

Football Update By Eric Stamey



The Gardner-Webb Bulldogs started the 1979 season with a fine 2-1 record but then dropped three straight games to fall into the SAC-6 cellar. This leaves the Dogs with a 1-5 conference record and a 2-5 record in overall games. Coach Tom Moore plans to stick with his building program and is confident it will be successful in the end.

Gardner-Webb won its second contest of the season when they traveled to Roanoke, Virginia and took on the Flames of Liberty Baptist. The game was never decided until Carlisle Koots kicked a 24-yard field goal with only four seconds remaining to give the Bulldogs a thrilling 32-29 victory. The offensive line gave a fine showing as they helped the G-W backs reach the 200-yard rushing mark. Oscar Goodine highlighted the scoring when he took the second half kickoff and sped 65 yards to paydirt.

The following week the Lenoir-Rhyne Bears came to town and handed the Bulldogs a 28-21 defeat. This time the big play worked against Gardner-Webb as Bear quarterback Craig Corbett ran 91 yards to give Lenoir-Rhyne their winning margin. G-W tailback Robbie Barnes had a fine afternoon picking up 131 yards in 27 carries. Chip Stuart also gave a fine performance hitting on 19 of 33 passes for 213 yards.

The Dogs took it on the chin 24-15 a week later from the Catawba Indians in Salisbury. Despite getting 70 offensive plays,

Gardner-Webb could manage only 15 points. Poor play by the specialty teams was a major downfall for the Bulldogs. Catawba had two long punt returns in the second half. A 71-yard return netted six points while a 40-yard runback set up another Indian touchdown. This put Gardner-Webb behind 24-7 and they were never able to challenge Catawba again.

The following week was homecoming at G-W and Carson-Newman came to Boiling Springs to fill the spoils role. The Bulldogs defense, which gave up 156 points during the four-game skid, surrendered an Eagle record 509 yards rushing in a 54-17 defeat. The Bulldogs fell behind 27-3 by halftime but had hopes of coming back when Gary Dixon recovered a fumble on the CN 23. Four plays later, Stuart hit Duane Foster on a six-yard scoring toss. But the comeback was short-lived as Carson-Newman reeled off 20 unanswered points.

Elon College handed the Bulldogs their fourth consecutive loss, 50-14. The game did not begin as a rout as G-W trailed only 15-14 at halftime. But the Bulldog defense wore down during the second half and gave up 35 points. Chip Stuart hooked-up with Oscar Goodine on a 53-yard TD pass to help keep the Dogs in the running during the first 30 minutes. Tailback Robbie Barnes suffered a shoulder separation early in the game and will likely miss the rest of the season.

Intramural Scene

There was plenty of action in Spangler Stadium on Wednesday, October 16 as the 1979 Intramural Bowl took place. A large crowd of enthusiastic fans turned out to watch the exciting championship game.

It turned out to be quite a battle between Lutz-Yelton and Myers. The game stayed close all the way, but Lutz-Yelton finally prevailed 13 to 6—thanks to a very impressive defense. Both teams charged onto the field "pumped up" and really gave each other all they could handle. It was one of those games where each team really desired to win, but of course there can be only one winner, and this year Lutz-Yelton became *numero uno*.

Earlier in the intramurals, Myers had taken the semi-final game from the Royster Bird Dogs with a 14 to 13 margin. This gave Myers the momentum going into the championship game, but they just could not overcome the well-organized Lutz-Yelton team. Thanks to all nine teams for making the 1979 Intramural football season a very exciting and successful one.

"ON THE COURTS..."

The intramural tennis tournament has been completed, producing eight champions. Ken Morphis took the men's intermediate singles while Charles Winters won the men's advanced singles. Ken and Charles also teamed up to win the men's advanced doubles title.

Jim Royals was on two winning teams, siding up first with Robbie Watkins to take the men's intermediate doubles, then with "Sunshine" Farmer to win the mixed doubles. Donna Christenbury claimed the women's single title. In the women's doubles championship, no one could "keep up with the Joneses" as Denise and Beverly were victorious.

"RUNNING SMOOTHLY"

The Century Club is still going on with 26 people participating. In the jogging division, Jim Duncan has already reached the 100 mile mark. Jane Seay isn't far away at 75.5 miles and Dr. Anthony Eastman has completed 72 miles to show that his legs are still in good shape! Barbara Blackburn leads the swimming division with 8 miles, while Brad Carson is just 2 miles back.

The volleyball tournament is scheduled to begin on Monday, November 5, and Dr. Gardner is working hard to make this tournament a success also. Everyone is invited to join a team, join the tournament, and, most of all, join in the fun!

Female Athlete Takes Crown

By Melinda Campbell

With roses bundled in her arms and a gleaming crown resting on her head, Miss Delana Gray became Gardner-Webb's 1979 Homecoming Queen. This event was a first for Miss Gray; however, as she tucked that prized football under her arm, it was evident that she had carried one many times before. Yes, Delana had just become the first female athlete to obtain the Homecoming Crown.

For quite some time, Delana has been an active participant in some sort of athletic program both in high school and in college. For example, on the interscholastic level she was a member of the basketball team (2 years) of which she was a MVP and an All Tournament player her junior year, the "Best Offensive Player" her senior year, an All Conference Player both years, an All Tournament Christmas Invitational player both years, a captain both years, and an

East-West All-Star both years. She was the captain of her volleyball team, an All Tournament, All Conference, and MVP player her senior year. She also led her softball team, again as a captain, the "Best Outfielder", and again as an All Conference performer.

Here at Gardner-Webb, she has continued her reputation as being a top female athlete. She is presently a member of the Women's Basketball Team and has been for the past three years. She played volleyball last year, has been active in the intramural program, and is a member of the Monogram Club.

As you can see, Miss Gray is well suited for the Female Athlete Homecoming Queen title. So, if you happen to see a gray woman up suit flash by with a bob of yellow hair afoot, be sure to stop and congratulate our Queen.



MISS DELANA GRAY

Bulldog Club Supports Women in Sports

The Gardner-Webb Bulldog Club has recently initiated their support of women's athletics. Never before at G-W, has there been such an effort to boost the women athletes.

For a long time, the women have led a somewhat sheltered career, existing in the shadows of a towering men's program. Basketball became their first outlet and then volleyball was added, just last year, as a second sport. The lady bulldogs have become a winning team, advancing to state playoffs several times.

Now, they have taken a giant step by entering Division 11 of the A.I.A.W. where the competition is much tougher. Here at the Webb, many of the lady athletes participate in both sports, making it all the more difficult to match up to their opponents who are, most of the time specialists in one sport.

A social in honor of the women athletes was given by the Bulldog Club on October 23. The purpose of the gathering was for the club members to meet their lady bulldogs and officially procure their support of women's athletics. Hopefully, future women athletes will look to this event and take pride in knowing that Gardner-Webb has recognized their women in sports.



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WOMEN'S VOLLEY—A CROWD PLEASER