

BULLDOG SPORTS



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Cagers Finish With 19-8 Record

The Gardner-Webb College Basketball Bulldogs finished their 1972-73 season with a 19-8 mark. The team, which consisted of only three seniors and no juniors, relied heavily on quickness and speed for their success this year.

Led by Freshman John Drew and transfer sophomore Jumping Jim Blanks, the Bulldogs averaged at 90 points a game with a winning margin of 7.6. These statistics are for 23 games and not including the four games not counted in the N.A.I.A. Drew shot a 50.9 average from the field and 76.5 at the line for a 23.6 average per game. Blanks, who the team in rebounding with 12 a game and pumped in 550 points for a 24.6 clip.

Billy Ellis, a sophomore wing man, added a 14 point game and Al Graves finished with a 11.8 average. Graves was the team's leading field goal shooter at 51.6. Ken Napier was the other starter for the 'Dogs and he put in four points a game.

Alvin Jones, Len Dugger, Dennis Botts, Kenny Henry and Walt Biggs also added strength on the bench this past season. Seven-foot Ken Long saw some action during the 1973 campaign.

Not including the exhibitions this season Drew scored 562 and Al-American George Adams pumped in 561 during his first year as a Bulldog.

The outlook for the 1973-74 Bulldog season is looking good. With the returning of a fine group of seasoned players and the recruiting of some fine freshmen, the Bulldogs will be ready for another season in November.

BASEBALL ROSTER

1973

Name	Pos.	Throws	Bats	Class	Hometown
David Williams	P	R	R	Junior	Winston-Salem, N.C.
Tim Huff	P	R	L	Fresh.	Winston-Salem, N.C.
Pat Philmon	P	L	L	Junior	Charlotte, N.C.
Mark Hamrick	P	L	L	Fresh.	Shelby, N.C.
Mike Vaden	P	R	R	Soph.	Sutherland, Va.
Willard Hicks	P	R	R	Fresh.	Union, S.C.
Larry Irvin	P	L	L	Fresh.	Gaffney, S.C.
Phil Cooke	P	R	R	Fresh.	Shelby, N.C.
Cary Robinson	C	R	R	Soph.	Charlotte, N.C.
Steve Bowen	C	R	L	Fresh.	Gastonia, N.C.
Mike Radford	Inf.	R	L	Soph.	Caroleen, N.C.
Mark Gargo	Inf.	R	L	Fresh.	Albany, N.Y.
Dave Rodgers	Inf.	R	L	Soph.	Pittsford, N.C.
David Heffner	Inf.	R	L	R Junior	Shelby, N.C.
Dean Gosnell	Inf.	R	R	Senior	Greenville, S.C.
Butch Alford	Inf.	R	R	Fresh.	Hamptonville, N.C.
Rick Wafford	Of.	R	L	Soph.	Gastonia, N.C.
Charles Green	Of.	R	T	Soph.	Rutherfordton, N.C.
Bobby Jacobs	Of.	R	L	Junior	Cheraw, S.C.
Tony Bowie	Of.	R	L	Junior	Greenwood, S.C.
Larry Diaz	Of.	R	R	Junior	Virginia Beach, Va.

Tennis Season

The Gardner-Webb tennis team opened with a preseason practice match victory by defeating Limestone 9-0.

The official season did not start until March 15 when the G-W netters were defeated by UNC-Charlotte 6-2 with the ninth match rained out. The two Gardner-Webb victories are attributed to the doubles teams of Billy Fijardo and Charles Nixon, and Steve Sipes and Randy Alexander.

P. A. Cline, associate professor of ancient languages and literature and coach of the tennis team, stated that the loss was probably due to opening match jitters. Two matches in a row have been rained out and the netters have not had the chance to re-establish themselves.

The netters will host Elon College and Carson-Newman College in a Tri Match Tournament on April 14.

Gardner-Webb has got the potential for a winning tennis season. One player stated "weather permitting, the 1973 tennis team will show Gardner-Webb a very exciting season."

