

## News, Views, and Who's Who in GWU Sports

### How about those lady Bulldogs!

by Carlton Hurt  
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The Lady Bulldog basketball team ended the season recently, losing to Wingate 84-78 in the first round of the NCAA Division II Tournament.

This season was, however, a season of accomplishment and achievement for the ladies and for first-year coach Eddie McCurley.

Take a look at what the Lady Bulldog team did this season:

-Finished the season 22-7, with the 22 wins setting a school record.

-Ended the conference season at 10-4 and in second place.

-Went undefeated at home, 11-0, which has never been done before in school history.

-Competed in the NCAA Division II Tournament for the first time.

"I really didn't know what to expect coming into this season. I wasn't sure how strong this conference was, and I knew some of the new players we brought in would have to play important roles. But this team gelled quickly," McCurley explained.

"I'm obviously pleased with the success we have had this season," McCurley noted.

The team will say goodbye to Ashley Goodman, Delaina Adams and Kim Houser, three seniors who showed great leadership according to McCurley.

However, Gardner-Webb returns three starters as well as a deep bench which contributed heavily to the success of this year's team.

So what does this team do next year for an encore? "We just hope to continue improving and we want to compete on a national level year in and year out," McCurley stated.

Congratulations to Coach McCurley and the team on a great season.

### Bulldog baseball on a major league streak

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The Gardner-Webb baseball team has been on something of a hot streak lately, winning five of the last six games.

The Bulldogs have been doing it at the plate, scoring a whopping 63 runs in those five wins.

Freshman third-baseman Sam Cable and sophomore 1B John Hill have been ripping the cover off the ball during the run barrage.

Cable, who leads the team in batting at a .364, cranked two home runs last week and went 3 for 3 with 3 RBIs versus Presbyterian on March 16.

Hill leads the South Atlantic Conference in home runs with seven, and belted a game winning three-run homer in that same game against Presbyterian. For his efforts he was named conference player of the week.

The Bulldogs now stand at 3-9 in conference play and are 10-16 overall.

Here is a list of games coming up:

|                   |        |      |      |
|-------------------|--------|------|------|
| N. Greenville     | Mar.26 | Away | 2:00 |
| USC-S             | Mar.27 | Away | 3:00 |
| Baker             | Mar.28 | Home | 3:00 |
| W. Virginia State | Mar.29 | Home | 3:00 |

Come out and catch the Bulldog baseball team in action.

### GWU softball team is on a roll

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The softball team has jumped out to a quick start in conference play, going 3-1 over the first four games.

The Lady Bulldogs recently swept perennial league power Wingate and they go into a doubleheader with Catawba sporting a record of 17-10 overall.

Gardner-Webb has been getting strong play out of SS Gina McGee. McGee leads the team in batting average at .404, with 36 hits and 24 RBIs. The junior is also tops on the team in stolen bases with four.

Junior Kerryanne Rishko has also been swinging a hot bat. She is second on the team in batting at .326 and has knocked in 20 runs.

Emily Harrelson has provided punch in the lineup, smashing a team high four home runs and 2B Bekki Reuter has been productive at the leadoff spot. Reuter leads the team in walks as well as runs scored.

Gardner-Webb will round out the season against these teams:

|               |         |      |      |
|---------------|---------|------|------|
| Carson-Newman | Mar.27  | Home | 2:30 |
| Mars Hill     | Mar.30  | Away | 1:00 |
| Lenoir-Rhyne  | April 3 | Home | 2:30 |
| N. Greenville | April 8 | Away | 3:00 |

Best of luck to the softball team.

### Who will be standing at the end of the "Big Dance"?

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A number of students were questioned as to who they feel will win the NCAA tournament. They said:

- Jason Farr - Kentucky
- Jill Self - Wake Forest
- John Wall - Wake Forest
- Christina Bailey - Georgia Tech
- Dusty Mason - Kentucky
- Rodney Keith - Kentucky
- E.J. Dolce - Kansas
- Darlene Broadhurst - UConn or Kentucky

- Maurice York - Texas Tech
- Josh Green - Kentucky
- McFarland Remy - Kentucky
- Heather Hoyle - Kentucky
- Kevin Porter - Kansas
- David Petro - If Gardner-Webb doesn't win it, then Kentucky will
- Jeff Jimmo - Kentucky
- Jim Davidson - Kentucky
- B.J. Johnson - Kentucky
- Emily Pecoul - Texas Tech
- Mindy Mallard - Wake Forest
- Trey Greene - Kentucky

### Upcoming tennis matches

Men's:

- March 26 - Away vs. Carson-Newman
- 30 - Away vs. Limestone and UNCC
- 31 - Away vs. Lees-McRae

- April 1 - Away vs. Newberry
- 2 - Home vs. Mars Hill 3 p.m.
- 3 - Away vs. Elon

Women's:

- March 26 - Away vs. Carson-Newman
- 27 - Away vs. Catawba
- 30 - Away vs. Limestone
- 31 - Away vs. Lees-McRae

- April 1 - Away vs. Newberry
- 2 - Home vs. Mars-Hill 3 p.m.
- 3 - Away vs. Elon