

Sports

Men's basketball finds success early

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The Guilford College men's basketball team started the 1992-93 season off with a bang, going 5-1 in their first two weeks of play.

Split in Tourney

On Friday, November 20, the Quakers travelled to Methodist College for the annual Methodist Tipoff Invitational Tournament.

In their first game, the Quakers defeated their hosts 75-59 with a strong defensive effort. Freshman forward Adrien Pritchard led the Quakers' attack with 24 points and 7 rebounds.

Two other players also reached double figures. Junior guard Paul Ferrell scored 17, and sophomore forward Davey McCullough chalked up 10.

Other scorers were: Andre Ricketts, 7; Randy Scott, 5; Brian Jackson, 3; Mike Roach, 3; Mark Felder, 2; Wesley Elam, 2; and Chad Brown, 2.

In the championship game, Guilford met their match in Francis

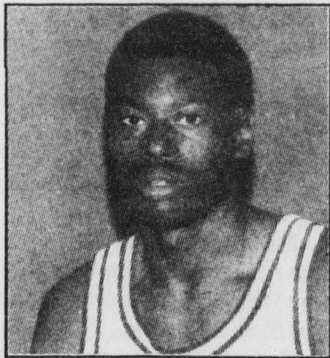


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Adrien Pritchard

Marion University, a NCAA Division II team, who had obliterated Salisbury State 105-81 the day before. They sent the Quakers home on the losing end of a 57-50 decision.

Guilford went scoreless for the first 3:09, letting the Patriots go ahead 10-0. But they battled back to trail 29-22 at the half.

Francis Marion opened the second half with a 9-2 run to increase their lead to 38-24. The Quakers cut it down to one with 9:11 left, but could not surpass the Patriots.

Junior guard Andre Ricketts led Guilford with 13. MTTT All-Tournament team selection Pritchard scored 12.

Ferrell added 6; McCullough, 6; Jackson, 6; Felder, 5; and Scott, 6.

Win War against Battling Bishops

The Quakers were on the winning side of this 7-point decision. They travelled to Rocky Mount, NC, and defeated the NC Wesleyan

Battling Bishops, 78-71.

Guilford shot 63.6% in the first half but allowed the Bishops to stay close by turning the ball over 12 times. They held a 35-34 lead at the half.

In the second stanza, the lead changed hands several times. At the 4:00 mark, Ricketts hit his only 3-pointer of the game to put Guilford up to stay.

McCullough let the team with 17 points. Ferrell and Pritchard were close behind with 16 and 15 points, respectively. Ferrell also added 8 assists.

Other contributing scorers were: Roach, 8; Brown, 8; Ricketts, 5; Jackson, 5; and Scott, 4.

"That was a good win for us. I don't think many teams will go down there and beat them on their home floor," said head coach Jack Jensen.

Undefeated in First Week of Conference Play

On Tuesday, December 1, Guilford beat Eastern Mennonite College 81-67 in their home opener.

Guilford built a sizeable lead in the first half and pulled away early in the second.

Ricketts was the high scorer for Guilford with 21 points. Pritchard tallied 19 points, and Ferrell helped them with a season-high 12 assists.

Two days later, the Lynchburg Hornets ventured into the unfamiliar confines of the Ragan-Brown Fieldhouse. Guilford sent them home 67-53 losers.

In the first half, Lynchburg's 28% field goal shooting aided the Quakers in obtaining a 12-point halftime lead.

Their biggest lead was 18 in the second half, and the Hornets could only partially close the gap.

Chad Brown led all scorers, racking up 20 points, while Ferrell had a total of 13 points and 7 assists. "You got a guy coming off the bench and he hasn't been scoring many points, and he gets twenty points, it's just-what can you say," Jensen commented. "And he didn't practice for the first two-and-a-half weeks [because of a knee injury]."

The Quakers then traveled to a Saturday game at Washington & Lee, where they received somewhat of a scare.