The 1973 team is the first team in the history of the school to contain scholarship players on the roster. This season four netters received a grant-in-aid.

Winners In The Making

Bulldog football Coach George Litton reported that his staff and players are "nearly ready" for the '73 football season.

"We've had a good spring and we're looking forward to next fall," Coach Litton further explained that it was good because the spirit and the enthusiasm is the best that it has been since Gardner-Webb became a senior college. "We have more men that are dedicated and willing to pay the price to win."

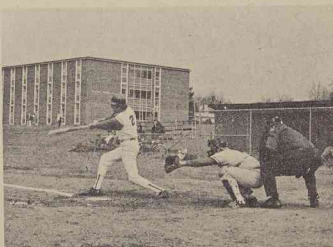
Football, like any other sport is a year-round undertaking that requires nine months of preparation and three months of competition. Coach Litton commented that the team "started at the beginning of spring semester, on January 8, with five weeks of conditioning in four areas. Each man is on a program to increase his agility and flexibility.

The team has a program involving running and weight lifting which builds strength and stamina. From February 12 to March 3 the team dressed out in full gear in sessions to improve individual techniques and make offensive and defensive changes.

Now that heavy practices is over the men are scheduled that includes a supervised weight program on Monday and Wednesday and on Tuesday and Thursday the team dresses in sweat gear to run agility drills. Coach Litton commented that "Each player is given a program to follow when he goes home for the summer because if he does not stay in shape during the summer months, everything done in the spring would have been wasted."

Spring Sports Schedule

March 30	Golf	Away	Campbell
	Baseball	Home	Eastern Baptist
	Tennis	Home	UNC-Ashville
April 2	Baseball	Home	Allen University
	Golf	Home	Lenoir Rhyne, Western Carolina, UNC-Charlotte, Presbyterian
April	Tennis	Away	Lenoir Rhyne
	Track	Home	Presbyterian
April 6	Baseball	Home	High Point
	Tennis	Away	Johnson C. Smith
April 7	Track	Away	Elon
April 9	Tennis	Away	UNC-Charlotte
April 10	Baseball	Away	Catawba
	Track	Away	Catawba
	Golf	Away	UNC-C, Appalachian, Belmont Abbey
April 12	Baseball	Home	Yorches
	Track	Away	Mars Hill
	Golf	Home	Catawba, Limestone
April 14	Baseball	Away	Allen University
	Tennis	Home	Elon, Carson-Newman
April 16	Tennis	Home	UNC-Charlotte
	Golf	Away	North Carolina Intercollegiate
April 17	Golf	Away	North Carolina Intercollegiate
April 18	Track	Home	Wofford
April 19	Tennis	Home	Wofford
April 20	Golf	Home	College of Charleston
	Tennis	Away	UNC-Charlotte
April 21	Baseball	Away	Carson-Newman, Univ. of Tenn.
	Tennis	Away	Carson-Newman, University of Tenn.
	Golf	Home	Yorches
	Track	Away	Bulldog Invitational Presbyterian, Mars Hill, Catawba, Wofford
April 23	Baseball	Home	Catawba
April 25	Track	Home	Emory and Henry
April 26	Tennis	Away	Pfeffer
April 27	Baseball	Away	Fayetteville State
	Golf	Home	High Point
	Track	Away	Wofford
April 28	Tennis	Away	Western Carolina University
April 30	Baseball	Away	Wilmington-UNC
May 1	Golf	Home	Belmont Abbey
	Tennis	Away	Mars Hill
May 2	Baseball	Away	Bryhill
May 3	Baseball	Away	Milligan
May 4	Baseball	Away	Bryhill
May 8	Track	Away	District Meet
May 11	Baseball	Away	Bryhill
	Tennis	Away	District 26 Tournament High Point
May 12	Tennis	Away	District 26 Tournament High Point
	Baseball	Away	Bryhill
May 14	Golf	Home	District 26 Tournament



Scene from the opening game against University of Maryland.