

# PILOT SPORTS



## Women's Intramural Action

HAFY Dorn won women's intramural basketball with an 8-1 record. The Day Students came in second winning seven and losing three. Nanney Dorn took third place and Stroup Dorn came in fourth. Cathy Washburn won the free-throw contest—hitting 23 out of 25.

Six football intramurals began March 23 with all dorms and the day students competing. The Day Students are the defending champs in this event. All games will be played at 4 o'clock on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons during April.

Coming events for the women

## 1972 Track Schedule

March 23	Presbyterian	Here
March 25	Mars Hill	Here
April 11	Catawba	Here
April 12	Elon	Here
April 15	Davidson	Relays
April 18	Wofford	Away

include Tennis Day at Converse College April 15. Debbie Wilson will represent Gardner-Webb in the singles event. The doubles team has not been chosen. Fifteen colleges from North and South Carolina compete each year in this event.

The women physical education majors are planning a sportsday for the area high schools. It will be Tuesday afternoon, April 18 1:30 to 4:30. All high schools will participate in the following events: volleyball, horseshoes, free throws, and five track and field events.

April 20	Presbyterian	Away
April 22	Bull Dog	Here
	Invitational	
April 25	Mars Hill	Away
April 28-29	WTVDD	Raleigh

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### Bulldogs Close Season In Blaze Of Glory

By BILL BOYD

An early Sunday morning departure in total darkness for Kansas City, then five tournament games sprinkled with moments of glory, periods of defeat, spine tingling thrills, and then back home on another Sunday with a national trophy, nation-wide publicity for Gardner-Webb all added up to the most outstanding week in the history of Gardner-Webb sports.

No one really knew how great Adams, Spagnola, Graves, Thomas, DeSanctis, Thurston, Jones, Moore, Dugger and Ellis really were until the final whistle in Kansas City. Despite winning 28 and losing only three there was some question as to how strong Coach Eddie Holbrook's men were. Could they stand the strain of facing the best in the country?

Saturday night, despite the fact they did not win a national title, no one doubted that the Bulldogs were first class and among the elite in the nation's basketball circles.

The same questions clouded the figure of George Adams. Was Adams as great as G-W releases claimed? Was he truly an All-American deserving nation-wide recognition?

This question was also answered with a resounding YES. Adams not only made the all-tournament team, but he scored 184 points in five games, pulled down 70 rebounds tops in the tourney and scored a game high of 44 points. Time and time again he pulled the Bulldog forces together with his

leaping act for valuable rebounds or his "turn-around" jumper shot which left both taller opponents hanging in mid-air as the ball ripped the net.

Adams took a 38.8 average into the tournament, an average that some said was padded on weak teams. This notion was blotted out when the big man from Kings Mountain averaged 36.8 against five of the finest teams in the nation, including 44 against the number two team in the NAIA.

No one person could claim all the credit for the Bulldog's showing, but Junior Al Graves did more than his share to bring honor and glory to Boiling Springs. Graves, used sparingly this season, broke into the starting line-up in Kansas City and promptly had games of 24, 29, 21, 10 and 14. He was as some said, "unconscionable" shooting with uncanny accuracy. Graves had himself a BIG tournament.

Seems to remember: Dr. Poston cheering wildly from the Bulldogs whipped Eastern Montana and the 75, 275 pound center . . . Tom Poston and Mrs. Poston with their two little girls loaded with pop corn and spilling it as Adams hit one from "down town" for two points . . . The cheerleaders trying to convince the man at the gate that Eddie Sparks was "our mascot" . . . Glenn Wall, the voice of the Bulldogs, telling the folks back home that it was really true we have a nationally recognized team . . . 81,000 watched the six day tournament. . .

Spring has sprung, and with it the Gardner-Webb baseball team is once again running up an impressive record. At present the team is posting a 5-0 record.

While most of us were enjoying the spring holidays the team was hard at work in Georgia where they faced Augusta College and Armstrong College. The Bulldogs defeated Augusta 17-0 and Armstrong 9-5. The Bulldogs faced Voorhes College in Denmark, South Carolina, and defeated them 15-0. On March 5, the Dogs met High Point, one of the toughest competitors in the region and defeated them by a stunning 5-2 victory. The Dogs upset Allen University 12 on March 20, for its fifth straight victory. Johnny Phillips was the winning pitcher for the Bulldogs.

The baseball team, according to Coach Bryson, is troubled at present with poor hitting but expects to improve on this shortly. He says the team has played excellent defense which of course is evident in their five victories. The pitching staff is limited in quantity but certainly not quality. The pitching staff is manned by Bobby Lail, Johnny Phillips, Dave Williams, and Charles Welsh.

