

Thinclads Open Season Today

The Gardner-Webb Bulldogs open their track season today in Florence, S.C. in a four-team meet that includes Francis Marion, Presbyterian and Atlantic Christian. Coach John Taylor is looking forward to a good season, but admits that the schedule is the toughest the thinclads have faced in several years.

The 'Dogs should be strong in the short distances but Taylor expects problem in depth for the longer races and some inexperience in the field events.

Coach Taylor will be relying on the likes of Obbie Todd, Po Rogers, John Mallory and Johnny Walker in the 100-yard dash, while Marion Bruton and Richard Simpson should be strong in the 440 dash and javelin. Todd Blackwell should be the main man in the hurdles and Gary Threault will be G-W's strongest entry in the long-distance events.

In the field events, Mike Baria will be strong in the pole vault and David Underhill, who set the state record for the discus in high school, is expected to do well in that event.

The Bulldogs' key to success will be how well the team can jell as the season progresses.

Gardner-Webb's first home meet is Tuesday at 2 p.m. Catawba will provide the opposition.

Gardner-Webb Track Schedule

March 30	Catawba	Home—2 p.m.
March 31	WCU Relays	Cullowhee—1 p.m.
April 6	Catawba	Davie Co.—2 p.m.
April 10	Davidson Relays	Davidson—TBA
April 13	G-W Invitational	Home—2 p.m.
	Presbyterian, L-R	
	Elon, Francis Marion	
April 15	Wofford, Presbyterian	Home—2 p.m.
April 20	SAC-S Meet	Carson-Newman—3 p.m.
April 24	District 26	TBA-TBA

Pitching And Power Prevail As 'Dogs Triumph Twice

Gardner-Webb's baseball team picked up a pair of victories during the first week of the season while losing only once.

The Bulldogs opened on the road, winning at Catawba 11-4, they split a double-header at home against Slippery Rock, taking the first game 1-0 but dropping the nightcap 6-3.

A pair of strong pitching performances highlighted the two victories.

Lefty Larry Irvin turned in four scoreless innings and allowed only one hit during a sparkling relief stint at Catawba. Irvin came on after starter Dale Gant had been touched for five hits and four runs during the first five innings.

Catawba broke on top with a three-run homer in the first inning and an unearned run in the third for a 4-0 lead.

The 'Dogs struck for a run in the top of the fourth when a sacrifice fly by Bill Salyers scored Frank Cauthen, then tied things in the sixth when Robbie Moore, Salyers and Brian Florence had run-scoring hits.

A three-run homer by Mark Rivers in the eighth accounted for the winning runs. Gardner-Webb put the game out of reach with a four-run ninth.

Salyers and Cauthen led the 'Dogs hitting attack, each with two hits in three at bats.

Righthander Tim Huff appeared completely recovered from arm problems of a year

ago as he hurled a three-hit shutout against Slippery Rock. Huff fanned 10 in his season's debut and walked only three.

G-W managed only five hits in the 1-0 duel, and scored the game's lone run in the bottom of the fifth when Moore scored on a single by Eddie Tyndall.

Cauthen again had two hits for the Bulldogs.

Solo homers by Cauthen and Rick Young plus a RBI single by Moore put the 'Dogs ahead 3-2 in the second game. Slippery Rock went ahead to stay in the third inning when a pair of errors by G-W led to two runs. The visitors scored two more in the fourth.

Gant took the loss for G-W despite striking out seven and not allowing a walk.

1976 Baseball Schedule

March 25	Glenville State (2)	Home	1:00
March 27	Furman	Home	2:00
March 31	Lenoir Rhyne (2)	Away	1:00
April 1	Catawba	Home	3:00
April 3	Milligan	Home	2:00
April 7	Lenoir Rhyne	Away	3:00
April 10	High Point	Home	3:00
April 13	High Point	Away	3:00
April 23	Allen Univ. (2)	Home	1:00
April 24	Pfeiffer	Away	3:00
April 29	UNC-Wilmington	Away	7:30
April 30	UNC-Wilmington	Away	3:00
May 1	Pfeiffer	Home	3:00
May 3	Lenoir Rhyne	Home	3:00

Netters Prepare For Busy Week

Gardner-Webb's tennis team, winless after three matches, has a pair of weekend matches on the road before facing a heavy schedule at home next week.

