

# SPORTS

### Men Strengthen Hold on #1 Position

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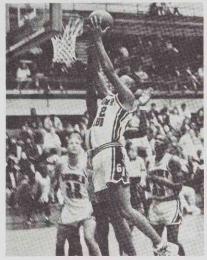
Sports Editor

The Runnin' Bulldogs men's basketball team went into Saturday night's contest in Clinton, SC, in the midst of a two-game losing skid and facing the second-place Blue Hose of Presbyterian College. When the night was over, however, the Blue Hose had suffered their second loss of the year at the hands of the Bulldogs, and GW had extended its league lead to two games.

Led by Jules Springs and Jerry Chollette, the Bulldogs (12-7, 7-1 SAC) won a fierce defensive struggle that actually proved to be an easier victory than the last one over PC in Paul Porter Arena just a few weeks ago.

Presbyterian started two 6-8 players and a 6-10 center on the front line in hopes of taking advantage of the smaller Bulldogs. GW did well sagging in defensively on the big men as senior center Pat Colson registered four of the Bulldogs' six blocked shots. "Our guys really went to the ball well on defense," commented GW head coach Jim Johnson. "That really made a difference."

Springs, who scored 25 points on the evening, got the Bulldogs rolling early as he nailed three of the teams five three-pointers in the first half. Chollette, who added 16, contributed with his usual hustle throughout the contest. The Bulldogs led throughout the game and managed to hit some big shots in the closing minutes to prevent the game from becoming yet another nail-biter. Just one week earlier, the team rallied from a 10-



point deficit with 2:18 remaining in the game to defeat Catawba College in overtime.

Another key for the Bulldogs was the excellent ball handling by Purvis Dukes. Though he had struggled of late, Dukes did not commit a turnover in 27 minutes of play at the point guard position. The Bulldogs only had 10 turnovers as a team. Colson led the team Saturday night with 10 rebounds, and Springs dished out three assists.

The Bulldogs seem to have awoke from a two-game slumber. They played inspired ball Saturday night and looked proned to capture the SAC crown. They will need to remain focused as they start down the home stretch of regular-season conference games.

#### Ladies' Basketball

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Fredia Lawrence scored 24 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, but it was not enough as the Lady Bulldogs dropped a 78-69 decision to Presbyterian College, Saturday

The Blue Hose put five players in double figures, a chief reason for the Bulldogs' downfall. Presbyterian held a three-point lead at the half and managed to turn it into a 13-point advantage just after the start of the second half. The Lady Bulldogs never recovered from the burst and could not get the lead under seven the rest of the way.

On a brighter note, Lawrence was number four this week in NAIA women's rebounding with a 12.47 average per game. She was also 19th in scoring with a 22.12 average. Also, sophomore teammate Mickie Drum is 13th in the nation in assists with a 6.71 average.

#### Nationals Bound

By Brian Siatkowski

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GW already has two wrestlers packing for nationals in Kansas. The first qualifier was Shawn Watson, who wasted no time by placing third in Pembrook's national qualifier in November. Watson not only placed in the first tournament of the season, but he has continued on through the year thrashing opponents hopes.

Ken Miller decided to keep Watson company by placing second in the Findlay Invitational. Miller and Watson not only travelled to Washington and Lee to help coach their teammates for national tourney berths, but they accumulated some more medals for the trophy case by fighting through the brackets. Another runner-up at his weight was freshman Wendell Williamson. The second place finish will throw Williamson on the bus to Kansas as well.



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