Other positions are as follows: Mike Anthony, first base; Gary

Wiley, second base; David "Snake" Heffner, short stop; Richard Wofford and Rodgers, third base; Gary Robinson, catcher; Larry LeCroy, right field; Ronnie Noe, center field; and Larry Sisk, left field.

The baseball team plays hard competition ball and will provide ample horse play for any team they face. Headed by Coach Bryson and Coach Ellenby, the team's schedule is as follows:

## 1972 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

March 27 Trenton State H 2:00

March 28	Cal State	H 2:00
March 29	Clinch Valley	H 2:00
March 30	Cal State	H 2:00
March 31	N. Y. State	H 2:00
April 1	N. Y. State	H 2:00
April 3	Wilmington	H 2:00
April 4	Catawba	H 2:00
April 5	Allen	A 2:00
April 11	Wilmington	A 2:00
April 12	Wilmington	A 2:00
April 15	Clinch Valley	A 2:00
April 15	High Point	A 2:00
April 25	Hickory	A 7:30
April 28	Catawba	A 2:30
May 5	Milligan	A 2:00



Ronnie Noe, Bulldog center fielder, got to bat for the 'Dogs against Allen University. Coach Bryson watches from behind.

## Netters Face 19 Game Schedule

The Gardner-Webb College Tennis team suffered a 9-0 defeat under the skillful hands of the Wolford Terriers on March 5, and on March 22 were defeated by Mars Hill 7-2.

The Terriers dominated the entire match from start to finish by capturing all six singles and the three doubles. The Terriers are extremely strong this season and are blessed with several seasoned veterans. Ken Jarvis G-W netter posted the best singles match score with a 7-5 and 6-1 loss.

Their 19 game schedule is as follows:

## GARDNER-WEBB COLLEGE

March 15 Wofford Home

March 21	Lenoir Rhyne	Home
March 22	Mars Hill	Home
March 25	Western C.	Home
March 29	UNC-Charlotte	Away
April 1	Milligan	Home
April 5	UNC-Asheville	Home
April 6	Johnson C.	
	Smith	Away
April 8	Elon	Away
April 11	UNC-Charlotte	Home
April 13	Wofford	Away
April 15	Milligan	Away
April 17	Western C.	Away
April 19	Mars Hill	Away
April 21	Catawba	Away
April 25	NC-Asheville	Away
April 27	Catawba	Home
April 28	Johnson C.	Home
	Smith	Home
May 2	Lenoir Rhyne	Away

## A Fitting Tribute

How much does a coach mean to a player? Only a player can answer this and answers can be given in many ways and under many conditions.

How much does Coach Eddie Holbrook mean to his All-American George Adams, who has played for Holbrook four years and scored more than 3200 points in the process?

Maybe the answer came in the form of a simple act of gratitude in a quiet corner of a Kansas City restaurant following the Bulldog last game in the nationals.

Holbrook, his wife, and Coach Hooper and his wife, were seated in a booth shortly after midnight eating a post game meal. Others in adjoining booths included Bill Boyd, with his wife; Frank Ballenger, Shelby Star sports editor; Nellie Jolley and others. Some 20 feet away the Bulldog players were completing their meal and slowly moving out of the room onto the nearby busy street crowded with the cheerfull winners and the dejected losers.

"Coach, I want you to keep this," came this low, humble voice, as a huge hand placed a small box on the Holbrook table. Coach Holbrook looked up into the moistened eyes of George Adams, big and powerful on the court, feared by some of basketball's greats but yet humble before the one who had done so much for him.

George, I will keep it for you until we get back home," said Coach Holbrook, not quite understanding the meaning of the big man's actions.

"No coach, I want that to keep it for ever. I want you to have it," said Adams.

"George you won that, it is probably the most important thing you have ever been given," replied Holbrook.

"No, Coach, please take it. I owe you so much and maybe this will help you know it. You taught me how to know about basketball and I want you to have this," said Adams turning to walk away.

What was the center of so much conversation? What did Adams want Holbrook to have "forever"?

It was only a valuable, suitably engraved Bulova watch, with an NAIA symbol and a basketball for a dial given to the five men named to the all-tournament team.

Adams won it, but he wanted HIS coach to have it "forever."



It was a happy time for the Bulldog Cagers at High Point as they defeated Lenoir Rhyne 77-76. Number one in District 26, the 'Dogs display their district trophy.