

BULLDOG SPORTS



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Young Cagers Excite Fans

Basketball is in the air for the 1972-73 season. The Bulldogs are off and running toward another great season, despite youth and lack of experience.

Winning the first three out of four games of the year, the Bulldogs are looking for another trip to the Nationals in March. But hard work and much desire will have to be displayed before then.

The Dogs defeated Pikeville of Kentucky 99-79 in their opener with Sophomore transfer Jim Blanks netting 32 points and 13 rebounds. Freshman John Drew scored 23 to lead the scoring. Tennessee Wesleyan visited Host Gym and were upended 91-75 with Senior Al Graves pumping in 25 points. Blanks had 19 and Drew put in 17.

Playing second in the Asheville Tournament, the men of Coach Eddie Holbrook lost a 93-80 decision to highly-ranked Carson-Newman. GW was hurt by fouls in the first half with Blanks and Drew remaining on the bench most of the half. The Dogs defeated the University of North Carolina at Asheville 87-66 in a thriller with Jim Blanks hitting a 15-footer with 18 seconds left and then Blanks pulling down an important rebound moments later for the win. Blanks also made the All-Tournament Team.

The Bulldogs have four players in double figures through four games. Blanks is the leading scorer with a 25.3 average. Drew is averaging 24 a game with Speedster Billy Ellis at 12 and Al Graves at 10 a game.

Blanks is also the leading rebounder at 9.5 with Drew 8.0 and Graves at five.

With Blanks, Drew, Graves, and Ellis, Ken Napier is the other starter for the Dogs. Dennis's Boits, Alvin Jones, Len Dugger, and Kenny Henry are getting a great amount of action so far in the young season.

Freshman Walt Biggs has been out by an injury, but is expected to be ready for the Holiday Tournament. A Bulldog Doubleheader and the Holiday Tournament are scheduled during the holidays with the Doubleheader this weekend when Shaw University, Elon, and St. Augustine comes to Host Gymnasium. The Holiday Tournament on December 29-30 when Carson-Newman will face the Bulldogs and Western Carolina University takes Fort Hays of Kansas.

Bulldog Basketball is very interesting and exciting in 1972. Support the DOGS!

"Lament To A Bulldog Senior"

When I look back at this football season,

I think... What went wrong?

What was the reason?

Was it the coaching staff—our quarterback?

Was it the referees?

Or our running attack?

Were we out of our class? Was the schedule too rough?

Or did we fail to fight and get scrappy enough?

My very last game; off the field I raced.

I think of the last four years;

Has it all been a waste?

Relief! It was all over.

Behind me all those years.

But there, in self-realization, I cried half a lifetime full of tears.

And what about those who remain?

Will they do it next year,

or will it still be the same?

Have I helped them to be better

or just wasted their time?

Was it worth it to fight through

the grass, the mud, and the lime?

The ball bounced the wrong way

too many times.

Yes, for the most part, that's what went wrong.

But my teammates, they're

young and still very strong.

They learned their lessons well.

On that you can depend.

And you can bet your life—

what happened.

Won't happen again.

Respect..... for each other

Love..... like a brother

These are the things they learned

this season.

The Dogs will be back and this is

one reason.

More physically ready and mentally

clever.

They will be back and better

than ever.

So if you like your football, then be

here next year.

Sit in the grandstands with me.

We'll have plenty to cheer.

—Senior John Byrd

All-American Adams Performs

Gardner-Webb former All-American George Adams returned home recently to perform against the Carolina Cougars. Adams is now with the San Diego Conquistadors.

Adams, who is only playing in a reserve role, said that he was pleased with his play of the last five or six games. He stated, "My biggest thrill came when we played Utah and I scored eight crucial points. After the game I was selected star of the game."

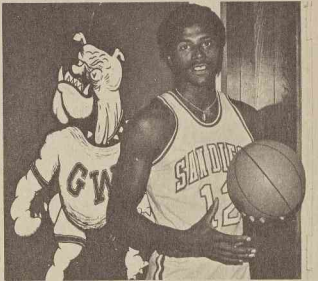
Adams said that professional ball was more physical than college ball and every game seemed to be more physical than the other.

