

Dawgs end season with 4 straight wins

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Okay, everyone quit pushing and shoving, there is plenty of room on the bandwagon so feel free to climb aboard. Time to dust off those Bulldog shirts you hid at the start of the season and salute a good team.

Admit it, you did not really expect the whole Division I move to work out for the Bulldogs. Most people thought GWU would be lucky to grab maybe two wins, and even that was pushing it.

To put up a winning season was considered nearly impossible, especially with a team that had 34 underclassmen on it. Now things look a little different at the end of the season, with GWU boasting a 7-4 overall record and having taken down the first ranked opponent in school history.

Games like the 38-35 victory over Division I-AA powerhouse, New Hampshire, and then the season-ending 42-18 massacre of Savannah State definitely made people pay attention.

Ranked #24 in all of Division I-AA, the Wildcats had just come off a major upset, having beaten #2 Delaware.

Expecting an easy victory, New Hampshire got instead a harsh lesson in football reality:

GWU definitely made New

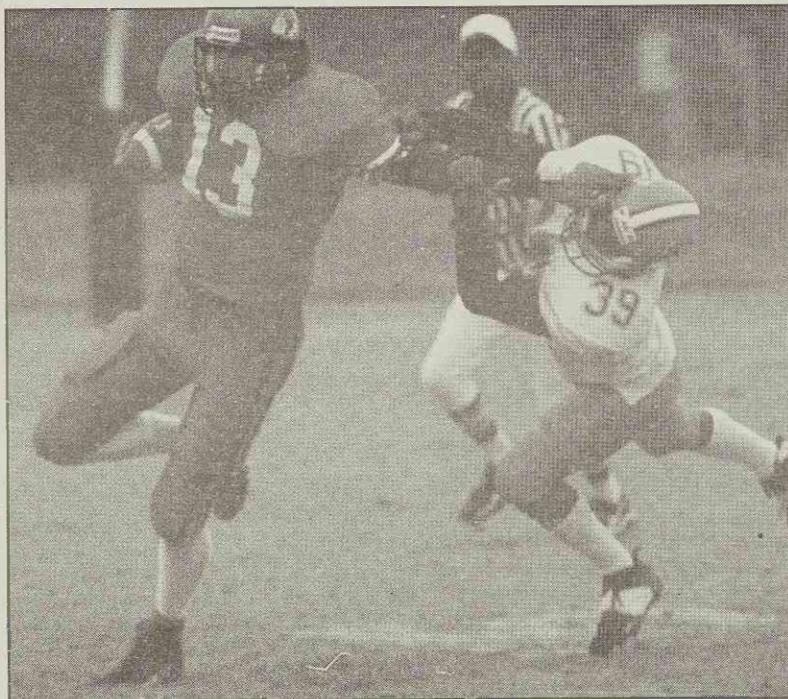


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After faking a punt, Jim Maxwell, advances to make a first down against Savannah.

Hampshire pay by putting up over 578-total-yards on offense.

QB Jeremy Martin played one of his best games as a Bulldog, throwing for 403-yards and 2 tds.

He also ran for 2 more and engineered the Bulldog victory with a 7 play, 71-yard-drive that took just over a minute, ending in a 27-yard-td pass to

freshman wide-out Andy Andrews.

Andrews also put up big numbers on the day, with 12 catches for 203 yards and 2 tds. Justin Richardson tore up the Wildcat defense for 124 yards on 22 carries.

Overall, the Bulldogs proved that they could not only survive against a ranked team, but they could win.

Proving the past few weeks was no fluke, the Dawgs ended the season with a blowout 42-18 victory over an overmatched Savannah team.

Martin completed 16-25 in the game for 215 yards and 2 tds while Richardson abused the Savannah defense with 158 yards in 29 carries and 2 tds.

The Bulldogs came out of the gate on fire, torching their opponents for 21 points on their first three possessions.

On their first series, GWU cut through the Savannah defense with ease, marching 80 yards in 13 plays and ending the drive with Martin running the QB sneak from a yard out for a 7-0 advantage.

