

BULLDOG SPORTS



By CARROL GARRETT

'Dogs Win First Title At Home

The Holiday Tournament jinx has finally been lifted for the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs as the men of Coach Eddie Holbrook came through with a 90-71 victory over the Western Carolina Catamounts for the tournament crown.

Favorite Carson-Newman had problems in the tournament and finished in fourth place as Fort Hays State came from behind to capture a 84-83 win.

The Bulldogs, who won their first tournament since moving into the senior college ranks, posted a 65-59 win over Carson-Newman in the opening round and thus moved to the finals. On the other hand, Fort Hays came into the tournament with a 5-0 record were handed their first loss as Western Carolina upended the Tigers 89-57.

Western Carolina and the Bulldogs were in the finals two years ago and Western spoiled the 'Dogs 60-59 in a thriller. But the men from the 'Webb had more on their minds.

Paced by Sophomore Jim Blanks with 31 and John Drew pumped in 32 to lead the Bulldogs. Blanks was selected as the most valuable player for the tournament and Drew was named to the all-tournament team. Howard Winston and Mike Stump made the team for Western Carolina. Doug Thurman for Fort Hays State and Mike Ogan was selected for Carson-Newman.

Winston had 18 points and 18 rebounds. Stump completed the two games with 27 points and 10 rebounds. Thurman led Fort Hays State with 31 points and a sensational 24 rebounds. Ogan of Carson-Newman had 20 rebounds and 48 points with Drew of GW pulling down 22 rebounds and 49 points. Most Valuable Player Blanks paved the way with 56 points while grabbing 28 rebounds.

Exciting basketball can always be found in Best Gymnasium the last week in December. Some of the finest small college basketball teams are here.

GW CAMPUS INTRAMURALS

Men's Sports

The men's fall intramurals are over. Among events played was football in which Myers residence hall won in a final game against the day students with a score of 29-28. In cross country Ron Rash came in first on the 1.8 mile course.

Winter intramurals are in progress and among the events scheduled for the season is billiard, bowling, and table tennis. The winner of each event will travel to the University of Tennessee for a regional contest to be held February 9-14. Following these events the team intramurals will begin their games. The team sports include co-ed volleyball, men's volleyball, and men's basketball. Any male interested in participating in the intramural program should see their team captain and have his name included on the team roster. The roster is returned to Dr. Preeman in the gymnasium.

Women's Sports

The women's intramurals program for the winter will involve the residence halls and day students competing on the basketball court.

The Fall intramural program included Football and volleyball. Decker was the champion of the football season and the day students were the declared winners in the volleyball competition. The sport of football is anticipated for the spring.

A successful intramural program is anticipated the on-coming season. Anyone who is not participating in a sport can still support his favorite team. The Recreational Facilities available in the Student Center has been expanded to include the renting of bicycles. There is a limited number of bicycles and a few tennis stores at the coffee-house. Anyone wishing to rent the bikes may do so at the facilities booth in the CID.

Blanks, Drew Lead Bulldogs

Freshman John Drew led Sophomore Jim Blanks by one point in the latest statistical figures. Drew has scored 323 to Blanks 322 after the win over Allen University which was paced by Drew with 28 and Blanks with 25. This moved the Bulldogs to 1-4.

After dropping a 90-76 game to Catawba, the 'Dogs bounced for a 103-80 win over Allen University. The Bulldogs will have played the University of North Carolina at Asheville, Morris Brown of Atlanta, Ga., and Livingston.

Drew topped his average to 24.9 and Blanks remained at 24.8. Billy Ellis is averaging 12 a game and Alvin Jones is at eight.

The Bulldogs have lost to Carson-Newman, Belmont Abbey, Lenoir Rhyne and Catawba this season. The 'Dogs have captured wins over Pikeville, Tennessee Wesleyan, UNC-Asheville, Shaw University, St. Augustine, Livingstone and Holiday Tournament wins over Carson-Newman and Western Carolina.