They built a 21-point lead in the second half, but an 18-5 run by the Generals closed the margin to eight. The Quakers never relinquished the lead in the 73-67 victory.

Three players reached double-digits in the scoring column. Ferrell led the team with 21 points, followed by Ricketts who scored 18, and Pritchard who added 14.



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The 1992-93 Guilford College men's basketball team

In the three ODAC games last week, scorers were as follows: Ricketts, 48; Ferrell, 45; Pritchard, 43; Brown, 34; McCullough, 24; Scott, 9; Jackson, 6; Felder, 4; and Elam, 1.

Ferrell was named ODAC Player of the Week. Thus far, he has compiled 84 points (14 ppg) and 40 assists (6.7 apg).

Coach's reflections

"We've played six games and had five different leading scorers. That's one thing that's good about our team right now," said Jensen.

"I think we have pretty good balance and that can be seen on the stat sheet, both in terms of the number of shots taken and in the average points per game.

"What you can't see on the stat sheet is that our team is better than last year in defense. We need to become better rebounding.

"We've gotten pretty good play out of our center position even though it doesn't look like it [in the statistics]. In other words, if you combine Scott's and Jackson's points per game and they're averaging the same thing [3.3], it doesn't look like much, but when you put them together you get 6.6 and you get 8.1 rebounds out of the two of those guys."

"The best team we've played so far beat us and we played a pretty good game ourselves, but our offense wasn't very good."

Team Leaders

Adrien Pritchard leads the team in points (94), field goal percentage (69.0), and

rebounds (42--7rpg). He and Davey McCullough are tied for the lead in blocked shots with 8 apiece.

Paul Ferrell is the team leader in assists (40), steals (14), and free throws made (19).

Chad Brown has the highest free throw percentage (90.9) on 10 of 11 shooting.

Andre Ricketts leads the team in 3-pointers, sinking 14 of his 33 attempts (42.4%).

Team Totals

The Quakers are shooting 161 for 304 from the field (53.0%), including 17 for 42 in 3-pointers (40.5%). Guilford is averaging 70.7 points per game to their opponents' 62.3.

The team's free throw percentage stands at 65.9% (85-129).

The Quakers have successfully cleaned the boards 215 times, averaging 35.8 rebounds per game.

Unfortunately, they have more turnovers than assists: 104 to 89.

The team has also blocked 23 shots and stripped the ball from opponents 46 times.

Coming soon . . .

The Quakers played Greensboro College at home on Tuesday, December 8.

On Saturday, December 12, Guilford will travel to Emory & Henry College for a 7:30 p.m. contest.

"We'll have a real, real tough game on Saturday because we're playing at Emory & Henry, who is undefeated and ranked ninth in the country. We're playing them on their home floor and their fans are very 'excitable'-that's a nice way of putting it."

The team returns home after the Christmas break to play Virginia Wesleyan on Saturday, January 9.

1992-93 Guilford College Men's Basketball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Time
Dec. 12	Saturday	at Emory & Henry*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	Thursday	at Hampden-Sydney*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	Saturday	VIRGINIA WESLEYAN*	2 p.m.
Jan. 13	Wednesday	RANDOLPH-MACON*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	Saturday	BRIDGEWATER*	4 p.m.
Jan. 20	Wednesday	ROANOKE*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	Saturday	at Eastern Mennonite*	2 p.m.
Jan. 26	Tuesday	at Lynchburg*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	Wednesday	at Randolph-Macon*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	Saturday	WASHINGTON & LEE*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	Wednesday	HAMPDEN-SYDNEY*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	Saturday	at Virginia Wesleyan*	2 p.m.
Feb. 9	Tuesday	EMORY & HENRY*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	Thursday	at Greensboro	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	Wednesday	at Roanoke*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	Saturday	at Bridgewater*	2 p.m.

HOME GAMES IN CAPS

* Old Dominion Athletic Conference game