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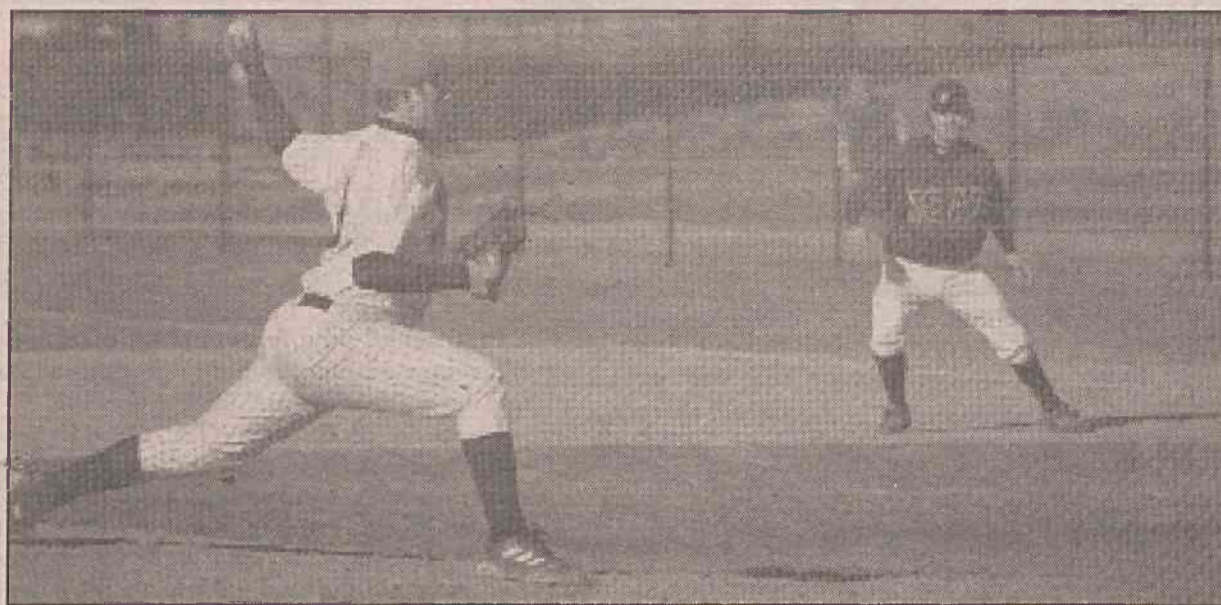


Photo by Emily Killian

The GWU baseball team faced N.C. A&T in a double header last Saturday. Joey Siak (above) contributed to the Bulldog victories as he pitched during one of the games.

BASEBALL: Everyone contributes

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"No matter how much talent you have, you have to work as a team to be successful," said Styers. "There's no superstar on our team. Everybody contributes."

Gonzalez said that the team's strongest point this season is the combination of good pitching and a strong offensive drive.

Offensively, the Dogs scored 22 runs in the

past three games.

"Our hitters are doing a great job of reading pitchers," said Gonzalez.

Defensively, the team has held its opponents to just five runs in their past three games.

"All credit goes to the defense," said pitcher Jeff Long. "By playing so well in the field, they gave me confidence and made my job easy."

"All I did was throw strikes," said Long. "The defense and the bats took care of the rest."

SWIMMING

Team finishes second at meet

John Olson
Pilot staff

The Gardner-Webb swimmers ended their season at the Southern States Conference meet Feb. 13-15, recording a school record second-place finish while setting nine school records and placing five swimmers on the All-Conference team in Radford, Va.

The Lady Bulldogs scored 633 points while defending champion the University of North Florida earned 848 team points to earn the title.

Senior Cheryl Horne ended her GWU career with two victories. Her first victory occurred in the 50 free by improving on her school record with a time of 24.06. Horne also earned a victory in the 100 free for Gardner-Webb.

GWU freshman Taylor Simpson placed second in the 200 fly with a new school

record time of 2:08.46. Kourtney Hamilton swam to a pool record time of 2:23.87 in the 200 breast. Freshman Samantha Lehman placed second in the 1650 followed by senior Melissa Smith's fourth place finish.

