

BULLDOG SPORTS



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Snoddy, Rash All District Title

Two members of the Gardner-Webb College cross country team, Phil Snoddy and Ronnie Rash, have been named to the 1973 All-District all-star cross country team. Snoddy and Rash earned the honors as the result of strong running in the district meet at High Point College where Gardner-Webb finished second behind High Point College. This was the first cross country team entered by Gardner-Webb.

In the five-mile cross country runs Snoddy finished second. He is a freshman, physical education major from Greenwood, S.C. At Greenwood High School he was the runner-up in the South Carolina State championships in the two mile run.

Rash, a junior, English major from Boiling Springs, was named to the second team all-district. He is a former track star for Crest High School near Boiling Springs. As a sophomore he was named Gardner-Webb's most valuable distance runner. Rash also holds district cross country titles. Rash also holds Gardner-Webb's school record in the mile and 800 yard run. "We are real proud of Phil and Ronnie," said Gardner-Webb's cross country coach, Dr. Bill Freeman. "The entire team made an excellent showing considering this is the first cross country team Gardner-Webb has ever had. These men will be valuable assets to our track team next spring."

WOFFORD A STAR!!

A Gardner-Webb College defensive backfield star, Richard Wofford of Gastonia, N. C. was named to the second unit of the Universal Sports All-American team chosen from the small colleges of the country.

Ahlene Christian, NAIA national winners, Louisiana Tech and Tennessee State each placed two men on the first team. Elon College of North Carolina placed Fred Long, their punter, on the first team and Johnson C. Smith, of Charlotte, placed guard, Billy Corbett, on the first team offense. Western Carolina's Steve Yates, made the second team as a defensive guard and Nick Angelone, of Elon was a second team defensive tackle. Carl Collins, of North Carolina A & T made the second team as a defensive end. A total of seven North Carolina players made the forty-four man squad.

Wofford, a 5-10, 167 pound junior, played defensive free safety for Coach George Litton's Bulldogs who closed out the regular season with a 74 record and then lost to Stephen F. Austin in the Poultry Bowl, 31-10.

"Inside-Out Health?"

On October 19-20, five of our Physical Education Majors attended the fourth annual North Carolina Student Majors' Convention at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The students representing Gardner-Webb were Gary Ogbe, Rick Swain, Becky Blackwelder, Steve Cox, and Judy Bowen. The group presented a program on the "Inside-Out Health Program," which has been recently introduced in North Carolina. When not involved with their own presentation, they observed the many other activities which were presented by a large number of other North Carolina colleges and universities. Among these were: Jazz Dance exhibition—Bennett College, Coeducational volleyball—University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Diving exhibition—Lenoir-Rhyne College, Women's Lacrosse—University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Athletic Injuries—Campbell College, and many other interesting programs.



Bulldogs In Europe Baseball

Gardner-Webb College has pushed its winning streak to fourteen and its national rating in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics to sixth. The Bulldogs won three games the week of January 19 including a pair of important District 26 wins over Catawba College.

Coach Eddie Holbrook's men are off for a three game trip to Rome, Italy and London, England. The Bulldogs will play teams from the national leagues in both countries.

In Italy the Bulldogs will meet Scotto twice, once in the 10,000 seat Palace of Sports in Rome. The first game is Jan. 23 and the second, Jan. 30th. In London the Bulldogs will play Sutton, presently the national English title holder. The Bulldog party of 175 will leave Charlotte Saturday afternoon and fly to New York and then to Rome.

The high flying cagers from Gardner-Webb maintained their high rankings in several categories of NAIA stats. The Bulldogs are second in the NAIA in rebounding pulling down 65 percent of all rebounds. They are fourth in winning

margin with a 24.6 spread over their opponents. They are also fourth in team offense averaging 97 points per game. The field goal shooting record is the eleventh best in the NAIA with a 51.2 percent record.

Individual scoring honors go to junior, Jim Blanks, who is thirty-third in the NAIA with a 23.9 average followed closely by John Drew, the Alabama sophomore, who is averaging 23.7. Drew is thirty-five in the NAIA.

The NAIA is made up of almost 600 colleges in all states of the continental U.S. Coach Holbrook feels that his team, which has no seniors, is beginning to play better ball after dropping two early season games, both by two points. One loss was to 13th ranked Maryland, by 81-79. The game was played in Kansas.

Charlotte Feb. 7

Gardner-Webb College vs. Barber-Scotia College

Baseball season is here again and again, as in the past, it promises to be a good year for the Bulldog baseball team, who have always been a perennial powerhouse under Coach Jerry Bryson.

The schedule this year is probably one of the best that G-W has ever put together. They plan to play 30 games this year, 19 against NAIA opponents and the rest against tough outside competition such as Furman University.

This year's team should be one of the strongest ever especially where depth is concerned. Pitching will especially be a strongpoint with Jim Huff, the ace of last year's staff, returning along with the new standouts such as Rick Pullon, Dale Gantz, and Alan Hoover. They will be handled by an experienced catcher, Gary Robinson, also back from last year.

The infield should be strong also with the return of David Rodgers, All District second baseman last year, and newcomers such as first baseman Bob Brown, shortstop Rick Young, Tom Scolpini and Chris Plemons.

The only senior presently on the team is Bob Jacobs an outfielder. One of the brightest prospects is Frank Caution, a freshman center-fielder. Coach Bryson calls him "one of the best prospects to come along in a long time."

The District 26 playoffs will be held this year at Greensboro, N. C. The winner of these playoffs will then play in an area tournament for the right to play in the NAIA Nationals in Missouri. We wish the 1974 baseball team the best of luck in their drive for the top.

Holiday Tournament

Gardner-Webb College's Bulldogs ran their wild streak to six as Coach Eddie Holbrook's team turned its second straight Holiday Tournament with a convincing 95-76 win over Lenoir Rhyne in the finals. Elon College defeated Presbyterian College 88-81 in the consolation game. G-W's season record is now 26-10.

On a Friday night the Bulldogs advanced to the finals with a 97-87 win over Presbyterian and Lenoir Rhyne downed Elon 68-57 to reach the finals.

Jim Blanks, the junior post man from Kansas City paced the Bulldogs for the tournament scoring 56 during the two games and was named the tournament's most outstanding player. Blanks had 38 points in the Presbyterian game and added 18 more against Lenoir Rhyne, despite double guarding. John Seagriff was high point man for the Bulldogs who had four men in double figures in the championship game. Seagriff scored 21 points while John Drew added 19 followed by Blanks, 18 and Billy Ellis, 17.

John Lentz the sharpshooting guard of the Bears was high for the losers with 19 points. Hal White had 13 and Wes Phillips chipped in with 11. The Bulldogs led by 10 points, 50-40 at the half and outscored the losers 45-36 in the second half.

Both teams pulled down 50 rebounds in the title game, but the Bulldogs had foul trouble as they were assessed 35 fouls in 22 for the Bears. The Bears hit 18 of 30 from the free throw line while the Bulldogs hit 23 of 26. Gardner-Webb outshot the Bears 47 percent to 33 percent for the third place.

In the battle for third place the Elon five got behind early, but came roaring back during the final minutes of the first period to take a 51-46 half-time lead. The Christians then outscored the losing Blue Hose 42-39 the second half. Duffey Ross led the winners with 49 points for the tournament.