

# Quaker Sports

## Quaker Suffer Opening Day Setback

By Doug Drotman

The excitement of opening night is often enough to scare a performer off stage. For the Guilford College football team, opening day looked more like closing night as the Mars Hill Lions took advantage of three big plays to run the Quakers off the field enroute to a 33-6 triumph.

Quaker Coach Charles Forbes attributed the big plays in the first half, "to stage fright more than anything else." Due to the smallest Quaker roster in years, (58 when all are healthy), Coach Forbes was unable to run full scrimmages without risking injuries to key personnel. According to Forbes, "If we are going to have an injury I would much rather it happen in a game." On the contrary, Mars Hill had more incoming freshman, in 1985, than the Quakers have players on their roster.

Guilford's rustiness towards game situations was exploited on the Lions opening play from scrimmage. Quarterback Joe Pizzo, playing in his first game as a Lion, hit Dale Similton on a post pattern for a 53 yard score.

The Lion's quick score failed to put life into the Quakers. On Mars Hill's next possession, and third offensive play of the young game, tailback Pete Calhoun (6-69) took a pitchout off right tackle and scampered 50 yards for a 14-0 Lion advantage.

With the Mars Hill offense and defense putting out a strong effort, it was now time for the

special teams to join along. All-District punter, Chris Pierpont booted a 48 yard punt to pin the Quakers back to their own 7 yard line. The Lions defense then recorded its' first points of the

young season when linemen Mike Cross and Jeff Roper dumped Quaker quarterback Donnie Redmon in the end zone for a safety and a 16-0 advantage.

Trailing 16-0 at the beginning of the second quarter the Quakers finally got a break when junior defensive end Jody Engleby recovered a Mike Sims fumble at the Quakers 41 yard line. The possession marked only the second time in the game the Quakers were able to take over outside of their own 20 yard line.

Following a 9 yard completion from sophomore quarterback Redmon (5-20-1 int-57 yds) to Frank Peacock (2 rec-21 yds), tailback Johnny Hines picked up the Quakers second first down of the contest two minutes into the second quarter. From there, freshman fullback Cedric Ellison (5-22) juke'd his way for 11 yards and Redmon hit Marty Hemric twice to put the Quakers on the Lions 11 yard line.

When Hines could not convert a third and three, Forbes turned to the usually reliable Rick Herring. Herring's 28 yard field goal attempt was wide to the left and the Quakers remained scoreless. Despite coming up empty-handed, the Quakers had created a shift in the momentum by getting their offense on track.

Four minutes later, Guilford finally got on the scoreboard as Herring connected from 49 yards out. The field goal was set up as a 15 yard completion from Redmon to Sam Jones turned out to be a big play when Lion defensive back David Bennett hit Jones out of bounds tacking 15 yards onto the play.

As the Quakers slowly were getting back in the game, the defense again contributed by causing a turnover. Free safety Kieran Byrne leveled Lion receiver Tracy King as John Montgomery recovered the fumble at the Mars Hill 30 yard line.

Despite the fine field position the Quakers offense could only manage three points as Herring again hit from 49 yards away. Herring's second field goal turned a 16-0 blowout into a 16-6 ballgame with 2:17 remaining in the first half.

With the momentum clearly in Guilford's favor, the defense, led by Jerry Amato (4 tackles 1 sack) and Cliff Tatum (6 tackles and 5 assts), rose to the occasion by shutting the Lions out on three consecutive plays. The ensuing Lion punt gave the Quakers the ball at their own 41 with 1:32 left in the first half.

When one invariably looks back on a ballgame, there is often one particular play that stands out as the turning point. This key play came when Forbes decided to cut the halftime lead rather than settle for a 10 point deficit.

With the ball at the Lions 47, Redmon was blindsided by a blitzing John Weeks and coughed up the football. Defensive tackle Jeff Blanchard recovered, ending a Quaker drive.

The nail was then driven into the Quakers' coffin when Pizzo (13-18-200 3td) again hit Similton for a 23-6 advantage with .30 left in the half. Pizzo, a 6-3 210 lb senior, transferred to Mars Hill in January from Nevada-Reno. The California native showed extreme poise with his new team as well as excellent timing with 1984 second team All-District 26 receiver Dale Similton.

Unbelievably, the first half scoring was not complete. Forbes again elected to try for late first half points and again Redmon was blindsided and fumbled. Mars Hill placekicker Pete Shealy proceeded to break Stan Curry's Mars Hill field goal record with career number 21. The 35 yard field goal sent the Lions into the lockerroom holding a commanding 26-6 advantage.

This was undoubtedly the turning point as a Quaker score would have cut the deficit to three points.

The second half was eventful enough to put an insomniac to sleep as the Quakers could

muster little offense and the Lions were content to sit on their commanding lead. Most of the Quakers problems could be directed towards the offensive line's inability to control the

Lion's front four. Forbes admitted after the game,, "our offensive line must play better."