The twelfth NAIA All-American while at Gardner-Webb, Adams, said that it felt real good to return home to play in front of his friends.

Against Carolina, Adams scored four points and had five rebounds and received great support from GW students and area fans.

The Kings Mountain native is a man with a goal that tells much about his future. "I am determined to become the best forward in pro basketball."

Adams will return to the area on December 16 and again in Charlotte Coliseum against the Cougars.



George Adams, now with San Diego visits Gardner-Webb before the encounter with the Carolina Cougars.

Bulldogs End Grid Season

A very disappointing season for Head Coach George Litton had finally come to a close. The Bulldogs finished 2-9, dropping the final seven.

It was a very hard year with tough and rugged opponents for the Dogs each week. Losses to top notch schools such as Elon, Lenoir-Rhyne, Catawba, Presbyterian, and Carson-Newman. Presbyterian finished with the best record in South Carolina and Carson Newman is now playing in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Championship in Texas.

The Bulldogs had some moments of glory gaining victories over Guilford 10-0, and Georgetown 35-0. GW also displayed excellent effort against Newberry and Mars Hill losing 14-8 and 18-17 respectively.

Leading the Offense in his senior year was Ray Hannon. Hannon passed for 1327 yards and five touchdowns. Hannon also rushed for 133 yards and four touchdowns.

The leading individual rusher was Sophomore John Mallory. Mallory gained 453 yards and four touchdowns. George Gilliam rushed for 373 yards and Scott Thompson 289 yards.

Junior Ken Reid was the leading receiver with 45 receptions and two touchdowns and 784 yards. Reid broke the record for pass re-

ceptions which he set in 1970 of 37 completions and 732 yards. John Mallory had 18 receptions for 213 yards.

Other individual leaders this season were Richard Wofford in punt returns. Wofford returned 12 punts for 118 and 9.9 average. Eddie McKinney was the leading Kickoff returner with 16 returns and 270 yards with a 16.9 average.

The punters were Guy Eckenroth with 55 punts and 1963 yards and an average of 35.7. Rick Chapman had 28 for 930 yards with a 33.2 average.

Mallory was the leading scorer with 36 points and Hannon had 24 points. Kicking Specialist Mike Stephens had three field goals and 13 extra points for 22 points.

Defensively, the leaders were Rick Wofford who led in interceptions. Woody Fish, George Foster, Coleman Hunt, Richard Grissom were the key men on the defense.

Key personnel for the offense including Hannon, Reid, Mallory, and Gilliam were Mike Cherry, Robert Bolick, Heath Livingston, and Greg Taylor. Tim Livingston was injured in the second game of the season and missed the remainder of the year.

Injuries to key personnel and inexperience was the result of the 1972 Football season. Support Coach Linton and Staff for best results in '73.

PILOT PICKS '72

For Football Class Players of Year

Freshman — Robert Bolick, George Gilliam, Wayne Henderson, William Peppers.

Sophomore—John Mallory, Arnold Smith, Greg Taylor, Richard

Wofford.

Junior—Mike Godfrey, Richard Grissom, Ken Reid, Mike Stokes.

Senior — Mike Cherry, Woody Fish, George Foster, Ray Hannon.

Gymnastics Team

Gymnastics is a new and growing sport on the Gardner-Webb campus. Under the direction of Coach Ken Daves the gymnastics team perform for local junior and senior high schools. They do not participate in collegiate competition.

The team performs in all areas of gymnastics such as: the rings, trampoline, parallel and uneven parallel bars, vaulting, side horse, balance beam and floor exercises.

There is no special requirements for being on the team. Practice is nightly and there are ten members on the team presently. The team has presented programs in past years.

Gymnastics can become a very exciting sport at Gardner-Webb and anyone is invited to participate by contacting Coach Daves.