

# QUAKES ATOP DISTRICT

by David Scott

The Guilford Quakers are being rewarded early for their efforts over the majority of the regular session. Having already clinched the conference title, and knowing that if they lose another game, that they will still be assured a District playoff spot, the Quakes have shown that, barring another let down like that at Pembroke, they may be quite invincible.

Yes, it is nice to be cruising along at a rate of 20-2, but one must beware of teams like Lenoir Rhyne and Belmont Abbey, whose seasons are lost and who have nothing better to do than try and upset teams like Guilford.

The Bears gave it all they had on Monday night in the Crackerbox, staying right up with the Quakers in the first half. Guilford seemed to be giving LR a lot of help, though, because while the Bears were playing with inspiration, the Quakers were playing with mediocrity with flashes of lousiness.

Leading by only three at the half, 37-34, things finally started cookin'. Led by Lloyd Free, the Quakers moved ahead 49-44, and then scored 15 out of the next 19 points to take a 64-48 lead and that was about it.

In the second half the Quakers poured in 60 points, and ran the Bears right into the floor, even though LR at times substituted five men at once in an attempt to keep fresh troops in the game.

The win allowed Guilford to become the third team in Carolinas Conference history to go through the conference schedule undefeated. Free scored 35 points in the game, which kept his average hovering around 25 points, tops in the CC.

Two weeks ago, Gardner

## Tournament on the 20th

The Women's Basketball team will be travelling to Wilmington this week for the NIAAW Basketball Tournament. They will be leaving Guilford on Wednesday evening, the 19th. Their first match will be at 11 on Thursday morning, when they will be contending with the hosting team, UNC-Wilmington. As the tournament is run on double eliminations, the Quakes will play a second match on Friday morning, whether they win or lose. We want to see them win, so we wish you luck!

Webb strutted into Belmont, N.C. sporting a national ranking of #2. Belmont Abbey whipped the Bulldogs, and were anxious to do the same to #12 on Saturday night.



Guilford was aware of the Crusaders' intentions though, and played well enough to defeat the Abbey, 69-63. While losing at the half by a point, the Quakers came out of the dressing room hoping to start off quickly and salt the game away. They have done this several times this season; ask anybody from places such as Elon, Atlantic Christian or High Point, but don't ask anyone from Belmont Abbey. It was close all the way to the final buzzer. The Quakers pulled ahead and could never shake the Crusaders. Their largest lead was seven, but they soon saw that evaporate. After this, Coach Jack Jensen ordered a slow, deliberate offense, which was the ultimate undoing of Belmont Abbey. Again it was clutch foul shooting by Lloyd Free that sealed the victory.

Free scored 20 points, while Sam Kennedy had 17 Billy Highsmith, 16. Ray Branch pulled down his now customary 10 rebounds.

So, now with a record of 20-2, we can reflect upon the situation at hand. The Quakers are actually 19-1, because two tournament games played at the beginning of the season don't count in standings, and are atop the District #26 standings. If UNC-W is beaten to — night by Guilford, then the Quakers are guaranteed a spot in the playoffs along with Barber Scotia and Winston-Salem State. The fourth spot depends on the CC Tournament. If Guilford wins it, then Gardner Webb will fill that vacancy; however if another team wins, then it will go, and Gardner Webb, who has been ranked second in the nation throughout the year will have to be excluded.

As was said, to — night Guilford entertains UNC-W at home. Then on Saturday night, again in the Guilford gym, it is revenge against Pembroke State in the season finale.

## Womensport

The Guilford Women's Basketball team has recently added two more wins to their seasonal score which is really looking up after a rather slow start this past December. The record stands now at 6-7 as the Quakers go out on the floor for the last game of the season tonight in what may prove to be a very crucial game against the visiting team of Catawba.

Last week, on Wednesday February 12, the Quakers once again breezed by the visiting Methodist team with substantial margin- 75-36. Elizabeth Parker just couldn't miss (even with a sprained finger,) as she netted an outstanding 32 points. But the player who pulled the big surprise was Velina Hammond, who shot a very respectable 12 points. Maybe we haven't heard too much from her in the past, but with that kind of potential we're sure to hear more soon. Gail Brown followed close behind in the point count-up with 12.

The Methodist team was rather aggressive on the court and that proved to be their undoing as they chalked up two technical fouls, one against the coach in the first half and another against a player in the second. They also gave some of the Quakers a good number of chances at the free throw line. Their high scorer was Jean Adams, (sister of Doris Adams of the Guilford squad) who netted 17. Coach Currie commented

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"Kong Hee Fatt Choy!" or "Wishing you prosperity!" This is the Year of the Rabbit, or the Year of 4673 in the Chinese lunar calendar. Today Feb. 11, 1975 (following the Gregorian calendar), is the first of a 15 day-long festive celebration marking the Chinese New Year.

As usual, most Chinese observe this occasion with the traditional setting off of firecrackers, homage visits between relatives, eating out in restaurants, and like activities generally reserved

that the visitors had done some improving since the last time the Quakers met up with them less than a month ago.

Our team pulled down an impressive 26 defensive rebounds and committed only 4 fouls during the entire game, despite the fact that they were playing without two of the key players, Cyd Atkins and Penny Parsons, who had a class that evening.

Then on February 14th the team gave Coach Currie the best of Valentines, a 50-60 win over the Salem team on their court. It was a very close game all the way up to the end, as the teams traded point for point, the margin being rarely more than 3 points.

It was an excellent defensive game for the Quakers and the "out of bounds play" was effective 99% of the time. Elizabeth Parker and Cyd Atkins lead the team with 24 and 18 respectively, distributed evenly over the two halves. The half time buzzer sounded to show a precarious Guilford lead of 30-26.

The last minute and a half or so proved to be the most crucial, as a well maneuvered lay-up and two free shots by Gail Brown and another free shot combined with an outside swish by Elizabeth put the end score at a well earned 60 points. For the last 26 seconds of the game Elizabeth force the ball and dribbled professionally around the court (despite heavy guarding) until the final buzzer sounded

## Bloodmobile

Bloodmobile is Back-

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be stationed in Milner Lounge again this year on Tuesday, February 25. It would be a good thing if you could donate a little time and a little blood for those who so desperately need it. The nurses will be there during the entire day.

for this special, auspicious time. Other than the more conspicuous and fascinating displays and parades of "lion-dancing", and "dragon dancing" in parks or on the streets, this festive time also helps reunite families, old and new friendships, and acquaintances within their homely confines. Perhaps such informal gatherings or visitations provide excellent opportunities for the younger Chinese in understanding their cultural heritage from their wiser elders. Endless questions ranging from the complexities of the development of the Chinese lunar calendar and how to estimate the coming of a New Year's Day (Chinese New Year's Day varies each year in contrast to Jan. 1 of the Gregorian calendar), to finding out the symbolic meaning of, say, what it is to be born in the Year of the Rabbit, or Dragon, are once more generating new interest. In the Orient, each year is represented by an animal, and each animal exercises influence not only during the year, but also upon the individual who is born in that year.

The interesting point now is, how did the animals become involved with the Chinese calendar? According to Chinese legend, the Buddha, when first putting animals on earth, summoned all the beasts. However, only 12 arrived and in the following order: the rat, the buffalo, the tiger, the rabbit, the dragon, the snake, the horse, the goat, the monkey, the rooster, the dog and, finally, the pig.

Hence, those who were born in the following years are then said to be born in the Year of the Rabbit: 1915, 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, and 1975.

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