

BULLDOG SPORTS



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'Dogs Seek Playoff Berth

The Gardner-Webb Bulldogs lost to Guilford last Saturday 101-98 in Charlotte Coliseum to end the regular season for the Bulldogs. The 'Dogs hope of the district playoffs are uncertain. The pairings for the district playoffs will be made this week, and the Bulldogs are looking for a berth in the playoffs for the second year in a row.

Continuing to lead the Bulldogs are the one-two punch that has led the men of Coach Eddie Holbrook to this great season, Jim Blanks and John Drew. Blanks is scoring at 24.4 paces and pulling down 12 rebounds a game while Drew is pumping in 23.6 per game and eight rebounds. Billy Ellis upped his average to 13.5 with a couple of 20-point games in the last two weeks. Senior Al Graves has played an important role in the final success of the Bulldogs with great play the final weeks of the season and has raised his average to 11.8 points per game. Alvin Jones has a six point average to lead the 'Dogs.

Since returning from Hawaii the Bulldogs have won five in a row with wins over Lenoir Rhyne 81-60, Belmont Abbey 77-75, University of North Carolina at Asheville 105-91, Western Carolina 100-88 and Catawba 85-63.

Currently the 'Dogs are 19-7 with a scoring average of 90 points a game and a winning margin of eight points a game. Last year the Bulldogs finished first in scoring 109.9 a game and a third in winning margin at 20.3.

The district tournament is paired with the Carolina Conference winner, the independent team, the I. C. A. team and a wild card team. The Bulldogs could make the tournament as the independent member or the wild card team.

Best of Luck to the 'Dogs as they try for two in a row in District 26 and another trip to Kansas City.

Sanford Heads Trackmen

Coch Ken Sanford is leading the 1973 track season as it gets underway at Gardner-Webb. Coach Sanford is very optimistic about the upcoming season.

The squad is composed mainly of football and basketball players. The distance and middle distance events should be the strong points of this year, with runners such as Ronnie Rash, Denny Collins, David Lewis and Charles Dykes competing. Jan Williams and John Smith in the 440 and John Malory and Eddie McKimney in the dashes should help make the 'Runnin' Dogs' excel this season.

The Bulldogs should be strong in the field events with seasoned performers as Ken Reid in the long jump, and Jody Anthony in the high jump returning. Great things are expected from Bob Jolick in the shot put, while Gene Ligon and Karl Bradshaw should provide needed points in the javelin throw.

Coach Sanford states, "We have the toughest track schedule in G-W's history, but I think we have the personnel needed to have a great season." Sanford also noted that track was not a glamor sport and the members only reward was self pride and accomplishment.

Golfers Head For Top

Golf has built a tradition of success at Gardner-Webb. Led by All-American Terry Florence, the Bulldog linksmen captured the District 26 championship and a fifth place finish in the NAIA National Finals in 1971. Last year saw the 'Dog golfers finish a strong second in District 26. The man behind all the success and tradition is Dr. Garland Allen.

Dr. Allen expects the 1973 golf team to continue this great success and tradition. Coach Allen expects the team to be greatly improved over last year because of the seasoned returnees and a highly-touted transfer from Furman University.

Veterans returning from last year are John Stewart, a senior from Charlotte, John Kyle, a senior from Rock Hill, S. C., Jack Moore, a junior from Stanly; Kim Washburn, a sophomore from Bolling Springs and Bob Florence, younger brother of Terry, a sophomore from Charlotte. The highly-touted transfer is John Mattson, a junior from Yorktown, Va. Mattson, who recently played in the prestigious U. S. Amateur championships which should prove a great help to the great player for Coach Allen. John Kirkham, senior from Shelby, Bill Sherman, freshman also from Shelby; Jimmy Hunsack, sophomore from Charlotte and another local player Frank Howell, a freshman from should also play a great part in the golfers championship aspirations.

The Bulldogs also have another asset in that the District 26 championships will be played at Riverbend Acres, the team's home course. If they win there then its on to the NAIA Nationals again and a national championship may come again to the sport scene at GW. 1973 should certainly turn out to be a banner year for the Bulldogs golfers.

Golf Schedule

March 2 (Fri.)	Presbyterian	Clinton, S. C.
March 23 (Fri.)	Limestone	Gaffney, S. C.
March 26 (Mon.)	Lenoir Rhyne	Newton, N. C.
March 30 (Fri.)	Campbell	Buie's Creek, N. C.
April 2 (Mon.)	Lenoir Rhyne, Western Carolina	Shelby, N. C.
April 10 (Tues.)	UNC, Charlotte, Presbyterian	Charlotte, N. C.
April 12 (Thurs.)	Appalachian, Belmont Abbey	Shelby, N. C.
April 16 (Fri., M.-T.)	Catawba, Limestone	Charlotte, N. C.
April 20 (Fri.)	Intercollegiate	Shelby, N. C.
April 27 (Fri.)	College of Charleston	Shelby, N. C.
May 1 (Tues.)	High Point	Shelby, N. C.
May 14, 15 (M.-T.)	Belmont, Abbey	Shelby, N. C.
	District 26 Tournament	Shelby, N. C.

*All home matches will be played at Riverbend Golf Club.

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