

Runnin' Bulldog Sports

Sports Talk

Hey kids, and welcome to this edition of Sports Talk. I'm your host, Randy Capps--and joining me once again is my partner-in-crime Takiya Patrick.

Let's kick it.

Hey, Randy. This is Wendy from Wendy Gap. I really like college football.

You're kidding!

No, I really do. Just because I'm a girl doesn't mean I can't like sports.

You're absolutely right. Now, go ahead and ask your question.

Okay. There are so many good college games this weekend, how do you think they'll turn out?

Your right about the games this weekend -- it's the biggest weekend of the season so far. By Saturday night, the race for the national title may have some new leaders.

There are two main games. In the Big Ten, #2 Penn State hosts #4 Michigan; while in the ACC, #3 Florida State travels to Chapel Hill to face #5 North Carolina.

Let's break them down.

Penn State has been holding on for dear life this season in several close games. To their credit, they are unbeaten.

They're also overrated. Michigan's defense will be too much for the Nittany Lions to handle. My pick: Michigan wins a close one, 21-17.

Oh, man -- this is probably the biggest game in North Carolina's history that doesn't involve Dean Smith. Could this finally be the year that someone besides FSU wins the ACC crown?

Nope. The Tarheels have not exactly been impressive this season, and the big-game hype for this matchup will leave them even flatter than usual. My pick: Florida State wins 28-17.

Whew! I'm going to grab a soda. It's time for Takiya to tackle a campus sports question. Who has one?

Hi, Takiya. This is Trent. Tell me, what has been the hottest sport on campus this fall?

Well Trent, the two words that seem to fall from everyone's lips these days are Women's Volleyball.

That would be my pick. True, the football team is doing pretty well, and the soccer teams have been making some noise, but the Lady Bulldogs have shown what they're made of all season long.

If you were at the game on Friday, Oct. 24, you know what kind of support the ladies have been getting.

There were 1,200 people at this match. That's only about 700 short of the attendance at our last football game!

Well, they have my support, too. I think they're going to bring home the South Atlantic Conference title this year. They have the talent to do it.

I suggest that you take a long look at the Lady Bulldogs in action during the SAC Tournament on Nov. 13-15 and you'll see why they are the hottest ticket at Gardner-Webb this fall.

Thanks, TP. We're out of space. See ya!

Football team rolls over Tusculum, 66-6

by Randy Capps
sports editor

The Runnin' Bulldog football team celebrated Halloween a day late as they had plenty of tricks for Tusculum and treats for the fans in a 66-6 rout of the Pioneers.

After consecutive losses to Catawba and Carson-Newman, Gardner-Webb (6-3, 2-3 SAC) bounced back in a big way against Tusculum (1-8).

It didn't take very long for the Dawgs to take control of the game, as with just 29 seconds gone in the first quarter, Tim Sullivan intercepted a pass and returned it 16 yards for a touchdown.

GWU would lead 10-0 before the Pioneers scored to cut the lead to 10-6.

It never got any closer as the Bulldogs ran off 56 unanswered points against the Pioneers at Spangler Stadium.

Sophomore quarterback Clint Conner had a big day, completing 14 out of 20 passes for 244 yards and three scores.

Backup quarterbacks Carlton Hurt and Mike McKay also saw action.

Eric Harris tallied the other two receiving touchdowns, including a hail-mary pass to end the first half.

The rushing attack was impressive as well, as GWU piled up 361 yards on the ground. Amos Myles led the way with 134 yards on nine carries.

Myles also had two scoring runs; the first one was from one yard, the other was a bit farther.

In the fourth quarter, Myles scored from 90 yards out, setting a school



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Amos Myles, a junior from Clemson, SC, runs through a huge hole provided by the offensive line. Myles ran for a school-record 90 yard touchdown on this play.

record for the longest run from scrimmage.

The defense continued their dominance against the pass, allowing only eight completions for 59 yards.

The lone bright spot in an otherwise dismal day for Tusculum was the play of Birdie Dockery.

Dockery ran the ball 25 times for 205 yards while nursing a broken hand.

Coach Steve Patton's troops will play

the final two games of the season on the road, as they will face SAC rivals Presbyterian and Mars Hill. Patton is not taking either team lightly.

"We've got two good teams in PC and Mars Hill the next two weeks and they're going to be looking for us," Patton said.

Gardner-Webb is now assured of a winning season, marking the first time in school history that a first-year coach has posted a winning record.

Volleyball team captures SAC regular-season title

by Takiya Patrick
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The Lady Bulldog volleyball team has made history.

With a win over Presbyterian College on Oct. 29, GWU won its first-ever South Atlantic Conference regular season title.

The battle is only half over. The 1997 SAC Volleyball Tournament will be held at Paul Porter Arena on Nov. 13-15.

GWU will enter the event as the number one seed.

The success of Coach Angell Kirkpatrick's squad has been a team effort. The Lady Bulldogs are ranked fifth nationally in hitting percentage and sixth in blocks.

Individually, Kathy Smith, Heather Hauser, Linette Ramseur, Tracy Schroeder and Trisha Beatty have all been outstanding for Gardner-Webb this fall.

The Lady Bulldogs finished the year with a 26-7 record overall, as well as a near-perfect 13-1 conference mark.

On Oct. 22, the ladies played host to

Carson-Newman, defeating them 3-1.

Heather Hauser led the way with 24 digs and 10 kills.

Two days later, GWU knocked off Mars Hill 3-0 in front of a crowd of nearly 1,200 people at Paul Porter Arena.

Hauser was dominant again with 30 digs and 13 kills. Linette Ramseur pitched in with 11 kills and 17 digs.

The ladies played in the Presbyterian College Tournament on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

This was not a successful trip for the ladies as they dropped three straight matches for the first time this season, including a 3-1 loss to Presbyterian.

PC will enter the SAC Tournament as the second seed, and their recent victory will certainly give the Lady Blue Hose some positive momentum.

The conference tournament will probably hold true to form, with GWU and Presbyterian locking up in the finals for the 1997 SAC crown. The Lady Bulldogs are 2-1 against PC this season.

A conference title is in sight for the Lady Bulldogs. All they have to do now is win four more home matches in the SAC Tournament to make it happen.

News and Notes

Volleyball

The 1997 SAC Tournament will be held here on Nov. 13-15. Be there!

Cross Country

The men and women's cross country teams will travel to Florida for the NCAA Regionals on Nov. 8.

Men and Women's Soccer

The soccer teams will begin their respective South Atlantic Conference Championship Tournaments this week. Good luck to both teams.

Football

The Gardner-Webb Runnin' Bulldogs will travel to Presbyterian on Nov. 8 to face the Blue Hose. Then the team will go to Mars Hill for the season finale on Nov. 15.

Basketball

The basketball team will kick off the new season with an exhibition game on Friday night, Nov. 7. Come out and get an early look at this year's squad.