

# QUAKER SPORTS

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## Basketball In Review

The Quakers completed their basketball season on Saturday night, February 18th, as they bowed to a strong Elon five. This ended what most likely will be remembered as the worst basketball season in Guilford College history. Their final record showed 1 victory and 22 defeats.

Administration policies forced the retirement of Coach Meredith and it is with deep regret that we will not see him guiding the Quaker fortunes in the years to come. Guilford loses a fine coach and an even finer man. We all wish him luck in whatever new field he might embark.

### Improvement Noted

The last few weeks of the basketball season showed a gradual improvement in the Quaker basketball team. Three men, namely, Don Hemrick, Oz Schmidt, and Bill Abernathy, were chiefly re-

sponsible for the Quaker late-season improvement. This trio returned to action with the start of the second semester and at the close of the season they were all averaging in double figures.

Games played in the latter part of the campaign bear out this noted improvement. In the Quakers' last outing against Davidson they bowed after a hard struggle, by the score of 84-79. In their first engagement the Quakers were slaughtered 108-65. The Lenoir-Rhyne games also showed a great improvement. In the first meeting the Quakers were thrashed 102-57; in the return game Guilford succumbed to a 76-57 defeat. True, these and other return games were not winning affairs; however, the Quakers improved tremendously over those earlier 40-point shellackings.

Unfortunately, Guilford had a

disastrous basketball season. However, their improved play during the final weeks provided all of us with some interesting viewing. Even if the Quakers had managed to land a tournament berth their chances against one of the conference's power houses would have been practically hopeless. All that playing in the tournament could have possibly meant would have been an extension of a long and drawn-out basketball season.

Summing up - - - The need of a new coach next year, better ball players, and subsidized athletics.

### Spring Practice

On Thursday afternoon, February 9th, spring football practice got underway with some 32 strong taking part. Coach Maynard expects to run the drills for a period of three weeks. Next year's team will be built around the 13 returning lettermen. Also, the addition of Dan Marcone to the backfield is expected to greatly increase the Quakers' ground game.

## W. A. A. News

By Imogene Poole

Due to publication difficulties this story is coming to you a little later than usual. The game with Guilford High was the big thing on the calendar for the basketball enthusiasts. Gerta Wright, basketball chairman, took a trusty crew over to the high school to give them some practice. However, the advantage of continued practice, and workouts with their own teammates helped the Guilford High team to defeat the Guilford intramural team by a score of 59-49.

For the first quarter it was tiff-tat with the intramural scoring capably in the hands of Pat Estes, Gerta Wright, and Betty Key. The absence of Carolyn Pipkin was greatly felt in the guard position, but Lucy Herrin, Barbara Jackson, and Joan Kellis worked with never-ending persistence.

By the half the score had risen to 20-26 in favor of the high school team. At the end of the third quarter during which Ruth Hammond, Jo Flinchum, Anne Hulin, Ann Rollins, Mary Cashwell, and Erline Ingram were sent in as substitutions for the original six, the intramural team was fighting hard to close the gap.

Through the entire game a determined spirit was evident in the Guilford team, but they were outpaced by the rapid-fire shooting of the high school forwards, who had gained valuable experience by a 20-game season. This contest evened the score because the Guilford intramural team soundly defeated the high school team earlier in the year. Each girl put her entire self into the game, and a spirit of cooperation was shown.

A mass meeting of the W. A. A. is planned in the near future, and a council meeting in town is on the agenda. A game with W. C. is scheduled for Friday, February 24, in the gymnasium. Basketball intramurals and practice are going ahead in full swing. Interest has been shown and a good number have turned out for the games. A game was played last Tuesday between the teams of "Mutt" Weltons-Peggy Withers and Clarita de la Garza. Clarita's team came out the victor.

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