

## Sports

# Men's basketball cruising early



Freshman, Thomas Staton, takes a shot during the game against Montreat on Monday night.

Photo by Robert Chestnut

by Blake DuDonis  
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After an easy 89-48 season opening win against lowly Covenant College, the Runnin' Bulldogs of Gardner-Webb faced a little bit tougher of a team in Montreat College Monday night.

The Dawgs ultimately showed they were the superior team as they pulled away for an 89-62 victory.

The favorites by a large margin, the GWU was concerned early as Montreat hit three straight three-pointers to start the game, building confidence for the NAIA school of 900 students.

Leading by just nine points at halftime, GWU stayed patient and converted 43 points off the 23 Montreat turnovers.

GWU player David Brown, a transfer from Broward College, found a rhythm of his own in the second half as he knocked down three shots from long range and also had a nice driving layup as he scored 15 points on the night, 10 in the second half.

Also coming off the bench was Stefon Johnson who thrilled the crowd with his performance.

Several minutes after pinning a shot attempt by Montreat, Johnson received a nice pass from Jonathan Moore and threw down a monster dunk over Montreat

star Dustin Harris, sending the crowd into a frenzy that last the rest of the game.

Johnson scored 11 points, while Moore and C.J. Hailey each contributed 13 a piece.

Josh Henley and Aurn MacMillan only had 10 points combined, but the two were dominating forces on the boards, bring down 12 and 9 rebounds, respectively.

The win brings Gardner-Webb to 2-0 on the season as the team prepares for another lower level team in Methodist College on Saturday before heading to Chapel Hill to take on the 4th ranked Tar Heels on Monday.

## Women's basketball victorious against Winston-Salem State



Photo by Erin Cooke

The Women's Basketball team hosted Winston-Salem State on Monday, November 16th. They had a last minute huddle before the start of the game.

by Diana Palka  
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The Gardner-Webb women's basketball team made up for its 86-64 season opener loss to Houston and rammed Winston-Salem State Monday night in a 70-38 home victory at Paul Porter Arena. The Bulldogs improved their record to 1-1 as the WSSU Lady Ram's fell to 0-2 for the season.

"We did a better job of controlling tempo," said GWU head coach Rick Reeves, "Slowing down when we wanted to slow down and speeding up when we wanted to speed up."

The Bulldogs put forth a true team effort with 10 different players scoring, led by Mar-

garet Roundtree's 10 points and six boards. Juniors LaTroya Pope, Dominique Hudson, Monique Hudson and Sandra Vaitkute contributed nine points apiece, while Courtney Epps dropped in eight points to go with three steals.

All but two players put points on the board, something Reeves said he was "extremely pleased with."

Reeves also mentioned that the Bulldog's vastly improved on their past win over the Rams, last year only winning by nine points.

Shooting 56 percent from the field in the first half, the Bulldogs led 36-26 at halftime. Continuing the exceptional shooting into the second half (52.2

percent), the Bulldogs capitalized on 11 WSSU turnovers by scoring 18 points and rolling to a 32-10 run with 7 minutes left on the clock.

The Bulldogs held the Lady Rams to only four made field goals in the second half, further cushioning their lead to a whopping 32 points.

Vontisha Woods of WSSU had a team-high, game-high 13 points and eight rebounds, and guard Rene Rector made two from behind the arc as well as two free-throws for a total eight points.

Gardner-Webb will look to further improve its record in the next context as the Lady Bulldogs will host the Limestone Lady Saints tomorrow at 7 p.m. in Paul Porter Arena.

## Women Soccer Stumbles in Conference Tourny

by Andrew Veeder  
Sports Editor

The High Point Panthers blanked the Runnin' Bulldogs of Gardner-Webb in the first round of Big South Conference tournament play. With a final score of 2-0, Gardner-Webb's season has come to a close.

Both High Point and Gardner-Webb's keepers proved to have a solid first half, as the affair remained 0-0 going into the half time break.

Yet, in the 66th minute, Katie Taber of High Point was able to capitalize on a crossing ball sent by teammate Courtney Spots. A mere seven minutes later, the Panthers again found the back of the net to go up 2-0.

Despite being in a large deficit with few minutes remaining, the Lady Dawgs continued to fight until the last whistle had been blown. Senior Kasey Gladhill connected with the cross bar in the 84th minute, and two more shots on goals in the 87th minute.

The Gardner-Webb women's soccer team finished the 2009 season with an overall record of 12-9-0. With 12 wins this season, the Bulldogs dramatically improved their record from the 2008 season.

"I think overall we played well this season," said GWU goalkeeper Samantha Rupert. "We took it game by game, and we grew as a team. We will look at the spring as a way to improve and get better for next season. I'm proud of the team and what we accomplished this season."

## Men's soccer falls to Winthrop

by Andrew Veeder  
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The Gardner-Webb men's soccer team wrapped up their 2009 season with a loss to the Big South Conference tournament champions, Winthrop University. The Runnin' Bulldogs lost an epic battle in a penalty kick thriller after over 100 minutes of play.

After 90 minutes of regulation, the Eagles and Dawgs were tied 2-2, going into two golden goal overtime periods. Battling for possession, neither team was able to capitalize as the referees blew their whistles signaling penalty kicks.

The Winthrop Eagles defeated the Gardner-Webb Runnin' Bulldogs 4-3 in penalty kicks to advance into the second round of the conference tournament.

However, multiple Runnin' Bulldogs were honored by the Big South Conference for their work on the field, as well as in the classroom.

Junior goalkeeper Trent Kozman was awarded the Big South Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Kozman, a 4.0 grade point average, is majoring in mathematics. He was also named to the All-Academic Team.

Gerard Heffron, Jovan Ivanovich, Romeo

Kabanda, Jon Ole Reinhardsen, and John Sargant all received honors from the Big South Conference.

Kozman was able to share his insights on the season, as well as the 2010 season.

"Everyone is hungry after this season, and falling in penalty kicks in our last game—we are motivated," said Kozman. "We are driven to build on this year and win the Big South tournament next year."

When asked about preparations for next season, Kozman, blunt and to the point, stated:

"The work for next season starts now."

**Annual Christmas Sale is coming in November.**  
It will include pottery, jewelry, paintings, and prints by Gardner-Webb students and faculty.

**Preview: Wednesday, November 18, 4pm-9pm.**

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday, November 19-21, 9am-6pm.**