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Quakers Stop Rams,

BY JOHNNY MOORE

For the past two years the Guilford College Quakers have depended upon the running of Reggie Kenan to bring them victories.

This past Saturday against Winston Salem State University, Guilford Coach Charles Forbes pulled a new offensive weapon out of the bag. A freshman fullback by the name of Gary Merrill.

Merrill, a rookie from Graham, N.C., was in his first start for the Quakers and scored Guilford's only touchdown, as they won 16-4 over the Rams.

Along with Merrill's running, Guilford's Mike McClune added three field goals to give the Quakers their third win of the season against four losses.

Everyone at the game was surprised at Merrill's performance, but no one more than Winston Salem State coach Bill Hayes.

"We had looked at their films all week and sometimes they wouldn't run the fullback for the whole game," Hayes said "maybe he would carry the ball once every 15 plays."

"If we were going to win the game we knew we had to be able to stop Reggie Kenan." continued the first year coach. "We did that all right but we forgot to play football the rest of the way."

The Rams came out playing great football as they took the opening kickoff and drove down the field 76 yards for the first score of the game. Kermit Blount, the Ram's quarterback, scampered in from the 16 yard line to give Winston Salem a 7-0 lead with 13:12 to go in the first period.

Jeff Roberts, another freshman on the Quaker squad from Whiteville, N.C., gave Guilford great field position as he returned the ensuing kickoff to the Quaker 45 yard line.

A 14 yard pass from quarterback Johnny Steward to wide receiver Chriss Paphites put the Quakers on the Ram's 29 yard line. Steward then couldn't get the offense cranked up again, and Mike McClune kicked his first of three field goals, this one coming from 44 yards out to put the Quakers on the board.

The Quakers got their first touchdown after Stewart again passed the Quakers down the field with a 23-yard pass to Avery Cutshaw to give Guilford the ball on the Ram's 5 yard line. On the next play Merrill rambled over from the five to put the Quakers

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The teams struggled in the second period with Rams fumbling once and throwing one interception while Guilford fumbled twice. But the big blow came when both of Winston-Salem's running backs were injured.

Timmy Newsome and Cecil Oliver both went out of the game with injuries and are not expected to play any more this season.

"This really hurt us when both of our running backs got hurt," stated Hayes. "Both of them are fine running backs and have done a great job for us this year."

Halftime found the two teams going to the locker room with the same score they had at the end of the first period, 10-7 Guilford.

In the second half the Quakers came out rolling. They drove down the field again but were stopped and had to settle for a 33 yard field goal by McClune to extend their lead to 13-7.

Winston Salem State wasted very little time in gaining the lead, as they covered 52 yards in just two plays for the score.

The big play of the short series came on a halfback pass from Randy Bolton to Antonia Howard which gave the Rams the ball on the Quakers' 10 yard line. On the next play Melvin Woods scampered in from the 10 for the score and gave the lead to Winston Salem State 14-13 with 12:49 remaining in the game.

Guilford only needed a field goal to go ahead but few people felt that the Quakers would go for a field goal. Steward got the Quakers down field quickly as he hit Chriss Paphites on a 40-yard pass to advance the ball to the Rams' 28 yard line.

All day Stewart had been using a technique of running the ball which worked very well. Stewart would take the ball from the center and scoot between the guard and the center and pick up yardage. This worked very well, as the High Point native picked up 100 yards rushing on the day, and displeased Ram coach Bill Haves.

"Steward shouldn't have been gaining a lot of yardage on those keeper plays," stated the former Wake Forest University assistant coach.

Stewart used this play successfully enough to put the Quakers down on the five yard line. Merrill tried twice to

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score, but couldn't get the ball into the end zone. Suddenly Guilford was faced with a fourth and goal situation on the one yard line, one point behind and with 9:02 to go in the game.

Coach Charles Forbes decided to go for the field goal and go ahead by two points so for a third time big Mike McClune was called on. The Quaker junior also starts at the strong tackle position for the Quakers so at this point in the game he was beginning to tire.

A 19 yard fieldgoal went through the uprights for McClune and he had put his team out in front 16-14 with 8:55 to go in the game.

