

Sports

SWIMMING

Ladies improve record after home victories

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The Gardner-Webb swimmers added two wins to their 15-win season record on Saturday, after competing against Catawba and Wingate at home. Gardner-Webb scored a total of 105 points in the meet, easily handling Wingate (59 points) and Catawba (24 points) for their seventeenth win of the season.

Katie Hoffman of Wingate won the 400-yard fly to start the day in 4:53.95. GWU swimmer Becky Henniger placed second in 4:59.66 followed by teammate Megan Campbell.

Cheryl Horne of GWU captured two victories, one in the 50-yard freestyle finishing in 25.59 with team mate Jessica Mischel finishing closely behind in 26.33.

Horne also placed first in the 50-yard butterfly by edging past Deanne DeMattos of Catawba by one-tenth of second in 28.05 to DeMattos' 28.15.

Gardner-Webb also captured fourth through seventh place in the 50 butterfly. After two events GWU led over Wingate and Catawba with 20

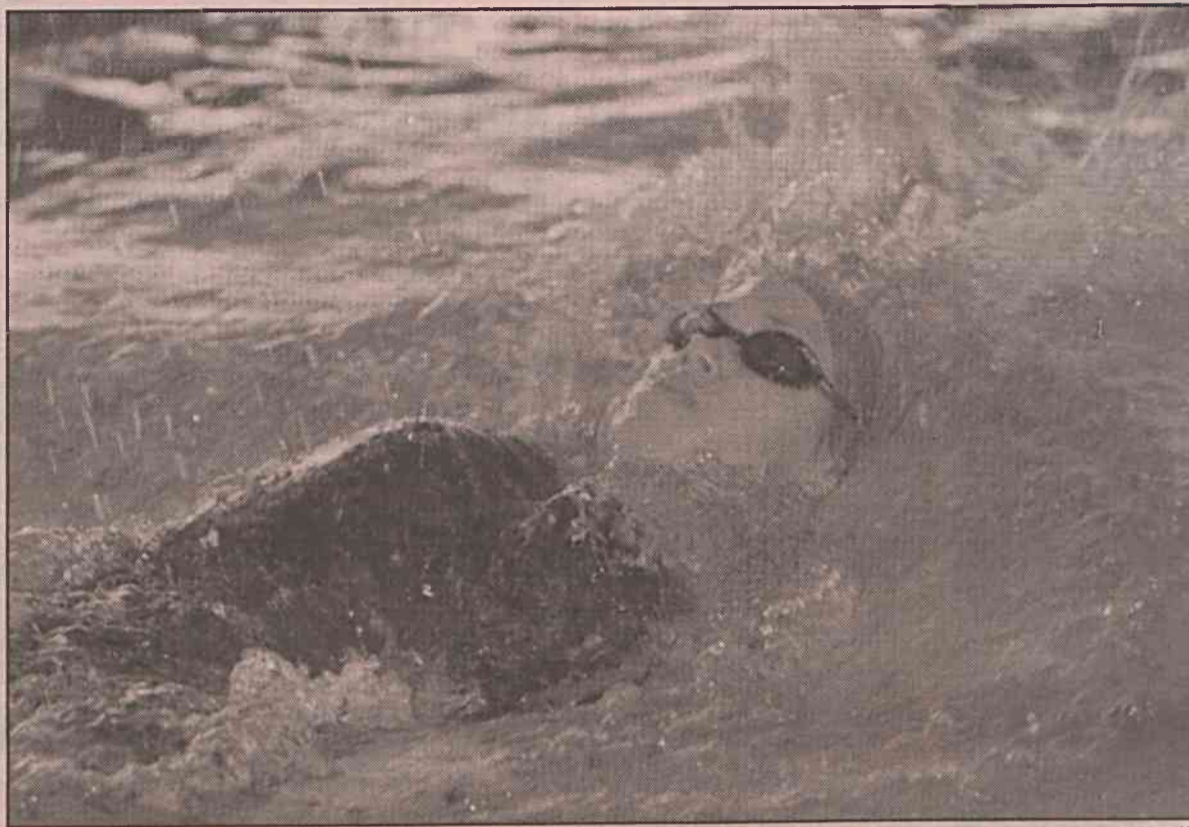


Photo by Angela Murtiff

A Gardner-Webb swimmer competes in the backstroke Saturday. GWU won, defeating Wingate and Catawba.

points to Wingate's 15 points and Catawba's two points.

Wingate took the lead over Gardner-Webb 26-24 when Stephanie Reinshuttle out swam Erin Hyde of Catawba for the win in the 400-yard backstroke with a time of 4:39.25. Jennifer Bishop of GWU led the Bulldogs with a

third place finish in the 400 backstroke with a time of 4:49.54. Katie Thrall placed fifth for Gardner-Webb.

