

Cuch! 1st Win Cripples 'Dogs

Gardner-Webb's Bulldogs can't enjoy the good news for the bad.

First the good news:

Gardner-Webb rallies for two fourth-quarter touchdowns, tacks on a two-point conversion, and trims Georgetown, 21-20, for its first win of the season.

Sophomore halfback Po Rogers, playing with a sprained ankle most of the game, ties a school record with a 65-yard touchdown run, finishes with 147 yards in 10 carries, and is named the NAIA District 26 offensive player of the week.

The sputtering Bulldog offense totals 326 yards and generates scoring drives of 86, 80 and 85 yards.

With an open date on the schedule, Gardner-Webb has two weeks to prepare for its next opponent, Catawba, on Oct. 18, at 2 p.m. in Salisbury.

Now the bad:

The Gardner-Webb starting lineup reads more like a hospital's daily report, or vice-versa. Rogers' sprained ankle is actually a hairline fracture of the fibula and the 170-pound speedster is in a cast for at least two weeks, possibly longer.

In addition, right halfback George Gilliam is sidelined with a dislocated shoulder; left tackle Jim Furlough is still hobbled by a sprained ankle that has caused him to miss two games already; left guard Jeff Carter is doubtful for the Catawba game with an injured knee; right guard Mark Classen has a bruised shoulder; right end Marvin Oliver has a strained knee; Defensive tackle Jack Yates has his thumb in a cast; linebacker Marcus Trivette is hampered with bruised ribs; and defensive tackle Bobo Dunlop remains in a cast with a hairline fracture identical to Rogers'.

"This open date is really a blessing," stated Gardner-Webb head coach Oval Jaynes. "With all these injuries, we need the extra time to regroup and find someone who are well enough to play. It was great beating Georgetown, but they were so much bigger than we are that the game took its toll physically."

Jaynes had intended to spend the extra week working on fundamentals, but the first order of business is to find replacements for his two injured running backs, Rogers and Gilliam.

Candidates getting a good look are freshmen Obbio Todd, who scored on a 51-yard run against Georgetown, Gus Pittman and Charles Villoch. Soph Johnny Walker picked up 73 yards Saturday and may have worked his way into a starting slot.

"Johnny came in when Gilliam was injured and did an excellent job at right halfback, a position he had never played before, not even in practice," said Jaynes.

One other halfback not to be forgotten is junior Frank Taylor. Taylor, Gardner-Webb's all-time rushing leader, has gained only 172 yards and has had problems holding on to the football in recent games.

"Frank can take up the slack," Jaynes admitted. "And we're giving him an opportunity to

prove himself. No question about it, he's an excellent player. But he's gotten off to a bad start and it's become a mental thing. Every week I've been waiting for Frank to explode for a 200-yard game. He's got the ability."

Jaynes appears to have settled on 6-2 freshman Dennis Stillel as his No. 1 quarterback. In his first start, Stillel rushed for five yards, completed a 14-yard touchdown pass to Mark Morningstar, and directed three scoring campaigns.

"He didn't do anything flashy, but he got the job done," said Jaynes. "In all our scrimmages, Stillel has managed some way to move our offense and that's all we're asking him to do."

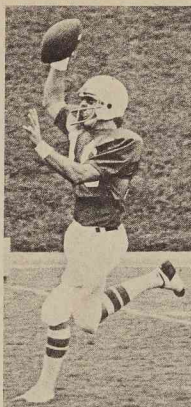
To fill the vacancies in the offensive line, the Bulldog staff has moved defensive tackle Kenny Earnhardt to offense and shuffled the reserves. Most of the backup men have been promoted to starters, and according to Jaynes, the difficult search is finding more backups.

Defensively, Dunlop is scheduled to have his cast removed this week and possibly could work his way back into shape by the Catawba game. Jaynes will be keeping a close eye on Dunlop's recovery.

"Bobo has the same injury as Rogers, so we should be able to learn when Po will return by Bobo's progress."



