

Bulldogs First Winning Season Since 1972-73

The football season is now behind us, but the Bulldogs of Gardner-Webb can look back and be proud, for their season was the best at GW since 1972 when the Bulldog football team played in the Poultry Bowl.

The final record of 7 wins to 4 losses does not reflect the true success of the Bulldogs football team this year. The Bulldogs tied the record for most wins in a season, 7. Fewest points allowed - 139, most yards rushing - 2824, best rushing average - 256.7, longest winning streak - 4, most offensive plays - 739.

Johnny Walker has had the most successful career of any Bulldog, he has rushed for a career record of 1,360 yards, scored the most points of any Bulldogs players.

But if Walker is a great player, then his line is great, made up of guys like Jim Furlough, Jeff Carter, Mark Classen, Jody Douglas, and Bob Barnes. The whole team has played well, and worked hard to make the fine job done by Coach Jaynes and Sandford, and the rest of the Bulldog coaching staff.

The defense showed great power and determination with such excellent play from Frankie Smith, Mike Briggs, Dennis Thurman, and David Howard.

The Pilot Staff wishes to congratulate the 1977 Bulldog football team on a job well done, and hopes for a brighter season ahead.

Football Wrap-Up

ALL DISTRICT 26	ALL SAC 8
Johnny Walker.....RB	Johnny Walker.....RB
Jeff Carter.....OG	Jeff Carter.....OG
Mark Classen.....OT	Mark Classen.....OT
Frankie Smith.....DT	Rick Mack.....C
Chris Johnson.....DB	Bill "Slay" Salyer.....DB

Sport Briefs

The Gardner-Webb basketball team won the NAIA International Tournament. GW beat Portugal in the first game 119 to 58. The next game saw another GW victory over China 117 to 77. The third encounter showed total Gardner-Webb dominance by upsetting Czechoslovakia 96-87.

Low Young made All Tournament by pouring in a total of 86 points, 32 the first night, 30 against China, and 24 in the finale.

As of now the Bulldogs remain undefeated.

The kicking Bulldogs Gardner-Webb's soccer team won a scrimmage against the Shelby Adult soccer league. The score 10 to 1 showed just how good the Bulldogs are. Congratulations to Coach Prevost for a fine 500 season.

The lady Bulldogs basketball team is currently 3-1 on the season with a win against Meredith College and a loss to Winston-Salem State.

Third-Floor Lutz-Yelton won this year's Intramural Football Championship by defeating Richard Brunson's team by a score of 18 to 6. The game, played in the rain, proved to be too much for Brunson's team, which only won the honor of a case of the flu. 3rd Floor ended the season with an 11 win, 1 loss, 1 tie record.

Profile On Marvin Oliver

At 6'3", 213 pounds, Marvin Oliver is not the kind of person one should try to jump on. Marvin is a Physical Education major from Rome, Georgia, where he attended East Rome High School, which now hosts an undefeated record.

Marvin is a member of the 450 Club, which means he can bench a press a total of



450 lbs. Marvin is pleased with this because he began the season with only 405.

While playing football at Gardner-Webb little has been said about Marvin, but the team is aware of his presence, and the coaches feel he is an important part of the team. While at Gardner-Webb, he has played four different positions on the team: defensive back, defensive end, wide receiver, and tight end.

He has faced many injuries and played with severe pain at times, but Marvin says, "I always try to play my best, and to beat my opponent, because both the team and the school depend on every person doing their best, and striving towards perfection."

Marvin plans to teach and coach in Georgia if he can not play pro football, which has been his dream since childhood. His hobbies are weight lifting, and running. He likes to keep in top physical condition. Marvin also enjoys student teaching at North Side School for the trainably mentally retarded. He says, "Helping others is an important goal of every person. Personal gain should stand in the shadows and never be seen."

Tennis Report

Gardner-Webb's '77-'78 tennis squad, which finished its fall practice in October promises to be one of the finest in the school's history. Coach Jim Taylor and his assistant, Randy Alexander, successfully, recruited several good freshmen prospects. Although no ranked players have joined the team, three of the newcomers played number one for their high schools. Thus, according to Taylor, G-W should be more solid down the line and "we should win more matches because of this greater depth."

The three returning regulars from last year will be counted upon heavily to anchor this year's lineup. Randall Trogdon, who alternated with Glenn Phillips at the number one position last year, has improved over the summer and may be relied upon to occupy the top spot this year. Randall made it to the quarter-finals of the Shelby Charity Tournament which was eventually won by a former N.C. State standout. He was also a semi-finalist in the annual Gardner-Webb Fall Tournament, losing to the eventual champion, T. J. Riley from Belmont Abbey.

Glenn Phillips also promises to be a strong contender for the top spot. Glenn is a natural team leader, contributing greatly to the team morale, and is also a dedicated and competitive athlete. He finished in the round of sixteen in the Shelby Charity Tournament losing to Trogdon. He also received the semi-finals in the Gardner-Webb Tournament.

The third returning letterman, David Seagroves, has been more consistent this fall and at times has shown the ability to compete with anyone on the team. David also fared well in the Shelby Charity Tournament, but perhaps his highlight was winning the consolation finals of the Gardner-Webb tournament over teammate Irving Sistrunk.

Irving, one of the strongest hitters on the team is dedicated to the game. He is a freshman from Wilmington where he played number two in high school. Irving is also a fine doubles player.

Ted Cox, another freshman, played number one for Independence High in Charlotte last year and encountered some of the best players in the state. Ted's improvement at G-W has been paid, and he could develop into one of the best Bulldog netters ever if he continues to work hard.

Gary Latimer is a freshman from Tuscola High School in Waynesville. He is a smooth and consistent performer and could be an excellent doubles player. Gary will definitely be heard of in the future.

Dean Helton, a freshman from Bandys High School, is probably the best all-round athlete on the team and a very hard worker. He is said to be an intelligent student, also. Dean should see plenty of action this spring.

Mike Chapman, a transfer, and Rick Henke, a freshman, are the last two newcomers. Both have potential should add to the competitiveness of the team.

David Cooley has been on the team longer than any of his fellow teammates. He is a fine person to work with and really makes tennis practice seem like fun.

Mike England, a senior playing for the first time adds to the team's unity with his friendliness and humor. Mike has solid strokes and could see some action.

Jim Taylor has scheduled a tough season with matches including UNC-C from the NCAA, among Limestone, USC-Spartanburg, UNC-Asheville, Wofford and other District 26 teams. If the new talent gains the experience and confidence expected, then the Bulldog netters may finally break the spell and have an excellent year. With fan support, the tennis team should be exciting to watch in the spring.

Intramural Football Champs

(Front Row, l to r.) David Belue, Randall Trogdon, David Hill, Squeaky Parks, Steve Barbrey and John Smith; (Second Row, l to r.) Lennie Turner, John Norris, Joe Whiteside, Brad Parker, Mike England and Tom McLaughlin. (Not Pictured) Ray Riley, Doug Teague, Scott Brisindine and Chris James.

