

Bulldogs Face Catawba In Homecoming Clash

On October 19 the GWC Bulldogs will be facing the Catawba College Indians in the Homecoming game. Catawba is undefeated this year with their offense averaging 321 yards per game.

Kim Smith of Catawba is the leader in total offense and rushing with 122.6 yards per game—all rushing. Chris Conner is the quarterback for the Indians averaging 116 yards in passing and teammate Kim Bucher is the top receiver. These three players and their statistics are the best so far this season in the Carolinas Conference.

The Indians will be a team literally sprinkled with new faces this season. They will be relying on their bench and a successful recruiting program to improve on the 6-5 mark of 1973.

Bill Faircloth will be fielding his second team as head coach and the squad will be minus seventeen seniors that graduated last year.

On October 26 the 'Dogs will travel to Jefferson City, Tennessee to face Carson-Newman College. "Carson-Newman will have a new coach, a new offense, and a new defense in 1974," acknowledged C-N's new head coach, Johnny Wike. Coach Wike's philosophy of football centers around a passing game backed by a powerful running attack.

The bullish running of performer Skip Johns gives Wike a head start in establishing his ground game. Mike Hoover, wide receiver, will be a "big plus" to Carson-Newman's passing attack.

Quarterback Payne Limbo has proven to be a pleasant surprise, giving new life to the passing attack. Robert Bost, an offensive lineman, and Gary Prater, a running back, provide the offense with further experience. "The rest of the offense unit will be mainly newcomers or last year's reserves," Wike said.

C-N's defensive strength is in the linebacking corps with two excellent performers—Tony Rigdon and All-American candidate, Sanders Shiver.

"We have several exceptional players to center our squad around, but our season will depend mainly on how our unproven talent comes through," Coach Wike reported.



THE OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD
... looking forward to a Homecoming victory

Golf Team In ECI Tourney

Gardner-Webb College's golf team was one of 20 teams participating in the Etowah Collegiate Invitational Tournament at Etoawah, North Carolina on October 3 and 4. Other teams included Clemson, South Carolina, Appalachian, UNCC, UNCA, East Tennessee, Wofford, College of Charleston, Presbyterian, S.C. State, Milligan, Furman, and Davidson.

Rodney Morrow of GWC tied for second place with

scores of 74-74 and a total of 148, with the team finishing in eighth place. This is the second year in a row a Bulldog has tied for second place with Jim Zimmerman capturing this honor last year.

The GWC participants at Etowah were: Jim Zimmerman, Lee Abrams, David Mickey, Jim Hunsuck, Dan Phillips, Rick Stephens, Jim Franklin, Rodney Morrow and Charlie Mack.

Coach Garland Allen points out that although the

freshman recruiting was not good in numbers, it does have good quality and shows potential. Heading up the list of freshman is Lee Abrams, Western Carolina Association Medalist, and Jim Franklin, Northwestern Conference Medalist.

Gardner-Webb has played scrimmage matches with Furman and UNCC this fall, but this was the only tournament on the schedule this fall. There are four tournaments scheduled for spring.

Cross Country Track Event

Saturday, Oct. 19

10:00 A. M.

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'PPV' Donated To Intramurals

Earl Owensby, president of EO Enterprises, recently donated a "PPV"—People Powered Vehicle—to Gardner-Webb's Women's Intramural Program.

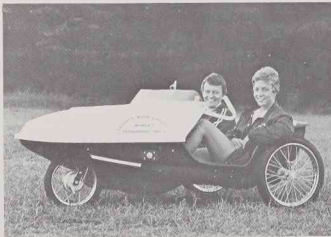
A "PPV" is powered on the same principle as a bicycle and utilizes two people.

The vehicle will be used to transfer equipment from the gym to the intramural field and for women's field days.

In addition, it will be used during the "Special Olympics" in the spring.

The presentation was made to Mrs. Lunita Proctor, the Women's Intramural Director and Ms. Paula Hook, Student Director for this year.

Ms. Hook stated, "We cannot thank Mr. Owensby enough for contributing such a unique and needed gift to our program."



THE 'PPV'

... after being decorated by the Women's Intramurals

Sports Editorial

by Ken Corn

As of October 5, the Bulldogs have acquired a record of 6-3-1, which is not a very impressive record. The last two ballgames, Wofford and Guilford, have seen the 'Dogs lose by only a total of eight points, and the opponents have not really looked that great.

In any sport or contest in life, we always say "It doesn't matter if we win or lose, it's how we play the game." Then why do I always hear in the stands of all the "experts" who know how to coach, and the "experts" who know how to play giving their opinion on how the 'Dogs should play, but I don't see them on the field.

Now, I must admit that I'm disappointed in the outcome of the season so far and that I'm critical too of some of the team's play, but I think we need to take a closer look at OUR team and also the philosophy of how the game is played.

In the game against Wofford, the 'Dogs compiled a total offense of 315 yards while Wofford had 293 yards of total offense. Doc Davis attempted 15 passes and completed 10 of these for 85 yards while Carter Davis of Wofford was only 3-8 in passing for 45 yards.

Against Guilford, Gardner-Webb had 295 yards total offense and Guilford totaled 304 yards offense. Doc completed 6 passes out of 15 attempts for 76 yards and Watson of the Quakers com-

pleted 8 out of 13 passes for 98 yards.

Now in these two games, the Bulldogs had come out in the first quarter and scored before the opponent had scored. Then it seems the team loses some of its enthusiasm, but I also think that the students lose their support for the team thinking that the game is already won.

If we looked closer, we could see a group of men playing their guts out trying to reach that goal of perfection that we expect of them. We can see these men putting in hours of practice and plenty of aching bodies trying to accomplish goals they have set for themselves and trying to be something the student body is proud of.

I ask myself, what is the purpose of athletics? Is it just being able to win the game or with pride, saying that the team played to the best of their own ability.

I cannot speak so much for the football team as I can for the student body at the games and after the game at the dorm. Excluding the cheerleaders, the only time the students are really behind the 'Dogs, is when they are driving in for a score or already ahead of the other team on the scoreboard. Otherwise, we are griping about how it should be done or what play should have been run, when we could have been trying to encourage our team to strive to do even better than before.

Captains Of The Week

Three senior players, two from the defensive and one from the offensive squad, have been chosen as co-captains for the Homecoming game against Catawba this Saturday.

Steve Cherry, a 5'11", 165 lb. defensive back from Gastonia, N.C., and a letterman, became a starter the second game of last season and has turned in consistently good performances since then. He has a great knowledge of the game and has potential for this Saturday's game.

Arnold Smith, a 5'11, 205 lb. defensive tackle from Forest City, N.C., has 3 letters.

One of the smaller tackles, He is noted for his competitive spirit and precise technique. He is regarded as a team leader.

Terry Wilder, the offensive wide man, is a 6'0", 200 lb. end from Perry, Florida. He also is a three-letter man. He has been a starter for all four of his seasons as a 'Dog. Noted not only for his playing ability, Terry holds a 3.8 average as a business major.

These three men have great leadership potential, and it is representative of this that they were chosen team captains.