



# SPORTS

## Runnin' Bulldogs Soccer Under Way

By Marty White  
Sports Editor

Armed with possibly the most potent group of players to collectively don Runnin' Bulldogs soccer uniforms, head coach Tony Setzer is well on his way to the best soccer season in school history. The team opened the season on August 28 with a disappointing 3-2 overtime loss to neighboring Limestone College. They bounced back quickly, however, domination both sides of the ball in a 5-0 trounce of Pfeiffer College in the opening round of the GWC Kick-off Classic. On the second day of the tournament, the Bulldogs dropped another heartbreaker (2-1) to a heavily favored Winthrop College squad. The University of Pennsylvania-California also participated in the weekend event.

Opening South Atlantic Conference play last Thursday afternoon at Wingate College, the Runnin' Bulldogs emerged a 2-1 victor in overtime. The team continued to gain momentum three days later with a 4-2 double-overtime triumph over the citadel. Setzer and his 'Dogs stand at a 3-2 mark (1-0) in conference play.

On the female side of the sport, the Lady Runnin' Bulldogs fell to Brevard College in the team's inaugural game. Though they lost 5-0, the squad showed much promise and received excellent play from freshman goaltender Ellen McCann.

Upcoming games for both teams:

### Men's

Sept. 26	Carson-Newman (H)
Sept. 29	Longwood (H)
Oct. 1	Catawba (A)
Oct. 3	Montreat-Anderson (A)
Oct. 6	Elon (A)
Oct. 11	Francis-Marion (H)

### Women's

Sept. 27	Coker (A)
Oct. 1	Catawba (A)
Oct. 7	Elon (H)
Oct. 13	Tusculum (H)

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## Volleyball Off and Runnin'

By Ernest Brown  
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Gardner-Webb's Lady Bulldogs volleyball team is off and running this year with two victories under its belt, against non-conference opponents Queens and Lees-McRae. As the new season opened against Queens, GW had many things working in its favor, including teamwork, experience, and a good mental attitude.

Three words to describe this year's team would be: tenacity, team effort, and hard work. The most crucial factor of the match against Queen's College was the ladies' ability to work together as a team.

Beth Ralph took over the helm this year for the team, and she has made some changes in both offensive and defensive strategies. Concerning the Queens game, she said, "We played well as a team. As long as we do that, we should have a good season. The team is more experienced this year, and we have players from last year who have greatly improved from last season." The first triple-match was held on September 12th against Pfeiffer and Belmont Abbey. The team defeated both clubs easily. Recently however, the ladies dropped two close conference contests against the Catawba Indians and Elon College. The Lady Bulldogs are hoping to rebound with a homestand against Wingate on Sept. 25.

### Upcoming Matches

Sept. 27	Queens (H)
Oct. 2	Belmont Abbey (A)
Oct. 5	Carson-Newman (H)
Oct. 8	Presbyterian (A)
Oct. 10	Pfeiffer (A)

## It's Football Time

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Off to a disappointing start, the Runnin' Bulldogs football team hopes to rebound September 22, against West Virginia Tech. In the season opener against Livingston University of Alabama on September 8, the visiting 'Dogs were simply overmanned and fell to the powerful NCAA Division II school by a 43-10 margin.

On September 15, the Bulldogs and a host of Gardner-Webb fans made the journey to Newberry, South Carolina, to face off against the Indians of Newberry College. After trailing the entire game, the Bulldogs took a 10-9 lead on a one-yard dive by quarterback Charles Barnes with less than three minutes to play. The Indians, however, drove down the field and took the lead with a 37-yard field goal with just 18 seconds remaining. The Bulldogs were not finished though. On the last play of the game, Barnes connected with Terry McGowan on a "Hail-Mary" pass. As time expired, McGowan reached the Newberry two-yard line before being pulled down.

Accolades should be given to Barnes, wide-receiver James Harbison, kicker Kwasic, running backs Carlos Howard and McGowan, defensive lineman Gabe Wilkins, linebacker Darren Nosal, and safety James Ingram. The entire offensive line also deserves credit. The unit played the entire game without any substitutions. The 'Dogs open home activities on September 29 against Wingate College.

### Upcoming Games

Sept. 29	Wingate (H)
Oct. 6	Lenoir Rhyne (A)
Oct. 13	Catawba (H)

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