

## SPRING SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

By Ted Malick

This time of the year Guilford College is the scene of sports of varying degrees ranging from baseball to track to golf to tennis. Also the off-season sports of football and basketball are underway with spring practices.

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The changes of baseball coach Stuart Maynard have compiled an outstanding 18-2 overall record up to this writing. Pending road games Tuesday and Thursday with Catawba and Appalachian and Friday night versus arch-rival High Point at Thomasville's Finch Field. High Point's Pan-American games ace, Ray Blossie, is scheduled to start for the Panthers but arm trouble which has hampered the star all season may force High Point Coach Chuck Hartman to switch to freshman Joe Kaub. Coach Maynard is expected to counter with junior lefthander Edgar Parker.

The Quakers have shown a balanced attack thus far this season with four of the Carolinas Conference's top five hitters in catcher Marlyn Scott (.412), Pitcher-outfielder Jimmy Bryan (.411), All-American third baseman Tommy Grayson (.382) and steady second-baseman John Whittington (.358). Guilford also boasts three of the league's top pitchers in freshman Mike Stewart, unbeaten at 5-0, Bryan 4-1 and Parker 4-1.

The Quaker nine recently suffered their first conference defeat at the hands of the perennial power the Pfeiffer College Falcons. The Falcons' of veteran coach Joe Farabee lead the league at 8-0 followed by Guilford's 7-1 and High Point's 7-2. Lefty Vic Worry a junior from Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania hurled a one-hitter at Guilford allowing only Willie Inman's eighth-inning line drive hit to right field. An oddity in Worry's performance was his issuing of thirteen walks but the Quakers could not come up with a hit as Worry

always had the right pitch.

At the end of the regular season the top four teams engage in a double elimination championship tournament, this year to be held locally at Greensboro's Memorial Stadium.

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The track team headed by Coach Jack Jensen, has yet to triumph having dropped dual meets at home to Eton 89-56, conference powerhouse Catawba 104-40, and Presbyterian 101-42. The sport is in its second year at Guilford and this year's squad is filled with promising freshman and according to coach Jensen the outlook for the future is very bright.

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Coach Wilbur Johnson's golf team has won twice already this season defeating cross-town rival UNC-G 22-2 and edging Morris-Harvey of West Virginia. The Quaker golfers dropped decisions to Westminister of Pennsylvania and to William and Mary and UNC-CH in a triangular meet. Carlson Farms and Longview are the Quaker's home courses.

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As for spring football practices new head Coach Bob Lord is putting his squad of some thirty players through drills in preparations for what appears to be a rugged 1968 schedule. Coach Lord and his staff appear pleased with the squad, despite some damaging injuries. The 1968 schedule is demanding yet there will be no doubt as to the fine conditioning the Quaker eleven will have.

The 1968 schedule includes road games at Lexington, Virginia versus the Generals of Washington and Lee at Western Carolina at rugged Emory and Henry at Newberry, at champion Lenoir-Rhyne and finally at Appalachina. The home schedule of four games includes tough independent Samford of Alabama, Presbyterian, once again for homecoming, Elon's single-wing eleven, and finally the Indians of Catawba.

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Coach Jerry Steele welcomed ten players last week as the basketball team's spring drills began. Returnees include Richie Allen, Tom Loftus, Bert Feir, Chris Kline, John Dixon, Bo Whitaker and Bob Brezard. Also out are Walker Johnson, Ricky Nix, 6-7 freshman Dave Smith and 6-3 sharp-shooter Eddie Dyer, a transfer from Hampden-Sydney who sat out this season. The drills and scrimmages have been spirited and can December be far away?

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One final note on basketball—the annual banquet feting the championship Quakers will be held April 30th at the school cafeteria. Athletic Director Dr. Herb Appenzeller has tickets selling at three dollars apiece. The guest speaker will be announced shortly as will the starting time. The public is cordially invited and should contact Dr. Appenzeller either at 292-5514 or write him at P. O. Box 8066, Guilford College.

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