The Bulldogs netters travel to Lenoir-Rhyne Friday and Belmont Abbey Saturday.

After a match at Limestone Monday, G-W meets six opponents on the home courts over a seven-day period.

Tuesday, March 30, USC-Spartanburg visits the campus, followed by Lenoir-Rhyne on Wednesday, Limestone Thursday, Belmont Abbey Friday, and Guilford Saturday. The 'Dogs play host to Catawba the following Monday. All matches begin at 3 p.m. except Friday's 2 p.m. start and Saturday's 1 p.m. time.



BOB BOLICK



DAVE BORMANN



ZIM ZIMMERMAN

3 Athletes Honored

Three Gardner-Webb athletes received Certificates of Merit at the annual Shelby Chamber of Commerce Sports Banquet Monday night.

Honored for their individual accomplishments were Bob Bolick, Dave Bormann and Zim Zimmerman.

The certificates are awarded by the Chamber of Commerce to those athletes who have brought publicity and attention to the Shelby area by being recognized outside the immediate area

as excelling in their particular sport.

A four-year starter for the Bulldog football team, Bolick was named to the NAIA All-American team last fall. He was selected to the District 26 All-District squad for the second year and was a member of the ALL-SAC-8 team.

Bolick is expected to be selected in the National Football League player draft which has been delayed due to a legal hassle.

A junior playing in his first season at G-W, Bormann became a crowd favorite with his deadly shooting touch from the outside. During the Bulldogs' 27-4 basketball campaign, he was the team's leading scorer in 20 games, finishing with a 50-point performance against Guilford in the District 26 championship game.

He averaged 23.2 for the season.

A member of the All-District team, Bormann was voted to the all-tournament team at the Elizabethton Tip-Off tourney and the WBTV Carolina Classic. In addition, he was named most valuable player of the Asheville Tip-Off and G-W Holiday tournaments.

Zimmerman was a member of the All-District and NAIA All-America teams last spring as a sophomore, finishing eighth in the NAIA national tournament and five strokes behind the national champion. He played an important role as G-W won the district tourney and placed third in the national competition.

He is captain of this year's Bulldog team and was the low scorer in Gardner-Webb's first two dual matches.

Furman Tourney Next For Golfers

Gardner-Webb's golfers, who finished sixth in the Tryon Invitational tournament last weekend, will compete in the 33-team Furman Invitational Tourney this weekend in Greenville, S.C.

The three-day event begins today with all 33 teams participating today and tomorrow. Only the top 23 teams will play in Saturday's final round.

"I'm hopeful we can make the cut," says golf coach Dr. Garland Allen. "We'll be up against some good teams."

Among the entries are all seven ACC schools, Furman, Memphis State, about six SEC schools, South Carolina, Virginia Tech, and several Northern collegiate teams.

It will be the second straight week of stiff tournament competition for the Bulldogs.

"There's no better competition than what we faced in Tryon," Dr. Allen said. "And the Red Fox course is one of the toughest in the state."

Gardner-Webb posted a team total of 1200 after rounds of 398, 401 and 401. Clemson won the team title with 1146. Kentucky finished second, followed by

East Tennessee, Tennessee and Eastern Kentucky.

Jimmy Franklin had a three-round total of 229, best among the Bulldog golfers and six strokes behind medalist Jimmy White of Clemson. Franklin fashioned rounds of 76-80-73, and placed fourth in the individual competition.

Zim Zimmerman finished sixth at 231 with 76-77-78 rounds. Rodney Morrow finished at 243 and Wayne Myers at 244.

Trustees Hear From Students

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mation about the CLEP tests was expressed. The lengthening of hours for the student use of the data processing area and the library was stressed explicitly also.

President Trexler reflected on the meeting. "I was really proud of all the students on the committee. I thought each did a good job. It was great to be able to talk with the trustees and advisors and let them know that we want to know who they are and what they think.