"It was an awesome meet," said Smith. "Even though we had two disqualifications we pulled together and fought until the end."

Gardner-Webb's 400-medley team of Katie Thrall, Lisa Fry, Hamilton and Becky Henninger set a school record time of 4:04.26 to finish fourth. GWU's 400 free relay squad of Henninger, Jennifer Chester, Horne, and Jessica Mischel finished second. Chester finished second for the Bulldogs in the 500 free.

Horne became Gardner-Webb's first four-time All-Conference swimmer. Hamilton (3rd selection), Chester (2nd selection),

Simpson (1st selection) and Lehman (1st selection) also earned All-Conference honors. Head Coach Mike Simpson and the lady swimmers finished the season with an 18-6 record, besting the old record by six wins.

"I was very proud of our team this year for such a great performance," said Horne. "Not just at Southern States, but at our dual meets and invitationals. We stood strong and did not let losing a meet get us down."

"I feel that I ended my long career of swimming on a good note. I thank God for the opportunity to swim under such an awesome coach like Mike [Simpson]."

Gardner-Webb's swim team is graduating five seniors this season. The swim team's first graduating class consists of Kourtney Hamilton, Becky Henninger, Cheryl Horne, Hannah Lawrence and Melissa Smith.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

MENS GOLF

The Citadel Invitational

Pine Forrest Country Club, Charleston, SC

2/25 - Brian Parker's final round 75 vaulted GWU to a second-place finish in the Citadel Invitational Tuesday. The Bulldogs came up just short of Flagler College, who finished the final day with a 308 to nip GWU by two strokes.

Leading the Bulldogs individually was Rory McCaughna, whose final round 77 lifted him to fourth overall in the individual competition. Steve McDonald finished sixth overall, Parker and Chris Brady finished 15th, and John Easley was 37th for GWU.

The second place finish puts the 'Dogs out to good start, after placing third in the CSU Kickoff Classic February 18-19. Next up is the Winthrop Invitational March 10-11.

WOMENS TENNIS

Gardner-Webb 7

Morris Brown 0

2/20 - GWU improved its record to 1-3 last Thursday, easily handling Morris Brown, 7-0. The Lady Bulldogs didn't surrender a set to Morris Brown the whole match. GWU plays next at Catawba Feb. 26 at 3 p.m.

Singles

1. Melissa DeJong (GWU) def. Tamara Thompson (MBC) 6-2, 6-1

2. Lisa Handzus (GWU) def. Yasmine Johnson (MBC) 6-0, 6-0

3. Molly Hoeffner (GWU) def. Taneka Thompson (MBC) 6-0, 6-0

4. Lorielle Ferlita (GWU) def. Miranda Baldwin (MBC) 6-0, 6-0

5. Elena Iltcheva (GWU) def. Lakiesha Watford (MBC) 6-0, 6-0

6. Carrie Yerkes (GWU) def. Roslind Gardner (MBC) 6-0, 6-0

Doubles

1. DeJong/Hoeffner (GWU) def. Thompson/Thompson (MBC) 8-0

2. Handzus/Ferlita (GWU) def. Johnson/Baldwin (MBC) 8-1

3. Yerkes/Iltcheva (GWU) def. Watford/Gardner (MBC) 8-0

SOFTBALL

Seahawk Classic

Wilmington

2/23 - Coastal Carolina ended GWU's run at the UNC-Wilmington Seahawk Classic Sunday, ousting the Lady Bulldogs 4-0 and only allowing one Gardner-Webb hit.

Overall, Gardner-Webb came out of the competition successful, with a record of 4-2 on the weekend. After dropping their first game of the tournament to the same Coastal Carolina team, 2-1, the Bulldogs went on to win four in a row. Lani Shaffer went 4-4 to lead the Bulldogs over Hampton in extra innings. GWU then dominated Coppin State, 12-2, dropped UNCW 2-0, and slipped by UMBC 3-2.

The tournament moves the Lady Bulldogs to .500 at 6-6. GWU will next play Thursday at Jacksonville, the team's first ever Atlantic Sun game.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL DOUBLEHEADER

vs. Jacksonville State, Thursday, Feb. 27
SENIOR NIGHT

Women start at 6 p.m., Men start at 8 p.m.