

## Bulldog Sports



### Linksmen Eligible For NAIA District 26 Playoffs in '71

In announcing the 1971 golf schedule, Coach Garland Allen noted that this year's slate is the toughest the Dogs have ever encountered.

Included in this year's schedule is a trip to the Furman Invitational Tournament. Last year the Bulldog Linksmen managed to finish ninth in a field of twenty-one and Allen is optimistic about finishing even higher during this year's tourney.

The reason for Allen's optimism is the fact that six of the first seven are returning from last year's team, which includes four seniors and three juniors. Gary Dobbins, who played for the Bulldogs during 1965, has also returned to school and this should give the Dogs additional strength.

Terry Florence, a senior from Charlotte, N.C., will hold down the number one spot, followed by Sophomore, Mike Stewart of Charlotte, Senior, Bob Hines, Greenville, S.C.; Sophomore, John Kyle, Rock Hill, S.C.; Junior, Benny Adams, Greenville, S.C.; Junior, Gary Dobbins, Trinity, N.C.; and Greg Gaul, Greenville, S.C. Other team members are: Tim Moss, Forest City; Archibald Banks, Fairfax, Va.; and Jack Moore, Stanley.

### Packer's Dale Speaker For '71 All Sports Meet

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C., — Carroll Dale, outstanding professional football player of the Green Bay Packers, will be the principal speaker at the Sixth Annual All Sports Banquet sponsored by the Bulldog Club of Gardner-Webb College. The affair will be held Saturday night, May 8th.

Tickets will be placed on sale in a few days at Smith Drugs in Shelby and Boiling Springs Drugs and the Athletic Department in Boiling Springs. The cost will be \$3.50.

Dale has one of the most outstanding records in professional football as a wide receiver. He has played professional ball for eleven years and during that time has always been a leading pass receiver.

He is a native of Wise, Virginia and played his college ball at Virginia Tech. He made the Look All-American team and was named MVP of the Year in the Southern Conference in 1959.

During his pro career Dale has caught 47 touchdown passes and has the second highest per catch average in the National Football League — 20.3 yards per 20 yards per catch. Last season he caught 49 passes for 814 yards, highest on the team. He caught one pass for 89 yards and a touchdown.

Dale has seen his hours of glory in professional football. He caught nine passes for 85 yards and two touchdowns against the St. Louis Cardinals when he caught the winning touchdown pass in the 1970 Pro Bowl game.

An interesting side light is that Dale played against the present Gardner-Webb Head Football Coach, George Litton, when both were in high school. Litton was a member of the Big Stone Gap, Va., High School team and Dale was a star on the Wise, Va. High School team.

### Tennis Team Flexible In Starting Six

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C., — "We have some question marks," Jim Taylor, Tennis coach at Gardner-Webb College, said when announcing the 1971 Bulldog net schedule.

"Although we will let freshmen returning to fill the first four spots, the fifth and sixth positions are still up for grabs. How well we do could depend on how consistent our first players perform and if we are able to get some help at the fifth and sixth positions," Taylor said.

The Bulldogs will face a rugged 20 game schedule and Taylor is somewhat optimistic about the chances of improving on last year's record of 4-8.

"Our kids are very hard workers and if we are able to fill the fifth and sixth spots, then we could have a better than average season," Taylor said.

Senior seniors, Larry Smith, Dennis, S.C.; Barry Nance, Asheville; Billy Walters, Shelby and Tommy Bell, Suffolk, Va., are expected to carry most of the burden. Smith, Walters, and Bell have all been number one on the Bulldog net team during the past and at the present time. Nance is occupying that slot.

Stalling it out for the fifth and sixth positions will be: Richard Granger, Columbia, S.C.; Charles Nixon, Charlotte; Joe Mickey, Winston-Salem; Deborah Wilson, Charlottesville, Va.; Janet Vaughn, Shelby; and Richard Jessen of Mt. Holly.

### Bryson's 9 Face CC Foes On Diamond

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C., — Gardner-Webb College's baseball team will play a 26 game schedule this season, including road trips into South Carolina and Georgia.

Coach Jerry Bryson's team will have a veteran outfit with won 22 and lost only 2 last year. Included on this year's schedule are such powers as Elon, High Point, Catawba and Guilford of the Carolinas Conference.

The full schedule is as follows: Feb. 6, California State, Home; April 7, California State, Home; April 8, California State, Home; April 10, Flesher, Away; April 12, Catawba, A-Way; April 15, Davis-Elkins, Home; April 20, Lincoln Memorial, Home; April 24, Memorial, Home; April 26, Milligan, Home; April 30, Lincoln Memorial, Away; May 1, Guilford, Home; May 4, Broyles, Home; May 5, Winston-Salem State, Away; and May 8, High Point, Home.

George Adams is shown above as he previews his next year's schedule with Dr. Robert Blackburn, his major area advisor.

### Adams Studies, Practices Preparing For A New Year

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C., — What does an ALL-American basketball player do when the season is over? For many it means that there is more time to socialize and relax, but for Gardner-Webb College's George Adams it means more time for studying and practicing.

