Injuries hamper women's soccer season

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The women's soccer team experienced a lull when they played against Randolph-Macon and Maryville last weekend due to certain injuries and illnesses amongst the players.

Coach Pam Howe said, "The team started to feel the ramification of injuries." Ali Durer was out of Saturday's game because of a knee injury. She underwent reconstructive knee surgery this past Thursday. The Quakers struggled when they lost two straight games to Randolph-Macon, 8-1, and Maryville, 3-1. The only bright spots for Guilford were the goals by Betsy Noell and Sarah Strohl.

Last Wednesday, many players were recovering from strep throat while others were recovering from stress factors. During the first half of the game against Liberty University, Freshman Angie Durocher injured her knee and was out for the rest of the game. Howe said "Angie will be out 3-6 weeks if not for the entire season, but since she's a freshman, she's got other seasons ahead of her.'

The team lost a considerable amount of depth because two of their fastest players were out. Howe feels that this "will have an impact on future games, however there's still good players on the team despite the bad luck."

The team appeared to be keeping up a positive attitude while playing against Liberty. The strength of the team is rooted in the defense where Amy Warner, Kathy Corcoran, Jackie Gross, Ruth Taylor, and goalie Jen Harrison kept the opponents score down to two goals.

Senior Laura Lasky commented about the defense, "They're very solid and depend-

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Thai freshman enjoying football

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Only two freshmen played in the September 9 football game against Union College. Gunn Chusakul, originally from Bangkok, Thailand, was one of them.

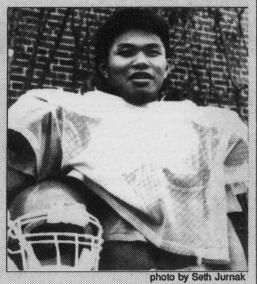
Chusakul was happy to play in the game, but thinks he could have played better. "I was too nervous, since I was playing in college for the first

Currently a linebacker, Chusakul played at defensive tackle and fullback in his high school career (Wheaton High School in Maryland). In addition to football, Chusakul includes soccer and volleyball among his athletic interests.

Chusakul has been in the United States for five years. His family left Thailand when his father accepted a position at the Thai Embassy in Washington, D.C. Chusakul hopes to remain in the United States after graduation, even though his parents plan to return to Thailand in four years, "after my brother graduates from high school."

Chusakul, commenting on his college experiences so far, said, "I love Guilford, that's why I'm here. The best things are the social life and the international student population. I've met many international students.'

Football, English classes, calculus, and racquetball class will keep Chusakul busy this fall, but he seems to be optimistic about his first semester at Guilford. "I don't mind taking two English classes, because one is my foreign language requirement, so I won't have to learn another language. Football is great. Coach Ketchum is my 'dad' and I'm his 'number one



Gunn Chusakul

Hampden-Sydney defeats Quakers' gridders; team to travel to Newport News

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The football team looks to avenge its 21-14 home defeat last year against Newport News when the Quakers face the Shipbuilders in Newport News this Saturday.

The Quakers basically will face the same team that they played last year. Head Coach Charles Forbes said, "Newport News lives on defense. They are able to gain on offense through their strength on defense." In order for the Quakers to pressure the Shipbuilders, they must be able to contain the Virginia school's stunts to prevent them from getting any momentum. Said Forbes, "They are a good football team, better than most of the teams that we will play this year."

On September 16, Hampden-Sydney defeated the Quakers, 28-14 in Farmville, Virginia. The Quakers were hurt by two long pass completions on third-and-longvardage plays that directly led to the Tiger's first two scores. Although the Quakers scored a touchdown on their possession between the Tiger scores, Forbes believed those two drives took Guilford out of their game plan. 'The game was very disap-

pointing," said Forbes. "Those two long plays hurt us. If we had stopped one of those two drives, it would have been a nip and tuck game. After that their running game improved and the Tigers controlled the game from that point on."

Forbes reported that the team is improving. "We are close to doing a much better job," he said. "We are one or two plays

After the offense did a good job in the Union game, that unit disappointed Forbes. "We should have scored more than one touchdown on offense. We are a young team with a few strong individual groups. One mistake hurts us offensively. We have to maintain drives in order to win."

The defense in the game broke down part by part. After Guilford's rushing defense was effective and the passing defense ineffective, Hampden-Sydney realized that the Quaker line tried to attack the ball more. That opened the Tiger running game. By the time Guilford stopped overcompensating, Hampden-Sydney had a large lead. As Forbes said, "We played ourselves against a wall."

The Guilford special teams earned a great boost when Scott Garner blocked a punt and Ben Belle recovered the ball in

the end zone near the end of the game.

After the Quakers suffered a disappointing loss to Hampden-Sydney, they bounced back in their preparation for Randolph-Macon last week. Forbes said, "The team was down on themselves but the response has been positive. We had a good week of practice that raised the intensity. We will

put things together. It's just a matter of

On behalf of the football team, Forbes commended the work of the Spirit of Guilford Club. "The student response has been outstanding," he said. "The team is trying to win for the school. They appreciate the student support."

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