The Bulldog defense held strong and shut out the Tigers for the entire first quarter. The offense proved they were in total control of this game by continually pounding the opposition, putting up 2 tds before walking into halftime with a 21-10 lead.

Things did not get any better for the Tigers in the second half of play, as GWU took control with their first possession and an 11-play, 62-yard march for the touchdown and 28-10 score.

Later in the fourth, true freshman Anthony Hillman got the call and capped off the game with a 2-yd dash for the TD, putting GWU up 42-10 and sealing the victory.

GWU'S swimmers blow their competition out of the water

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The Gardner-Webb swim team blew the competition out of the water at their meet November 4.

Their opponent-North Carolina A&T--could not reach the women except in the final relay. The Dogs won every other event, which led them to a final score of 127-59.

Sarah Fair took two first-place ribbons in both the 200-meter freestyle (2:00.60) and 50-meter freestyle (26.28). Melissa Smith was first to touch the wall in the 200-meter individual medley (2:23.40). Amanda Kersey took first in the 200-meter butterfly (2:20.00). Kourtney Hamilton took the 500-meter freestyle (5:35.70), Megan

Campbell claimed first in the 200-meter breaststroke (2:46.10), Cheryle Home seized the 200-meter backstroke (2:20.70) and Becky Henninger secured first in the 100-meter freestyle (1:00.30).

The swim team did not fair as well in their meet against Davidson College and Georgia Southern in on Nov. 5.

Davidson outswam GWU 86-20 and Georgia Southern glided past GWU 59-46 in the double-dual meet.

Fair finished first in the 1,000-yard freestyle (10:35.44) and once more in the 500-yard freestyle (5:09.79). Home was second in the 100-yard freestyle while Hamilton grabbed second in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:09.65).

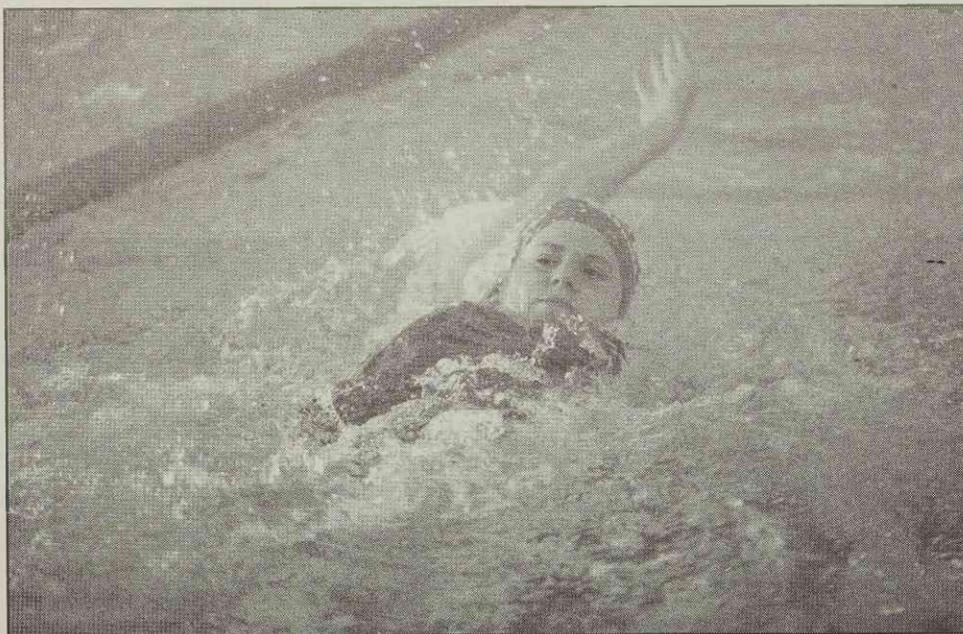


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Swimmer Becky Henninger, sophomore, is doing the backstroke at one of the team's recent competitions.