

# BULLDOG SPORTS



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## Bright Promise for 1973-74

The Gardner-Webb College Basketball team for 1973-74 is looking good as Head Coach Eddie Holbrook has signed some outstanding prospects for the new season.

Including the outstanding returnees from the 1972-73 team with Jim Blanks, John Drew and Billy Ellis, four new 'Dogs have been added thus far to the campaign. Blanks and Drew averaged 24 points a game and Ellis pumped in 14.4 a game to lead the Bulldogs to a 19-8 season this year. Others such as Alvin Jones, Kenny Henry, Walt Biggs and Dennis Botts will add depth next season.

Junior College transfer John Seairight will join Blanks and Drew in the battle of the boards. Seairight stands a 6-8 with good jumping and shooting ability and will aid the 'Dogs inside game. At Alabama Christian College in Montgomery, Seairight averaged 23 points and 18 rebounds a game and led his team to a 26-4 record last year.

Another Alabama native, Lester Stinson has signed to play for Holbrook next season. Stinson, who is 6-10 and weighs 230, will also give the 'Dogs a great lift for the new year. In high school, Stinson averaged 17 points and 18 rebounds in his last year. Stinson is from Birmingham.

Two Charlotte cagers have also signed contracts to play at Gardner-Webb. Alan Hoover is an all-round ball player. Hoover played football and baseball at East Mecklenburg and well as basketball. He chose basketball over the other two sports and also chose Gardner-Webb. Hoover is 6-4 and averaged 17 points a game and pulled down nine rebounds a game.

Bruce Dye is another all-round athlete with great talent that signed with G-W. Dye stands at 6-5 and can play either guard or forward. Dye averaged 18 points a game and shot an excellent 80 per cent for the free throwline. Dye, who played in his high school at Olympic High in Charlotte made all Mecklenburg County this past year.

With some experienced players and highly regarded prospects for the new campaign Bulldog basketball should be something special in 1973-74.

## Steve Curtis Named Coach

Steve Curtis, a native of Shelby and a local high school coach has been named assistant football coach at Gardner-Webb.

Curtis is presently coach at Burns High School and will assume duties this summer. He will be offensive line coach for the Bulldogs next season.

Coaching at East Rutherford and freshman at Western Carolina University, Curtis has a good record to bring to the Webb. In his first year at Burns he led his team to a 4-6 season. The previous football teams had won four of 60 and this shows the dedication and desire to win of Curtis.

Athletic director Eddie Holbrook and Head Football Coach George Litton were very pleased with the addition of Curtis. They feel that Coach Curtis will be the one to help turn the football program around at Gardner-Webb and help in winning football games.

Curtis said that he was pleased to become a part of the school and football. He said that he knew that football was good in this part of the country and he was going to help in making Bulldog football big in North Carolina.

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## Bulldog Baseball

The Gardner-Webb College baseballers have acquired eleven wins against only four losses to take a second place stand to leader High Point as the Bulldogs start down the home stretch toward the district playoffs later this month.

Losses this season have come at the hands of High Point twice and to ACC Favorite Maryland and Independent University of South Carolina.

The Bulldogs are led in hitting by David Rodgers and freshman Butch Allred. Rodgers 20 hits in 13 games, adding eight doubles, a triple while knocking in 13 runs. Rodgers is batting at .426. Allred is the second leading hitter at .350, while Pat Philmon is close behind. The big first baseman is tied with Rodgers in runs batted in at thirteen. Philmon has also hit two home runs.

In the pitching department, Tim Huff is the leading hurler. In games played through Allen University, Huff had not given up an earned run and posted a 3-1 record. The loss coming on a 1-0 decision to High Point. The run was unearned in that game.

The second leading hurler is Mike Vaden. Vaden has pitched 21 innings with one earned run and a record of 2-0. Vaden has been very effective in the Bulldogs wins and has been credited with two saves. Huff is leading in strikeouts with 55.

In the first thirteen games, Shortstop David "Snake" Heffner is leading in stolen bases with thirteen.

Not included in these statistics are a 141 and 124 wins over Voorhees and Catawba respectively. These wins put the Bulldogs in a safe second spot in District 26.

## 1973 Football Schedule

Sept.	8	Elon	Away	7:30
	15	Newberry	Home	7:30
	22	Samford	Home	7:30
	29	Guilford	Away	2:00
Oct.	6	Georgetown	Away	2:00
	13	Catawba	Away	2:00
	20	Carson-Newman	Home	2:00
	27	Mars-Hill	Away	2:00
Nov.	3	Presbyterian	Home	7:30
	10	Open		
	17	Wofford	Home	2:00
	22	Lenoir-Rhyne	Away	2:00

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## Spring Sports

The spring sports at Gardner-Webb have had four teams active this season. The baseball team presently stands at 11-4 with some very important games to play in their quest for the district playoffs. The golf team also has had another good season. Coach Garland Allen's linksmen have compiled an eleven win and four loss season with one tie. They also are heading for the district playoffs later on this month.

The other two teams have had disappointing seasons. The tennis tea, who has had some outstanding play and very close matches, presently stand with a record of six wins against eleven defeats. Coach

P. A. Cline said that in several of the matches it could have gone either way. The tennis squad is hoping for better results the rest of the season. The track team has also had a very disappointing season. The trackmen have only been able to grab one meet win in six tries. The win came against Mars Hill while losing meets to Presbyterian twice, Elon, Catawba and Mars Hill. In the Second Bulldog Invitational, the Bulldogs finished four while Catawba finished first place honors.

Over all the spring sports have been exciting. It has brought signs of victory while taste of defeat has also appeared.

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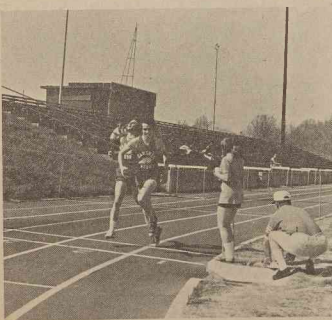
Tops and Bottoms

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Girls and Guys

Blacklights, leathergoods,

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Billy Ellis and Denny Collins race toward the finish line in a recent track meet held at G-W.