did not have a towering giant, they did have eight boys in the category of "serious height." Two of their players were 6-7, one was 6-6, and five were 6-5.

"Most of these boys are from the Indiana-Ohio and Kentucky areas," Holbrook grimaced. "That doesn't necessarily mean anything, but it sure isn't a sign to rejoice over, either."

The Bulldogs were looking to 6-5 George Adams, who was averaging 29.3 points a game,

to be their workhorse. The Husky sophomore from Kings Mountain had been successful thus far in filling the departed Artis Gilmore's high post position and leading GW to a 1-1 mark in their first senior college campaign.

Gardner-Webb was still without the full services of Tony Spagnolo, the 6-3 sophomore forward from Paterson, N. J., who was recovering from a chipped ankle bone injury.

GW faced Mars Hill Saturday night and tough Carr-Savannah Monday night.



Members of the 1969-70 basketball team - Inside row left to right - Jack McGill, Statesville, N. C.; Sam Guffey, Forest City, N. C.; Gerry Vallincourt, Queens, N. Y.; Alan Land, Lenoir, N. C.; Outside row (left to right) - Richard Thomas, Chicago Heights, Ill.; Tony Spagnolo, Paterson, N. J.; Al Graves, Cherryville, N. C.; Wayne Wainman, Greensboro,

N. C.; George Adams, Kings Mountain, N. C.; Norris Webb, Panama City, Panama; Dennis Carter, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Kevin Cantwell, Queens Village, N. Y.; Joe Brookins, Dothan, Ala. Not pictured: Jimmy Laughridge, Marion, N. C., who will become eligible to play second semester. Manager: David Crisp and Benny Keester.

"As The Paper Goes To Press"

Eddie Holbrook's Bulldogs had returned from a successful two road jaunt and were preparing for a three-game home slate.

The Bulldogs were 3-1 and had gathered in five trophies from the two tournaments they had participated in. GW garnered the championship trophy from the Thanksgiving weekend Tip-Off Tournament in Asheville and the second place hardware from the Rome, Georgia Invitational the previous week.

George Adams, the 6-5 sophomore scoring and rebounding ace from Kings Mountain, walked off with the Most Valuable Player award from Asheville, and was named to the All Tournament team in Rome along with Alan Land.

"Overall, I'm well pleased with them," said Holbrook. "But our main weakness is youth and inexperience. We made some real bad mistakes in all four games, and unless we correct them fast, the rest of the season won't be as good as it has

Column Notes

GW head cage coach Eddie Holbrook was in the rare position Friday night, November 7, of having players on both his and the opponent's squad. The Bulldogs defeated Mars Hill 85-82 in the opening round of the Asheville Tip-Off Tournament, and the losing Lions were led in part by two former GW players, Jim Wilmoth with 19 points, and Dickie Mazyer with 17. Wilmoth and Mazyer played for the GW teams of 1966-67 and 1967-68 when the school was still a junior college.

Wilmoth was a co-captain of the 1967 team which was the school's first to participate in the national Juco playoffs in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Former Panamanian Olympic cager Norris Webb, now a reserve forward with Gardner-Webb College Bulldogs, has the dubious honor of possessing what may be the most unique nickname at GW. Webb, who speaks with a Spanish accent, has been dubbed "The Eric Sandoz!" by his teammates.

so far. We have had far too many turnovers so far, and unless you can control the ball then you're in trouble."

Coach Holbrook, A "Winner"

Coach Eddie Holbrook, is a "winner" in every sense of the word -- from his playing days at Lenoir Rhyne College to his basketball coaching record at Gardner-Webb College. Holbrook played for three years at Lenoir Rhyne and averaged twelve points per game; he was one of the nation's top foul shooters. Coach Bill Wells called Holbrook "the most surprising player on his 1960-61 Carolinas Conference Championship team."

Eddie Holbrook came to Gardner-Webb in 1964 from Chase High School. In five short years he has brought the basketball program into national prominence. His thousands of miles of travel, hundreds of letters, and hours of work have played a below-average cage program into the best junior college program in the South.

In five seasons, Holbrook's teams have won 102 games while losing only 29. His 100th win came against the A.C.C. freshman last year with a score of 93-80.

