



GW pitcher Dale Gant serves up a fastball during a recent game at Nanney Field.

### 5 carry lofty averages

## 'Dogs bats blasting away

Five Gardner-Webb players are boasting lofty batting averages of .400 or better as the Bulldogs have gotten off to an impressive 6-1 start.

After seven games the Bulldogs have unleashed a powerful hitting attack and have been backed by excellent pitching from the mound staff.

Outfielders Frank Cauten and Bill Salyers are the leading batters with .500 averages. Hitting from the leadoff slot, Salyers has collected 11 hits in 22 bat bats. Among his totals are five doubles and seven runs batted in. Cauten is nine for 18 with three doubles and six RBIs.

Shortstop Eddie Tyndall and third baseman Rick Young are next with .458 and .454 averages, followed by first baseman Jim Fitts' .400 mark.

Designated hitter Mark Rivens is just under the .400 level with a .391 average and second baseman Robbie Moore is carrying with a .388 percentage.

Young has emerged as the team's power hitter with five home runs and 13 runs batted in. Rivens is second in homers with three and Tyndall is pushing for the RBI leadership with 11.

Righthander Tim Huff and southpaw Larry Irvin have turned in sparkling performances while winning two games each. Huff has not allowed a run in 13 innings, allowing only six hits over the span. He has struck over 24, tops on the staff, and walked five.

Irvin has worked eight innings without allowing a run. He has surrendered two hits while fanning seven and walking four.

Dale Gant has been the workhorse—pitching 19 innings in three outings. He has

a 1-1 record and earned run average of 3.79.

Rick Hord pitched seven innings and picked up the victory in the 'Dogs' 13-6 win over New York State.

As a team, G-W is batting .382. The pitchers have a combined ERA of 2.52 with 63 strikeouts and 14 bases

on balls.

Heavy rains forced some cancellations and re-scheduling last week. This week the Bulldogs meet Lenoir-Rhyne in Hickory on Wednesday and play High Point at home Saturday afternoon. It will be the 'Dogs' last home game before the Easter holidays.

## Sports Scene

April 5	Tennis vs. Catawba Track at Catawba (Davis Co.) Golf at Elon Tournament	2 p.m. 2 p.m.
April 6	Tennis vs. Lenoir-Rhyne	2 p.m.
April 7	Tennis at Warren Wilson Baseball at Lenoir-Rhyne	2:30 p.m. 3 p.m.
April 9	Tennis at Wofford	2 p.m.
April 10	Tennis vs. Warren Wilson Track at Davidson Relays Baseball vs. High Point	2 p.m. 1 p.m. 3 p.m.
April 13	Tennis vs. Mars Hill Track—GW Invitational (Lenoir-Rhyne, Presbyterian, Elon, Catawba, Francis Marion) Baseball at High Point	2 p.m. 2 p.m.
April 15	Tennis at UNC-Asheville Track vs. Presbyterian & Wofford	2 p.m. 2 p.m.

### Against nation's best

## Golf team 12th at Furman

A 12th-place finish may not raise any eyebrows, but when it comes in the Furman Invitational golf tournament, No. 12 is a good place to be.

"Not many people realize how well we played at Furman," said coach Garland Allen. "Finishing 12th against that kind of competition is like finishing first anywhere else. We were playing some of the best golf teams in the nation."

Wake Forest breezed to a 34-stroke win over Georgia Southern in the 54-hole event. The Demon Deacons posted an 854 total, 10-under-par on the 6,714 yard, par 72 course. Georgia Southern's 888 was one stroke better than third-place Georgia.

East Tennessee finished fourth with an 893 and Tennessee was fifth at 895. The Bulldogs and Eastern Kentucky

## Bormann named to NAIA squad

Dave Bormann has been named to the third-team of the NAIA All-America squad.

The 6-7, 190-pound junior earlier had been named to the District 26-All-District team, and recently received the Shelby Chamber of Commerce Certificate of Merit for his achievement during the past season.

"I'm very happy for Dave because he deserves the honor," said head coach Eddie Holbrook. "He worked very hard this season to improve himself as a player and I'm glad he received this recognition for his determination and dedication.

"Dave had a great season as an individual, but he never forgot the importance of teamwork and a total team effort."

## Netters improve after slow start

After losing its first five matches of the year, Gardner-Webb's tennis team won three of four and finished the month of March with a 3-6 record.

"We lost several early matches that we felt we should have won," said coach James Taylor. "What we needed was that first win to give us some confidence and get us going. I believe we can have an excellent season over the rest of our schedule."

The Bulldogs' first victory came at Lenoir-Rhyne, 9-0. Gardner-Webb followed with an 8-1 win at Belmont Abbey then lost at Limestone, 7-2. The netters defeated USC-Spartanburg, 7-2, last week for their first triumph at home. Earlier the Spartans edged the 'Dogs', 5-4.

Senior Randy Alexander has been G-W's most consistent player in the singles, winning six of his first nine matches.

Alexander teams with Bert Brimberry in the No. 1 doubles. That combination has produced seven wins.

"Bert and Randy have played well as a team," Taylor said. "They're evenly matched in ability. Randy especially is off to an excellent start and should win 15 to 17 matches this season."

The Bulldogs have three home matches scheduled for this week playing Catawba, Monday, and Lenoir-Rhyne, Tuesday at 2 p.m. Warren Wilson visits the campus Saturday for a 2 p.m. match.

Gardner-Webb plays at Warren Wilson Wednesday and Wofford on Friday.

## Bulldogs sign first basketball recruit

Curtis Odom, a 6-3 basketball standout for Bandys High School in Catawba, has become the first high school player to sign with the Bulldogs.

Listed on several all-state teams, Odom led Bandys through an unbeaten con-

ference season and to the semi-finals of the state 3-A playoffs, where the Trojans were beaten by Washington, 70-55. Bandys finished the season, 28-1.

As a senior, Odom averaged 22.3 points and 12 rebounds a game. In four years, he scored 1,940 points. He was selected to the all-conference team and was named player-of-the-week several times by the Charlotte Observer.

Used primarily inside at Bandys, Odom will be moved to wing in the Bulldogs' offensive scheme.

"Curtis has great ability," said coach Eddie Holbrook. "He has the potential to become an outstanding college player. His talent has just begun to scratch the surface."

"For 6-3, he's a great jumper," Holbrook continued. "He's used to playing with his back to the basket, and playing for us he'll have to become accustomed to facing the bucket. We'll just have to see how fast he can make the transition."

The Bulldogs will compete in a 16-team tournament Monday and Tuesday of this week at the Alamance County Club in Burlington. Elon College is the host team.

The Alamance course is also the site of this year's NAIA national tournament, scheduled June 1-4.