Henniger helped GWU capture the team victory over Wingate and Catawba with a win in the 50-yard breaststroke. Also competing in the 50 freestyle for GWU were Lisa

Fry, Katie Alford and Kourtney Hamilton, placing second, third and fourth, respectively.

Fry swam a 1:03.24 in the 100-yard individual medley to place first, with teammate Henniger placing second and teammate Jennifer Chester rounding out the top three.

Fry continued her success

with a victory in the 400 breaststroke. Hamilton of GWU placed second and Chester placed fourth.

With only four events left in Bost Pool, Thrall earned a victory by 37 hundredths of a second over Catawba's Hyde in the 50-yard backstroke in 30.50.

Mischel placed third in the 50 backstroke, and Horne and Bishop of Gardner-Webb finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

Samantha Lehman of Gardner-Webb captured her only win of the day in the 400-yard freestyle with teammate Taylor Simpson placing second. Crawford and senior Melissa Smith placed third and fourth, respectively, in the 400 freestyle. With one event left GWU had a comfortable lead with 88 points to Wingate's 42 and Catawba's 21. Smith led GWU by placing third in the last event of the day, the 800 individual medley, followed by teammates Lehman and Campbell.

"This was a tough meet in the 800 IM, but team encouragement helps me to overcome each challenge," said Smith.

DUKE 23, GWU 20

Bulldogs lose close match to ACC school

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The Gardner-Webb wrestling team suffered a heartbreaker last Wednesday, falling to Duke University in a close match, 23-20.

The Bulldogs used strong victories by Erik Wince, Brent Blackwell, Jonathan Richard, Justin Lansley and Justin Gulliver to put a scare into the Blue Devils, but Duke found a way to edge by.

Duke's Mike Mitchell started out the match with a 22-4 technical decision victory over GWU grappler Michael Ard, pushing the Devils out in front 5-0. GWU struck back in the next match though, as Wince fought for a 2-0 decision over Duke's Tim Marcantonio. Duke went up 9-3 in after Thomas Cass ousted Michael Mays, but then GWU took control.

Blackwell and Richard gave GWU the

lead with back-to-back victories. Blackwell won in a 12-4 decision, while Richard ousted Duke's Roy Williams for the contest's only pin. GWU then had a 13-9 lead, the momentum and the home crowd on their side.

Unfortunately for Gardner-Webb, Josh Pniewski was disqualified in the next match, giving Duke a big six points. Duke's Andy Soliman tacked on a 15-6 decision over Johnathan Neal to extend the Devils' lead to 19-13.

GWU fought back, with Lansley winning 5-3 in sudden death to cut the Duke lead to 3, but when Duke's Brandon Foose scored an 11-1 major decision over John Cofer, GWU's fate was sealed. Gulliver closed out the match with a 14-3 decision, but GWU still fell three points short.

The Bulldogs will be at home Saturday.

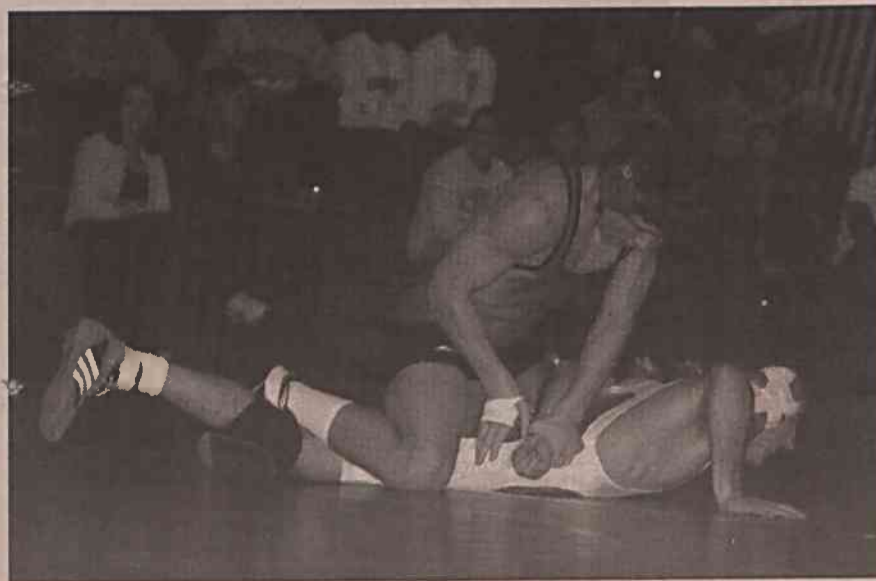


Photo by Stephanie Alexander

A Gardner-Webb wrestler holds down a Duke opponent. The Bulldogs lost a close match, 23-20 Wednesday to the Blue Devils.