

Golf team set for new season

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The Quakers will get back into the swing of things when the new golf season begins with the Tom O'Briant Memorial Tournament on September 13-14. Early indications are that the Quakers will fare pretty well in their home tournament. But, it is still early enough in the season that no one, including Coach Jack Jensen, can be definitive on the caliber of team that will eventually emerge.

If experience is any indication, the Quakers have a fine team indeed. In all, there are five golfers on this year's roster who have participated in national tournament play. If the Quakers return to the tournament this year, as is expected, it will be the third year in a row for some members of the team. Last year's team placed sixteenth in the NCAA Division III National Tournament. However, according to Coach Jensen, in the past these teams "didn't play up to our capabilities." Since Jensen continually strives for improvement from one year to the next, he has set the team's sights at improv-

ing on the performances in the last two national tournaments. Thus, he states that "if we did better than eleventh this year, it'd probably be a pretty good year."

It seems as if the Quakers should have the personnel to improve on the past. Coach Jensen will be expecting strong performances and leadership from seniors Bryant Reeser, Brett Thompson, Cannon Morgan, and Ian Downey. Juniors John Mitchell and Jamie MacPherson will also be very important. Jody Trover, Kevin Sagen, Chad Evans, and Jamie Gilley are all sophomores who should contribute greatly to the team's success. Jensen is particularly encouraged by the performance of Sagen at last year's tournament, stating that he "showed a lot of improvement." He is also happy with the play of Gilley, a transfer student, who Jensen says is "going to be a pretty good player." Finally, he states that there are "a couple of pretty good new players."

As far as competition is concerned, Jensen does not seem to worry very much. Although "75 to 80 percent" of their competition are larger, Division I schools, Jensen says the Quakers have generally been "able to beat them at

Quakers open with loss

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Guilford opened the 1993 season with a 56-0 non-conference loss at Lenoir-Rhyne College. The Quakers fell behind 14-0 at the end of the first quarter, and then trailed 35-0 at the half. Guilford picked up only 89 yards of total offense, earning only four first downs in the game. That number fell short of the Quakers' school record: They had just two in last year's 41-0 loss to Emory & Henry.

The Quakers found little success on the ground or through the air. Eleven Guilford runners could pick up a total of only 79 net yards on 37 carries. Three Guilford quarterbacks completed only one pass, a 10-yarder from freshman Santes Beatty (Raeford, NC) to freshman Jim Gambino (Lake Grove, NY) in the fourth quarter. For the game, the Quakers were one of eight passing with two interceptions.

Lenoir-Rhyne, an NCAA Division II school, amassed 564 yards of total offense. Three Bear run-

ning backs had 100-yard games. The Bears held the ball for almost 38 minutes, compared to Guilford's 22 minutes.

On defense, the Quakers had three players with seven tackles each, but all three were in the defensive backfield. Safeties Drew Baker (Fayetteville, NC) and Jamie Corey (St. Johnsbury, VT), along with linebacker Max Appleby (Blacksburg, VA) all had seven, and Baker picked off the 14th interception of his career. He is now only two away from from the all-time record at Guilford.

The Quakers had plenty of opportunities for kickoff returns, and it was one bright spot for the night. Dee Rankin (Charlotte, NC) had five returns for 61 yards, with a long of 21 yards. Jeff Hatch (East Greenwich, RI) returned two for 32 yards, and senior J.J. Rogers (Raleigh, NC) also had two for 30 yards, with a long of 23.

This week, Guilford faces Methodist College, fresh off a 16-13 win over Chowan College. With that win, the Monarchs broke a 14-game losing streak, and picked up

GOLF SCHEDULE		
September 13-14	Tom O'Briant Memorial	The Cardinal C.C. Greensboro, N.C.
September 20-21	Uwharrie Point-Pfeiffer Invitational	Badin, N.C.
October 4-5	Hargrove Davis Memorial	Keith Hills C.C. Buies Creek, N.C.
October 29-30	ODU Seascape Invitational	Seascape G.C. Kitty Hawk, N.C.

will." This success, he believes, is due to the fact that golf often gets overlooked at larger schools.

Whatever the situation, Jensen will be stressing that his golfers enjoy the game. In the past, he has felt that nerves have gotten the better of some of his teams. As he states, "in other sports you can get the jitters out . . . but in golf you can't get them out . . . If you get angry and try harder, you get worse." Thus, he sometimes asks

his golfers to slow down and enjoy the scenery, rather than fretting over missed putts.

The scenery will be an added bonus to the visiting teams of the September 13-14 tournament. It will be held at The Cardinal Country Club, which Coach Jensen calls a "beautiful course and great recruiting tool." The tournament, which has been set up in a modified Ryder Cup-type format, should be a challenge for all in-

involved. Although some of the larger, Division I programs have declined to attend (due to an earlier starting date than in the past and the new format), Coach Jensen and the team are looking forward to the event. As Jensen states, it is "their loss" because "this is the best golf course most of them are going to play." Hopefully, "their loss" will be the Quakers' gain and the start of another successful year for the Guilford golf program.



Rugby team works on fundamentals in preparation for the upcoming season.

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only their third win in their four-year football history.

Last year, the Quakers pounded the Monarchs 38-7 in Fayetteville,

North Carolina. The Guilford defense held Methodist to only 69 yards of total offense, a school record. Most of the Quaker defense

returns intact, while the Methodist roster features only eight upperclassmen on the 100-man list.