The fiery little coach was named "Coach of the Year" two of his four years in the Western Carolinas Junior College Conference. He is a "winner" who has initiated a successful Holiday Tournament at GW, held five basketball camps, and assisted in the Duke Basketball Camp, the Lenoir Rhyne Basketball Camp, and others.

In speaking of the team's progress thus far in the year, Holbrook said, "We made a lot of mistakes. We had far too many turnovers, but all things considered, I'm fairly well pleased. We've got a lot of work to do, though."

George Adams Sets Three New Scoring Marks In Asheville Tournament

George Adams' 47 point performance against Mars Hill in the Friday night opening round of the Asheville Tip-Off Tournament set three new scoring marks: Most points scored by an individual in the tournament; most points scored by an individual Gardner-Webb player; and most points scored by George Adams.

Adams' inside scoring that night broke the former Gardner-Webb record of 46 points, scored by Dennis Gilbreath against Montreat-Anderson in 1960. Childress was Gardner-Webb's first All American cage player.

The former Tip-Off Tournament individual scoring record was held by Mark Gabriel of Hanover, who scored 39 in the opening round of the 1967 tournament.

Adams' previous career high was only six days old. He had scored 39 against Cumberland College in the championship game of the Rome, Georgia Invitational.

The husky 6-5 sophomore from Kings Mountain averaged 17 points a game last year while playing in the shadow of three other prolific scorers, Artis Gilmore, Eric Fleming and Steve Kebeck, who together averaged over 60 points per game.



Football Season Ends, Recruiting For '70 Begins

Gardner-Webb's first campaign into senior college football competition ended on a bitter note with the November 22nd devastating 63-7 loss to Elon.

It left GW's season mark at 3-8, the worst in the school's history. The 63-7 score was also the greatest defeat margin in the history of Bulldog football.

"They've got a great ball club," remarked GW head coach Norman Harris. "No doubt about that. We were holding them well until the second quarter and they went into that shotgun and passed us to death."

The fighting Christians passed for 443 yards, the most ever against a Gardner-Webb football club.

The 3-8 season began with a 16-14 upset loss to Chowan, and the Bulldogs found the going progressively rougher as injuries plagued their weakest point -- pass defense.

Despite the record, several

Bulldogs showed consistently good play; and GW does not lose a man to graduation this year. Quarterbacks Jay Hamon and George Spencer, running backs Jimmy Thompson, Ronnie Beale, David Gibbons and Larry Mabry, and receivers Ken Reid and Mike Cherry all return. Offensive guard Jim Seacord, perhaps the best in the school's history, will return as will big defensive tackles Harlin Davis and Lucky Cochran.

To complement this group, coaches Harris and Cole Proctor are rigorously recruiting this year. "We need some boys that are really big," says Harris. "The ones we have now are fine football players, but most of them are little." The Bulldogs are seeking a big line-backer and some big offensive interior linemen.

In addition to freshmen, the GW staff is going after some experienced junior college prospects to tide the program over until the building period gets well under way.

Final Football Statistics

Individual Rushing	Carries	Yards	Average	Pass Receiving	Receptions	Yards
Behre	52	174	3.38	Cherry	22	328
Ross	29	96	4.26	Reld	20	331
Gibbons	82	283	3.45	Mabry	1	20
Hamon	84	308	3.67	Cherry	1	291
Howell	166	635	3.83	Cherry	1	10
Thompson	77	317	4.12	Sechrist	2	12
Ard	4	0	0.00	Scruggs	9	38
Mabry	47	188	3.95	Thompson	17	99
Bryson	5	8	1.60	Cherry	6	81
Alldridge	82	237	2.89	Howell	1	0
Hawkins	2	8	4.00	First Downs	Opponents 153	
Spencer	2	45	22.50	GW 162	*Does not include Chown	
Queen	12	36	3.00			

Touchdowns	Puntings	Passing Attempted	Made	Yards	TD	
Cherry	3	Hamon	108	41	719	5
Gibbons	29	Spencer	93	20	279	0
Spencer	2	Bryson	5	2	29	0
Reld	2	Alldridge	1	0	0	0
Alldridge	2					
Thompson	2					
Sechrist	1					
Ross	1					
Mabry	1					
Hamon	2					
Behre	1					

Opponent	rushing	1276	passing	1309
Total	3411	Total	3900	
Average per game	310.0	Average per game	354.4	

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