Adams, a 6-5 junior from Kings Mountain, N. C., was recently named to the U.S. Basketball Writers' Association College Division All-American Team. He is one of ten players from across the nation selected and one of five from the entire South.

Perhaps one of the most gratifying aspects of Adams' selection stems from his decision to remain at Gardner-Webb, despite an opportunity to play six-teams Adams, Gilmore and Ernest Fleming to Jacksonville University, Gilmore and Fleming transferred to Jacksonville while Gardner-Webb was a junior college, but Adams chose to remain and

### Adams Makes NAIA 1st Team Selected By TV Guide Also

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C., — George Adams, Gardner-Webb College's high leaping post player has been named to the first team of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) All-American squad.

Adams, a 6-5 junior from Kings Mountain, led the Bulldogs to a seasons record of 20-4, while hitting 28.2 points per game and collecting 15.3 rebounds.

This is the second All-American team Adams has been selected to this year. He was also named to the TV Guide All-American team which is selected by the United States Basketball Writers Association.

One of the more unusual aspects of Adams' selection stems from the fact that this was the first year that the Bulldogs competed in the four year college circuit.

"I'm real thrilled about it," Adams said. "I had no idea I'd make it, but I'm very happy about being chosen. It is indeed a great honor."

"I was satisfied with my play most of the time during the season, but I hope I can improve and play even better next year," he continued.

When asked if he would consider a contract with the pros, Adams remarked, "I would like to play professional basketball, but not until my college eligibility is finished.

Head Coach Eddie Holbrook who has guided Gardner-Webb's basketball fortunes for the past seven years had nothing but praise for the junior cogner. "George did all any coach could ask of one man this past season," said Holbrook. "He came through some pretty rough places when two or three men would be assigned to guard him. When this happened he

help the Bulldogs get their four year program off the ground. Prior to the start of the 1970-71 season, many people felt that the Bulldogs, even with Adams, would be lucky to break even in their first year as a four year institution. However, "Big George" as he is affectionately called by his teammates, just wouldn't believe that the Bulldog quintet had to play second fiddle to anyone.

In fact, Adams set the pace for the entire team by pumping 28.2 points per game and 15.3 rebounds and led the Bulldogs to a seasons record of 20-4 and a berth in the District 26 NAIA Playoffs.

For many youngsters, being named to an All-American team would be the ultimate goal, but for Adams it just means more work and perhaps a chance to play on a national championship team.

Hard work and George Adams are synonymous. Unfortunately his mother died when

he was only four years old and George had to depend primarily on his grandmother for support. Despite his grandmother's efforts to provide the youngster with the necessities of life, George had to learn what work was all about at an early age and this has undoubtedly carried over into his basketball career.

While many college students have plans to head for the beach, play golf, or just take it easy this Spring, "Big George" has only two things on his mind, studying and practicing.

"I wish we were still playing. Although it is nice to have a couple of days off to rest, I'd still prefer to practice. About the only nice thing about not playing now is the fact that it gives me more time to study," Adams said.

Many of those chosen to All-American teams will relax and socialize this Spring, but for Gardner-Webb's George Adams, it's a time for more work. Studying and Practicing.

would pass off and some of our other men would pile up the loss. He was aggressive and fought for every inch he could get."

"I feel that this honor could not have been given to a more deserving young man. He doesn't know when to quit when it comes to practice. He never complains and is willing to try

anything the coaches suggest to improve his game. Holbrook, said it is a pleasure to coach Adams. Holbrook has coached great men in his day including another All-American, Artis Gilmore, Jacksonville University. Holbrook's teams have won 181 games and lost 40 during his seven years at the Webb.

### Dogs Finish 7th NAIA Number 20 In AP Poll

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C., — The Gardner-Webb Bulldogs finished their first year as a four year college with an overall record of 20-4 and were ranked seventh in the nation in the final NAIA National Poll. They were also ranked 20th in the nation in the Associated Press Small College Poll.

Head Coach Eddie Holbrook is in his seventh year as head coach of the Bulldogs and during his tenure he has compiled a record of 181 victories against 40 defeats. Last year the Bulldogs were 19-7.

This year's Bulldogs would have to be called somewhat of a Cinderella team. Injuries and lack of experience at the beginning of the season kept many observers felt that they would be lucky to finish with a respectable record.

### Tennis Dates

April 16, Wofford, Away; April 15, Mars Hill, Home; April 17, Emory, Away; April 19, Lenoir Rhyne, Home; April 21, Mars Hill, Away; April 20, Elon, Away; April 27, UNC-Asheville, Away; April 29, Catawba, Home and May 1, Catawba, Away.

### Golf Schedule

April 6, UNC-Asheville, Boiling Springs, N.C.; April 16 - UNC-Charlotte, Charlotte, N.C.; UNC-Charlotte and Appalachian State U., Charlotte, N.C.; April 22, Presbyterian, Guilford, Boiling Springs, N.C.; April 26, Guilford, Guilford, N.C.; April 29, Lenoir Rhyne, Peffer, Hickory, N.C.; May 3, UNC-Asheville, Asheville, N.C.