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THE GUILFORDIAN

# Quakers Demolish Catawba

Guilford's redhot cagers destructed Catawba last Wednesday night and left little but fragments scattered around of the usually co-ordinated Indian attack, picking up a 98-80 victory as forward Jerry Crocker burned the nets with 31 points.

The Quakers were the antithesis of the team which lost by eighteen points to Elon two days before, as they worked well on the defensive boards, played alert defense and were accurate from the foul line. Guilford hit 31 free throws to Catawba's 14.

Smashing through the Catawba defense to an eighteen point first half lead, Guilford in the last half staved off Indians rallies which cut the margin to eight points on six separate occasions.

Crocker was the big difference in the Quaker offense, sparking the Guilfordians in the first half with an eighteen point effort, and later coming through with crucial scores when Catawba closed the gap. Leading the scoring for the sixth straight game, he hit 13 of 20 field goals, 5 of 6 free throws and had nine rebounds.

Fellow forward Tom Ennis was another stalwart, collaring 14 rebounds and pushing in 20 points. He was 8 for 10 from the line, and guards Ted East and Greg Jackson were 7-7 and 7-8 as the Quakers won the game on charity tosses.

Guilford twice went to five point leads in the early going, behind co-ordinated scoring from all players. Catawba then took a 13-12 advantage as James the Flame Brown hit two dountowners and Lynn got two freebies. Lynn also got three quick fouls and went to the bench with 14:00 to go. Guilford went ahead 18-16, then held the Indians pointless for four and a half minutes.

In that span, Crocker dropped in five points as Guilford moved steadily ahead, leading by eleven before Catawba could score again. Crocker continued to hit and got help from Ennis and Jackson as the Quakers led 49-31 at the 18 second mark.

Marty Mundy and Lynn brought the Indians back in the second half, but each time the

Quakers pulled away, on clutch shots twice by Crocker, three times by Ennis and once by Jackson. Guilford ran its lead to fifteen before the game ended.

The Quakers shot 56.3%, a bit above average for the accurate shooters. Catawba hit only 45.8%, but still hit two more field goals than the Quakers. They attempted 17 more than Guilford. Coach Sam Moir's team was only 14-24 from the line, Guilford was 31-37.

Each team got one technical foul, one on Catawba center Bill Bailey and the other on Coach Jack Jensen, who protested a call on a play that sent Ken McKinney stunned to the floor.

The win was the biggest over Catawba since an 80-67 win two years ago.



Photo by Willson

M.L. Carr in the first Catawba game. The 6-6 forward has missed six games with a dislocated knee. Hopefully he will return before the conference tournament.

## The Guilfordian 1972 SPORTS



### Conference Basketball

Guilford is out of the conference title race in one way, but undoubtedly in it in another. Situated in fourth place with a 6-5 mark, the Quakers will not have a shot at the title for only the second time in six years.

Yet, the Guilford five may designate the winner of the crown, as they play the three contenders over a two week span (starting with Catawba last Wednesday). As of then, the Indians were third (8-3) behind leader Lenoir Rhyne's 11-2 and Elon's 9-2.

Lenoir Rhyne has been the surprise of the conference, sneaking past favorites Guilford, Elon and Catawba. Only two league games remain for the Bears, one with Guilford on Monday, the other with one-time winner Presbyterian.

Elon and Catawba each have four conference games remaining, including a mutual game Saturday. Guilford plays Elon at home on the 24th. So if Guilford is to enter the conference tournament with any kind of momentum, the Quakers

will have to play the best ball they have played all year, as three of their last five opponents have a combined record of about 50 and 11.

NAIA offense leader Gardner-Webb is one Quaker opponent, scheduled to visit the coliseum on the 18th.

Though out of the regular season consideration, Guilford will have an excellent chance at the tournament title if for once they can get all their regulars in good shape. The tourney this year definitely should be one of the wildest, roughest ever, as all of the lower echelon teams have beaten some of the top four contenders.

Coach Jensen's forces have not been in a tournament all year, but the Quakers have a traditional ability to prevail in such events. It will require a great deal of astuteness for any team to win this year, however.

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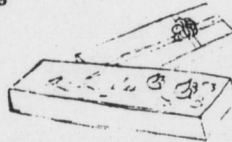
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### Sports Briefs

Any students interested in trying to qualify for the Guilford golf team should attend the introductory meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16 in the second floor classroom in the gymnasium. Coach Johnson will lead the golfers as they try for their seventh consecutive winning season.

The basketball team, down to eight players at the Elon game, may be back to some semblance of full strength within a week. Ken McKinney, out with the flu, is now ready to play. The case of M.L. Carr is more vague, as his cast is due to be removed shortly but no one knows when he will be able to resume action.

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In addition to golf, track and baseball athletes are preparing for the upcoming seasons. Coach Maynard, District Coach of the Year and co-Conference Coach, already has some of his returning baseballers working out, and various tracksters are working out in preparation for their opening meet on April 12. The track mentor is Dennis Hagle.

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Senior Jerry Crocker has had five straight games in which he has scored better than twenty-five points. The versatile 6-3 guard-forward is averaging 23 points a game along with nine rebounds, and is hitting nearly 55% of his field goals. Jerry started the season the same way, collecting an average of twenty nine points a game, until an injury sidelined him for four months.



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