Although leading in scoring, Blanks and Drew are the leading rebounders with 12 and 8 respectively. Jones is pulling down six a game in that department.

Tennis Schedule

March 15	UNC Charlotte	.....	Away
March 17	Western Carolina University	.....	Home
March 20	Lenoir Rhyne College	.....	Home
March 21	Wofford College	.....	Away
March 23	Johnson C. Smith University	.....	Home
March 24	Elon College	.....	Away
March 26	Pfeiffer College	.....	Home
March 27	Mars Hill College	.....	Home
March 31	UNC Asheville	.....	Home
April 3	Lenoir Rhyne College	.....	Away
April 6	Johnson C. Smith University	.....	Away
April 9	UNC Asheville	.....	Away
April 14	Elon and Carson-Newman	.....	Away
April 16	UNC Charlotte	.....	Home
April 19	Wofford College	.....	Home
April 20-21	Carson-Newman and Univ. of Tenn.	.....	Away (C-N)
April 26	Pfeiffer College	.....	Away
April 28	Western Carolina University	.....	Away
April 30	High Point College	.....	Away
May 1	Mars Hill College	.....	Away
May 11-12	District 26 Tournament	.....	High Point

All matches at Gardner-Webb will start at 2 p.m. except those arranged for Saturday morning.

Netters Prepare For Spring Season

Gardner-Webb's tennis team will play a 21 match schedule with most of the small college tennis powers in North Carolina.

The Bulldogs, coached by P. A. Cline, will have nine matches at home and twelve on the road. The netters will host Elon College in a Tri-Match Tournament on April 14. The Bulldogs have a young senior with six freshmen, three sophomores, one junior and one senior. Members of the tennis team this year are: Steve Sipes, a senior from Kings Mountain; Charles Nixon, a junior from Charlotte; the sophomores include Everett Robb from Clinton, S. C., Ken Jar-

vis from Statesville and Bob Decker, Jr. from Shelby.

Freshmen on the team are Bert Brimberry, Albany, Ga., Randy Alexander and Phil Nixon, Gastonia, Billy Fajardo from Columbia, South America, and Jody Whitecock and Bruce Wade both from Salisbury, Maryland.

The tennis program got a shot in the arm this season with the signing of four netters to grant-in-aid. The 1972 team is the first team in the history of the school to contain scholarship players on the roster. Brimberry, Fajardo, Wade and Whitecock were signed last summer.



Enthusiastic Bulldogs show their spirit as they receive their first-place trophy after winning their first Holiday Tournament as a senior college.

"It Takes A Thief"

By LEE YOUNG

A thief at Gardner-Webb! His name is Richard Wofford. Why a thief? What else would you call a guy that pulls down eighteen interceptions in two years of football.

Rick is the free safety on Coach Sanford's defensive secondary and like the entire football team, Rick is a winner. He says he plays to win. When Wofford hits the field he has one thought — win —.

Richard is a fierce competitor but not only in football, as he is also a first string third baseman for Coach Bryson and the baseball team. Here again, Richard says he is out to win from the first day of practice to the last game of the season.

The 160 lb. sophomore transfers here after one semester from the University of Alabama, and has played ball for two years now.

Rick says, "I play football here at G-W to help put the Bulldogs on the map in football. Not that I may-

self can do it alone, but I want to be a part of it. I want to do the best and all I can." Rick also commented that "the key to the interceptions is the front line. They put the pressure on and force the quarterback to hurry his throws. Anything done on that field or the baseball diamond is a team effort all the way."

Rick's attitude toward his teammates is simple. I've never played with a better bunch of guys anywhere in my life."

Off the field, Rick is modest and reserved and a very friendly guy. He likes to be alone and seldom goes hunting or fishing with more than one person. "That's where I do most of my heavy thinking," he commented, "usually about some kind of competition mostly defensive football."

In short, as any of his three brothers, two sisters, parents, friends, teammates, competitors will tell you, Rick Wofford is a fierce competitor and like all the Bulldogs, he's a winner.