

Rough Road Ahead for Bulldogs

Although Gardner-Webb is ranked second nationally, sports a 20-2 record, and has won 19 in a row, the Bulldogs still have a tough road ahead. A tough road schedule that is, with the Dogs playing five of their final seven games away from cory Bost Gymnasium.

Coach Eddie Holbrook's squad opened February at home against Limestone, last night, and meets Lenoir-Rhyne for the third time this season, Feb. 14, in Bost Gym.

While on the road, the Dogs will visit Belmont Abbey, Feb. 7, Catawba, Feb. 9, UNC-Spartanburg, Feb. 19, and Limestone, Feb. 25. There is also a game against Livingstone scheduled Feb. 12 in Kings Mountain—a neutral floor.

Already this season, Gardner-Webb has won 12 games at home and extended its home-court winning streak to 52.

"As far as games are concerned, February is always a difficult month," says Holbrook. "And with five games on the road, it will be a particularly tough month for us."

Gardner-Webb will not be in the best physical shape going into the final seven games leading

ing to the District 26 playoffs. Starting high post Carl Martin continues to be hobbled by a broken bone in his foot. Starting point John Pait and reserve post John Brame both were injured during the Bulldogs' recent Hawaii trip and have missed games.

"We've been playing good enough to win," Holbrook says of his team's success. "That's the trend we've been following since early December."

"All along this has been one of the most amazing teams I've ever been associated with. They've become accustomed to winning and they go onto the floor confident that they will win. You can see it (the confidence) in them."

Gardner-Webb's two losses came back to back during the first week of the season, 92-91 to Cumberland in overtime, and 79-77 to Milligan. Since then the Bulldogs have put together a streak that could surpass the school's 22-game string during the 1973-74 campaign.

A 40-point performance against N.C. Central boosted junior Dave Bormann's team-leading average to 23.0. A 6-7 wing who was red-shirted last season, Bormann continues to con-

nect on over 54 per cent of his shots, most of which come from the 25-foot range.

During the last two weeks, freshman John Borders has vaulted into the spotlight by scoring 76 points in five games. Coming off the bench in Hawaii, Borders poured in 25 points in the 102-99 win over Chaminade. In a repeat performance against N.C. Central, the 6-2 post struck for 26, missing only one of 11 field goal attempts.

"Borders puts a lot of enthusiasm and excitement into the game, and if he continues to play the way he has in the last couple of weeks, we'll certainly be seeing more of him," Holbrook states. "He plays with a lot of emotion and has given us a big lift."

According to Holbrook, 6-5 Phil Cox, a transfer from Western Kentucky, will sit out the remainder of the season.

"It doesn't make sense to play him with so few games remaining on the schedule and cost him a year's eligibility when we can take advantage of having him one extra season."

Cox is classified as a junior.

Grid Drills Begin

Spring Brings 'A Super Future'

Gardner-Webb opens spring football practice today with 44 returning lettermen providing head coach Oval Jaynes with the nucleus for "a super future."

Jaynes, 2-6 during his first season at Gardner-Webb, will start his second spring practice with over 80 players, including 66 from last year's squad.

"Rebuilding the defensive secondary will be our major concern," Jaynes stated. "Also defensively we'll be trying to solve some prob-

lems at linebacker. Offensively the emphasis will be on execution of the veer and the elimination of the mistakes that hurt us throughout last season."

The Bulldogs will graduate only eight players but four of the eight are linebackers, including Wayne Henderson and Marcus Tri-vette who alternated as starters. Among the seniors are All-America tackle Bob Bolek and honorable mention All-America defensive back William Peppers.

Another question mark in the secondary is at free safety, a spot anchored last year by freshman Fernando Lopez. Lopez was critically injured in an automobile accident over the Christmas holidays and is recuperating at his home in Miami.

"Right now Lopez is trying to regain his strength and some lost weight. We're not sure he'll be fully recovered by the fall so we have to find a replacement," said Jaynes.

Another player, running back Charles Villorch was also injured in the wreck and was unable to return to school for the spring semester.