The third field goal by Mc-Clune set a new school record at Guilford for most field goals in one game. The old record was two field goals in one game held by Mike Stewart who did it in 1970 against Gardner Webb and McClune who earlier this year hit two field goals against Mars Hill.

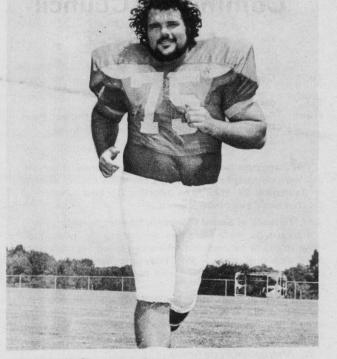
The Quaker defense then did an excellent job of stopping the Rams from scoring, as Quaker senior middle guard Bunky James sacked Ram Quarterback Blount to kill any hopes of a score.

The Quakers then took the ball over on downs and Stewart then proceeded to eat up the clock and drive the Quakers down the field. Stewart held on to the ball for five minutes and forty-one seconds before turning it over to the Rams. Two passes did not produce scores and the Rams record fell to 3-6 on the year.

"This was the first game in a group of three ball games that were really going to be tough for us," stated Guilford coach Charles Forbes referring to the Quakers two remaining games against Catawba and Maryville. "If we were going to have a good season then we were going to have to win this game today," continued Forbes. "Our guys went out and did what they had to do to win."

Reggie Kenan, the Quakers All-American tailback, was not used as much as in the past but still was able to gain 65 yards in 13 carries.

The Quakers will be entertaining Catawba College this coming weekend on the Quaker campus at 2:00. Catawba is 7-2 on the year and ranked 19th in the NAIA. They defeated Wofford last week 17-14.



Big Mike McClune sets school record with three field goals.

Volleyball Top in State

BY ALINA LEBRATO

It's been said that you can't beat a team two times in a row. The Women's Volleyball Team proved that yes, you can when they beat Pembroke State University to win the 1976 NCIAW Championship at Duke this weekend.

The Guilford team started the tournament by beating Meredith College 15-5, 15-6. Then they went on to beat Lenoir Rhyne 15-13, 15-11 to enter the semifinals of the Independent College division. Here they met Pembroke State and were disappointed with their fast defeat. They moved to the loser's bracket with the hope of meeting Pembroke State again in the finals. To do this, they played Lenoir Rhyne again and beat them again 11-15, 15-11, 15-13. With a half hour of rest, the Guilford Women moved into the finals against Pembroke. Since the Tournament was a double elimination, Guilford needed to beat Pembroke twice in order to regain its championship title for another year.

In the first match, the Guilford Women proved to pembroke that yes — they could win. The match was only two games long and Guilford had a chance for the championship. With a fifteen-minute rest, the team entered the deciding match for the championship. In the first game, Guilford proved more domineering and beat Pembroke 15-11, but Pembroke was not about to give up. They came back to beat Guilford 10-15 and keep their hope of being champions. ^h In the third and deciding match, Guilford proved that they were a championship team. At first they were startled and this led Pembroke to gain a 10-1 lead on them. Guilford never gave up and kept cutting Pembroke's lead down until they finally won 15-12 to becme the 1976 Volleyball Champions.

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With the end of the tournament, the Guilford team will lose its only senior player, Doris Adams. Doris has contributed greatly in all the championship games which the Guilford team has won.

The Guilford team also had three of its players named to the All State tournament. These were: Debbie Tyson, Donna Rogers and Wanda Robbins Barker. These three ladies also contributed to the team's sucess, along with the entire 1976 Women's Team and Coach.

I'd like to salute the 1976 Team for its tremendous effort, spirit and endurance. Congratulations!

1976 Women's Volleyball Team Members: Doris Adams, Debbie Tyson, Donna Rogers, Wanda R. Barker, Suzanne Childress, Emorie Colby, Betsy Mackenzie, Sally Busken, Jennie Davis, Amy Rutherford, Mary Kuendal, Nancy Smith, and Charlotte Hines.

Managers: Liz Moran and Alina Lebrato

Coach: Gayle Currie Let's do it again in '77!