



SPORTS

Diamond 'Dogs Go West to San Diego

by Marty White
Sports Editor

Fresh from a fun and educational tournament in San Diego, California, the Runnin' Bulldogs baseball team is primed for South Atlantic Conference action.

The squad was riding a seven game winning streak going into the Point Loma Nazarene College Spring Classic. Though they were win-less on the west coast jaunt, the Diamond 'Dogs will benefit greatly from competing against such high caliber teams as Baker University of Kansas, Hawaii Pacific University, Point Loma, and Dohto University of Japan.

The three American schools are all ranked in the NAIA top ten while the Japanese club was made up of all-stars from three international teams. Left-fielder Andy Collins remarked, "We played like champions even though we lost." The most impressive performance turned in by the 'Dogs was on the last day of the tournament.

Behind the pitching of Chris White, G-W narrowly fell in the last inning to tournament champion Hawaii Pacific by a score of 5-4. The Runnin' Bulldogs are now 10-9 on the season. All-Conference center-fielder Terry Wright leads the squad in hitting.

After battling the icy conditions at the close of spring break, the 'Diamond Dogs flew out of Charlotte/Douglas International Airport for San Diego during the wee hours of Monday morning.

Upon arrival, they toured the famous San Diego Zoo and began preparations for the opening game of the tournament the following day.

Three of the four games the club played were at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time. The early starts enabled the players to visit the beaches and sample San Diego's night-life.

A highlight of the tournament was the pregame ceremonies with Dohto University. Consistent with Japanese traditions, the play-

ers exchanged gifts, including Dohto University baseball caps.

Some players managed to break the considerable language barrier and trade Gardner-Webb souvenirs for Dohto T-shirts.

On the final day in sunny southern California, the team toured San Diego's Sea World and visited with Shamu. Other members visited nearby Tijuana, Mexico. Traveling to a foreign nation was an educational experience for everyone, especially those who had never been outside the United States.

"The trip was a tremendous opportunity. It was great to be able to learn about a part of our country that we otherwise would never have been able to see," said first baseman Chris Shuford.

The players worked during the entire fall semester to finance the trip. Come out and support the Diamond 'Dogs as they make their bid for the South Atlantic Conference title.

Lady Bulldogs Softball Update

by Andrew Hopper
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The Gardner-Webb University Runnin' Bulldogs Women's Softball team split a double header on March 20 against Catawba College by winning the second game 2-1.

Lady Bulldogs' pitcher, Lynn Knight, has an ERA of 4.42, but her stamina has been tested. Knight has pitched 57 out of 58 innings for the Bulldogs.

Heather Robertson says, "The victory was a boost of confidence for the team. Hopefully, this will be a turning point for our season... I feel we have the talent. It's just a matter of putting it all together."

The next game is on March 31 at Mars Hill. Action gets underway at 2:30 p.m.

Tennis Team Travels to Virginia

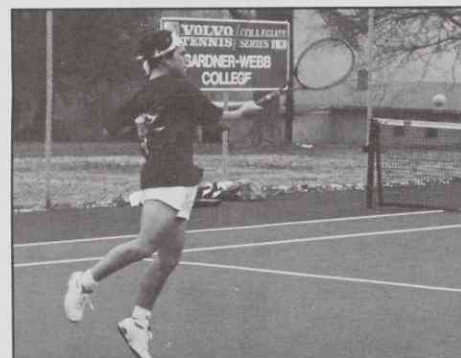
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The Gardner Webb University's Runnin' Bulldogs Men's Tennis team traveled to Virginia to take on Liberty University.

The Bulldogs came short of a victory with a 4-3 loss. Each match was fought long and hard. The winners were David Jones (6-0,6-3) and Kevin Bess (6-3,6-2) with Chad Lefteris and Brian Reijngoud winning in doubles (8-2).

When asked how he felt about the match Doug Clarke replied, "We could not win the big points."

Kevin Bess played the best match of his life. I asked Doug to describe Kevin's performance and he said, "[Bess was] on fire!"



The tennis team worked really hard to get ready for this season with 6:30 a.m. practices led by the well-respected IRON MAN Coach Ray Hardee.

The Bulldogs have worked hard for an overall record of 5-4.

The next tennis match is March 31 at Newberry College. Action will get underway at 2:30 p.m.

Spring Sports Schedules

Tennis		Baseball	
Men:		March 31 at G-W against Benedict (DH) 1:30 p.m.	
March 31	at Newberry 2:30 p.m.	April 3 at G-W against Carson-Newman 1:00 p.m. (DH)	
April 1	at Clemson 2:30 p.m.	4 at G-W against Carson-Newman 2:00 p.m. (DH)	
6	at Mars Hill 2:30 p.m.	6 at Limestone 3:00 p.m.	
Women:		7 at Anderson 6:30 p.m.	
March 31	at G-W against Elon 3:00 p.m.	Softball	
April 2	at Newberry 4:00 p.m.	March 31 at G-W against Mars Hill 2:30 p.m.	
6	at G-W against L-R 3:00 p.m.	April 1 at Erskine 2:30 p.m.	
		3 at Lenoir-Ryne 1:00 p.m.	
		7 at G-W against Wingate 2:30 p.m.	

LAST WEEK FOR ADVISING APRIL 5 - 9

- See your advisor to sign-up for classes.
- Non-declared majors, see an advisor in the appropriate department to declare a major.

April 3, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE

Giant Airshow featuring:
Skydivers, Stunt Flying, and a Daytime
Fireworks Display.

The Drama Department will be staging
two one-acts and numbers from the
"Wizard of Oz."

The football team will play a scrimmage
game, and the baseball and soccer teams
will be playing games.

The Charlotte Hornets cheerleading
team, the Honeybees, will present a show
in the stadium.

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...and much,
much more!