GUARD JEFF CARTER (74) GETS HELPED FROM THE FIELD
Carter is one of many Bulldogs on lengthy injured list



MARK MORNINGSTAR SCORES
On 14-yard pass from Stillel

Grid Teams Kick Off Intramurals

The 1975 Intramural football season began last week with Dr. Bill Freeman expecting another good turnout this year.

The six men's football teams will play a 10-game schedule which should end with the playoffs near the last of November. The four girls teams will be playing a six-game schedule. Their season will end with a team of all stars playing the champions.

Dr. Freeman is also planning to have a coed volleyball tournament starting shortly before Christmas. This will follow the same procedure as the coed softball program which was held during the summer and early fall.

The teams taking part will be Mauney 1 & 11, Lutz-Yelton, Myers, Spangler, Trailers, HAPV, Stroup, Nanney and Decker.

Golfers Place 4th

Gardner-Webb's golf team, third-place finishers in the NAIA National Tourney last year, began its fall season with a fourth-place finish in the fifth annual Etowah Invitational tournament.

Playing without All-America Jim Zimmerman, the Bulldogs trailed Furman, Clemson and Appalachian State in the 11-team match. Individually, Jimmy Franklin finished fourth in the medalist competition with a six-over 150 total. Three golfers tied for first at 149.

Gardner-Webb's next outing is this weekend in the 18-team Elon Invitational Tournament. The 'Dogs will again be playing without Zimmerman, who is recovering from a sprained ankle.

In the national tourney, Zimmerman finished tied for eighth at 293, five strokes behind national medalist Dan Gray from Texas Wesleyan. Franklin placed 16th at 298 and Rodney Morrow was 23rd.

The Bulldogs were the team leader after the first day, but fell to third behind Texas Wesleyan and Sam Houston State.

Owls Trim 'Dogs In Cross Country

The Gardner-Webb cross country team opened its season last Saturday with a match against Warren Wilson College. The Bulldogs lost a close meet, 27-31, but put forth a good effort individually, finishing second, third and fourth.

Gary Threatt was top runner for the Bulldogs with a time of 27:41, only two seconds behind the first-place Owens runner. Tom Miller and Ron Rash were the other strong runners finishing third and fourth with times of 28:50 and 30:02 respectively.

The 'Dogs are looking forward to participating in the District meet, Saturday, Nov. 1, at a yet to be decided site.

Basketball Opener Scheduled Nov. 18

Gardner-Webb will open its 1975-76 basketball season in Bost Gymnasium, Tuesday, Nov. 18, against Clafin College, according to the revised schedule released by athletic director and head basketball coach Eddie Holbrook.

The Bulldogs, 23-3 and third in the nation last year, will play 14 games at home, including the Gardner-Webb Holiday Tournament, Jan. 2-3. Wofford, High Point and Mars Hill will join the 'Dogs in the two-day tourney.

"Several dates have been changed from the schedule listed in the Handbook and the football programs," noted coach Holbrook. "We had some conflicts that had to be worked out."

Bulldog Basketball 1975-76

November 18	Clafin	.....	Home
November 21-22	Elizabethton, Tenn. Tip-Off	.....	Away
November 26	Hanover	.....	Home
November 28-29	Ashville Tip Off	.....	Home
December 1	UNC-Spartanburg	.....	Home
December 6	Lynchburg	.....	Home
December 11	Belmont Abbey	.....	Home
December 18-19-20	Carolina Roundball Classic	.....	Belmont
January 3	Gardner-Webb Holiday Tournament	.....	Home
January 5	Maryland, Eastern Shore	.....	Home
January 7	Lenoir-Rhyne	.....	History
January 10	Catawba	.....	Home
January 15	UNC-Ashville	.....	Home
January 16	Morehead	.....	Home
January 20	Chaminade	.....	Hawaii
January 22	Chaminade	.....	Hawaii
January 27	North Carolina Central	.....	Home
February 2	Limestone	.....	Home
February 7	Belmont Abbey	.....	Belmont
February 9	Catawba	.....	Salisbury
February 12	Livingstone	.....	Kings Mountain
February 14	Lenoir Rhyne	.....	Home
February 19	UNC-Spartanburg	.....	Spartanburg
February 25	Limestone	.....	Gaffney