Jaynes will begin spring drills with primarily the same offensive and defensive personnel that completed last season. Early plans have 215-pound tackle Jeff Carter shifting to center, tight end Marvin Oliver moving to defensive back and running back David Mullis working at linebacker.

The Bulldogs will practice 4-6 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, and 10-12 Saturday mornings.

The spring intra-squad game is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 28 at 1:30 p.m. in what Jaynes calls the "Steak and Beans Bowl."



Offensive tackle Donald Schronce becomes a member of the Bulldogs football team — much to the delight of line coach Jim Gudger.

Two More Players Sign Football Grants

Donald Schronce, an offensive tackle from Marion, and Christ Johnson, a defensive back from Kings Mountain have signed football grants with Gardner-Webb.

Their signings bring to four the number of high school players recruited by the Bulldogs staff.

Schronce, 6-6, 285, was an all-conference honorable mention selection at McDowell High School.

"Donald's greatest asset is his size," said G-W offensive line coach Jim Gudger. "He moves well and plays with a lot of desire. If he reports this fall in the physical condition we hope he'll be in, he'll have an opportunity to play a great deal."

At 285-pounds, Schronce becomes the biggest member of the football squad.

Johnson, 6-0, 165, played as an offensive end and defensive back at Kings Mountain where he was twice se-

lected the team's most valuable player. He is also a member of the basketball and baseball teams.

"We feel Chris is a good hitter," said coach Ken Sanford, defensive coordinator for the Bulldogs. "He has good jumping ability and speed and excellent range. He's capable of covering a lot of territory in the secondary."

Lady 'Dogs, State JVs Play Tonight

Gardner-Webb's Lady Bulldogs get a taste of the ACC tonight when they entertain the N.C. State JV girls at 7 p.m. in Bost Gym.

The G-W girls played a pair of games on the road last week, visiting Catawba and UNC-Asheville.

The Lady Bulldogs never recovered from a 19-point halftime deficit Wednesday and suffered an 80-57 defeat by Catawba.

The Lady 'Dogs struggled through their poorest half of the season and trailed, 38-19, at intermission, a margin they were unable to overcome.

Sherwin Johnson and Wanda Nantz were the leading scorers for Gardner-Webb, each with 17 points. Linda Cody followed with 11 and Pam Helton added eight.

Kathy Bradshaw led Catawba with 26 points. Laurie Getzenunner had 16 and Carol Gallick had 14.

The Lady Bulldogs, 2-5, played at UNC-Asheville Saturday night.

Pirates Select Huff in Draft

Tim Huff, righthand pitcher for the Bulldogs baseball team, was selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the major leagues' free-agent draft last month.

22-Game Basketball Statistics

PLAYER	FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	REB.	Avg.	Pts	Avg.
Bormann	208	379	54.8	91	118	77.1	70	507	23.0	
Martin	88	165	53.3	71	89	79.7	67	247	14.5	
Franklin	101	190	53.1	53	67	79.1	53	255	17.1	
Makes	115	217	52.9	23	42	54.7	41	253	11.5	
Slinson	47	84	55.9	32	40	80.0	62	126	9.6	
Borders	32	63	50.7	18	24	69.2	24	109	9.1	
Young	59	144	40.9	14	29	48.2	37	132	8.2	
Michell	35	78	44.8	69	79	87.3	14	139	7.3	
Pait	46	110	41.8	31	41	75.6	21	123	5.8	
Brame	36	73	49.3	10	21	47.6	56	82	5.4	
Newsum	47	87	42.5	5	11	45.4	0.9	45	2.2	
Slagle	2	5	40.0	3	4	75.0	0.5	5.0	1.7	
Price	5	8	62.5	2	6	33.3	0.5	12	1.5	
Henderson	3	3	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.2	0	0.0	
Team Rebounds										
GW Totals	794	1566	50.7	422	584	72.2	44.9	2010	91.3	
Opp Totals	695	1558	44.6	259	430	60.2	31.5	1651	75.0	