Lady Quakers handle Mt. Olive, Wesleyan

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The Lady Quakers basketball team soundly defeated Mt. Olive 75-51 last Saturday and N.C. Wesleyan 85-67 Monday, before succumbing to District 26 leader Belmont Abbey 97-54 Wednesday.

Senior co-captain Corie Gold struck for 33 points against Mt. Olive as Guilford, 15-6 (7-4 in District 26), won impressively. Gold also grabbed 13 rebounds and four steals. Senior Jen Taylor scored 10 points and snagged five boards. Junior Lori Helton dished out five assists as the Quakers swept their home and away games with Mt. Olive.

After beating N.C. Wesleyan, Coach Jerry Cornwell said, "We did a good job defensively and that let us get some easy baskets."

Because of their defensive surge, the Quakers could "give some people some rest and have fresh people in all of the time."

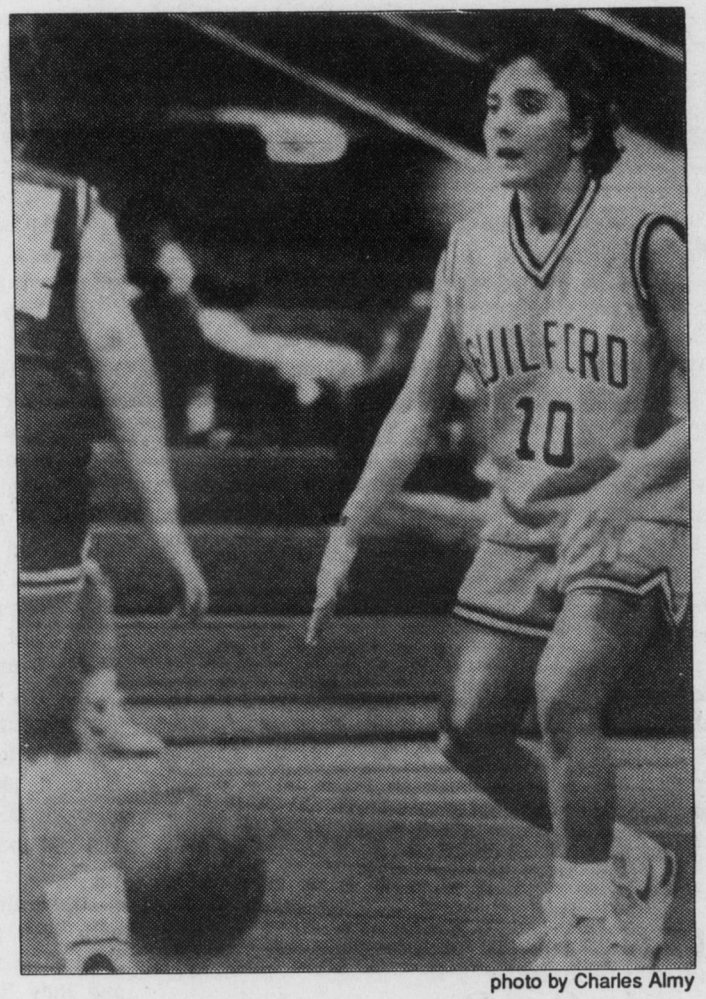
Gold and Taylor teamed for 44 points and 19 rebounds. Helton and senior Co-Captain Kelly Bailey combined for 15 assists.

Cornwell stressed, "We want to press and try to wear [Belmont Abbey] down because we have depth advantage."

Guilford couldn't capitalize on this advantage as India Adams and the rest of the Crusaders bolted to a 42-20 halftime lead.

Gold surprisingly fouled out early in the second half with just 2 points after averaging 2 fouls per game previously. Helton tallied 23 points as Taylor scored 19 and pulled down 10 boards. Bailey and sophomore Laura Klingseisen had three steals apiece for the stunned Quaker squad as Abbey pushed its record to 21-0 (10-0).

Guilford went to St. Andrew's Saturday and travel to Pfeiffer Wednesday in two "must" games.



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Kelly Baily brings the ball upcourt against Wesleyan.

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will play against St. Andrew's [last Saturday].

"He is a tough player with a heart that is bigger than his body," Jensen continued. "He doesn't want us to lose."

Prospects for the post season are next to nothing for the Quakers this year.

"As they say at the end of baseball or football season, we have a mathematical chance," said Jensen. "But it doesn't look like we will go."

Next week, Guilford hosts Pfeiffer on Wednesday and Newport News Apprentice on Saturday.

The Quakers lost to Pfeiffer 68-64 on January 15.

"Pfeiffer has the best personnel in the Carolinas Conference," said Jensen. "The have last year's Rookie of the Year, the leading rebounder and another all-star player. Those three are very talented but they also have four or five good players."

Jensen does not think that playing Newport News after playing them last week will hurt the Quakers.

"It's just a game we have to play in order to fulfill our Division III requirements," said Jensen.

Jensen has not seemed too happy his team this season. But he has still hoped for the best.

"I hope the students will see us in the next five home games play a little better," said Jensen. "Let's hope we play up to our capabilities."

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Others mentioned as assets to the hitting game first baseman Mike Carlson and centerfielder Chris Redmon, both juniors.

Though the roster only allows 25 players on the team, 31 men are currently practicing.

"We've got several positions that are up for grabs," said Fulton. "I don't know who's going to play where yet.

"We can look forward to some of the new faces having an impact on the infield," Fulton continued. "Those are Jeff Petty, Scott Stier, Scott Cates, Chan Whitson and Jerry Marshall. You have to be strong up the middle, the key defensive positions. If we get people to fill these positions, we'll have a chance to get a little bit better."

With the change to the NCAA, the baseball team is adjusting their schedule accordingly.

"We'll be playing more NCAA teams, which means we're missing some of the teams we've played in the past," said Fulton. This gives us potential if we execute... if you don't perform, you don't get positive results.

"I have raised my level of expectations for my players this year," said Fulton. "If they're willing to do what I ask them to do, we'll have success in itself. Success doesn't have to be measured in wins and losses, but in the players' ability to perform."

The first game of the season is Thursday, March 1, at Hampden-Sydney at 3 p.m.

The first home game is Sunday, March 4, against Shenandoah at 2 p.m. That will be the first chance for the campus spectators to come and root for the home team.

Hopefully, the sun will continue to shine and help the baseball diamond sparkle.

In next week's Guilfordian, a composite look at the '80s

Player of the Week

Tim Beckwith
Men's Basketball

Tim, a senior from Hampton, Va., contributed heavily to the team in the last three Guilford games. Against Roanoke, he totalled 17 points, 6 assists and 4 rebounds. In a losing cause at Mt. Olive, he scored 28 point and totalled 7 assist and 4 rebounds. He saved his best game of the week for Newport News. In the 9-point victory he totalled 32 points, 7 assists and 6 rebounds. The 32 points match his season high.

G	TP	AVG
20	410	20.5
ASSISTS	REBOUNDS	AVG
154	121	6.1