The weak line play was evident in the Quakers 35 yards rushing on 38 carries. The passing game did not help as Redmon was forced to scramble ten times while losing 23 yards. Redmon's inability to set up in the pocket without constant pressure made the Western Guilford graduate's debut inauspicious. Despite his poor statistics and pair of fumbles, Redmon displayed cool under pressure and a knack of avoiding oncoming rushers.

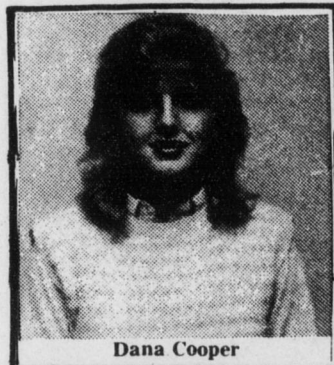
In defense of the offensive line, Guilford was without junior center Rob Applington for most of the contest after he suffered a knee injury. All-District guard Alan Foley was then pressed into full duty despite a sore knee and was not 100 percent.

Coach Forbes' post game comments indicate a new look this week as he said, "we have alot of work to do. The best part of this team hasn't been seen yet."

## Spikers Set For Season

By Doug Drotman

For six consecutive seasons, Coach Gayle Currie has guided the womans volleyball team to winning records - 1985 should be no different. Despite a roster loaded with seven freshman, Coach Currie still has a solid base of four seniors, led by all-everything Dana Cooper.



Dana Cooper

Cooper, a senior spiker recorded her second consecutive All-District 26 campaign in 1984, as well as her second All-Conference honors. To go along with the distinction of being named to the All-Tournament squad, Cooper had the honor of receiving the coveted English Athletic Leadership award in April.

Coach Currie radiates excitement over her seven new recruits. With their natural ability, the Lady Quakers have extreme potential. Playing with the four seniors should help the freshman gain experience in a hurry.

Heading the freshman crop will be setters Leigh Stone (Yadkinville, NC) and Lisa Rockett (East Bend, NC). The team will need strong play from the pair of setters to atone for the

loss of All-District 26, setter Sharon Vanis. Prized recruit, spiker Suzanne Zaiser of Huntington Station, NY, will add some "Yankee flavor" to the squad as she becomes the lone northerner on the roster.

Kathy Ball will alleviate some of the pressure off the two freshman setters as she returns for her final campaign as a setter. The 5'6" Skyland NC native worked extremely well with

Vanis as the teams primary setters. Junior Nicole Ronan will provide a very able compliment to Cooper as her powerful spike makes her a serious All-Conference candidate.

Seniors Kelly Carlton (Walkertown NC) and Suzanne Lowe (High Point NC) will return to play an integral role in team defense as middle blockers.

After losing in the semi-finals of the Carolinas Conference and District 26 tournaments, despite a 14-3 conference record, an 8-2 district record and a 22-14 overall record, in 1984, Coach Currie says, "I feel we have a strong chance at winning the conference and district tournaments. From there we will shoot for the (NAIA) Nationals."

Serving as Assistant Coach will be Richard Appleby. A 31 year old civil engineer from Delaware, Appleby has returned to Guilford to earn a degree in sports medicine.

Sophomore Janine Nick of Hauppauge, NY, who played as a setter last season, will aid Currie and Appleby as official team scorer.

The Lady Quakers open the season on Friday (Sept. 13) when they play host to NC Wesleyan and Elon. The set of three matches will begin at 6:30 pm. at Ragan-Brown fieldhouse.

## Quick Start For Quaker Booters

By Jacque Lesboot

After concluding last season with a 7-7-2 record, the Guilford men's soccer team started off 1985 with consecutive victories over Warren Wilson College 5-1 and Greensboro College 3-1.

Although the team is young, coach Steve Skinner and assistant coach Tim Dorion feel confident with the squad. Skinner attributes the confidence to "an outstanding recruiting year." The team is sporting five new starters after losing only three key personnel from last year.



Coach Steve Skinner's expectations are high after The Quakers won 5 of their last 7 games in 1984.

The team is led by co-captain seniors Peter Wood and Mark Kramer. With over half of the players being freshmen or transfers, Skinner is building what should be an excellent future for soccer at Guilford.

The freshman class is represented by Chris Jenking, Tony Summers, Lyle Hazel, Mike

Dargan, David Woodmansee and a host of quality players. Other seniors along with Wood and Kramer include defenseman Dave Spencer, Tom O'Connell and Mike Jeglinksi. Phil Polo and Rick Herring represent the junior and sophomore classes, respectively, giving the team needed balance.

Following Guilford's successful scrimmage, a 5-0 triumph over Averett College, the Quakers visited Warren Wilson College. The opening day, 5-1 victory was sparked by a pair of Phil Polo goals as well as a dominating offense.

Four days later, the team again used their potent offense, this time against arch-rival Greensboro College, en-rout to the 3-1 victory. Summers recorded his first collegiate hat trick by tallying all three Quaker goals.

Goalie Kramer put in outstanding performances in both contests, only allowing a pair of goals in the two games.