

Lady Quakers on the move

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The women's basketball team climbed this week to a record of 7-3 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference after defeating both Hollins and Eastern Mennonite. These two victories came after a disappointing loss to Lynchburg the previous week. The two wins secured Guilford a tie with Bridgewater College for third place in the ODAC. Only Roanoke and Randolph Macon are placed ahead of the team at this point.

G.C. 73
Hollins 63

The Lady Quakers traveled to Roanoke, Virginia on Wednesday to play their second game of the year against Hollins. This game was originally scheduled for Tuesday, but due to the inclement weather the game was postponed a day. Earlier in the year, Guilford came away with a forty-two point victory, but this time Hollins closed the margin to allow only a ten-point win.

According to head women's basketball coach Barbara Bausch, the Hollins game was just another example of how the team has been struggling for wins in the past few

games. Bausch stated that the team has "been on a plateau for about ten days or so." The fact that Guilford has not been at their potential, combined with Hollins' offensive improvement, allowed the game to be close.

Freshman Kristin Schott finished the Hollins game with a career-high 17 points. Schott concluded the week with a very respectable performance against Eastern Mennonite as well. Senior Brenda Davis led the team in boards with 14 rebounds.

The second game of the week for the Lady Quakers was held on Saturday when Guilford hosted the women's team from Eastern Mennonite College of Harrisonburg, Virginia. This was the first matchup between these two teams this year. Again, the Guilford team came away with a small margin of victory in the 69-66 win.

Though the team played a strong team defense and was more aggressive than the past week, they allowed too many easy shot opportunities for the Royals of Eastern Mennonite. In addition, the offense was unable to take full advantage of their defensively forced turnovers. Coach Bausch stated that the offense would occasionally commit a turnover directly after their defense had forced a turnover.

The large number of turnovers

has been a key factor in the team's past games. In their game against Eastern Mennonite, Guilford committed 24 turnovers. These turnovers, especially ones which were unforced, hurt the team and allowed Eastern Mennonite to keep the score rather close.

Davis led the Lady Quakers in scoring and in rebounds in the Eastern Mennonite game with 22 points and 16 boards.

G.C. 69
E.M. 66

Though the games this past week were very close victories, they did help build the confidence of the team. These games were also another step in coming closer to securing a spot in the ODAC tournament at the end of the season.

Looking ahead to the team's upcoming games, Guilford hosts Meredith on January 26. Even though this is a non-conference game, it will be a test of how much the team has improved since their last meeting on December 3. The Lady Quakers will also be looking to improve their 8-7 overall record.

Following the Meredith game, the team will be traveling to Virginia to tackle Emory & Henry on January 28 and first-placed Roanoke on February 2.

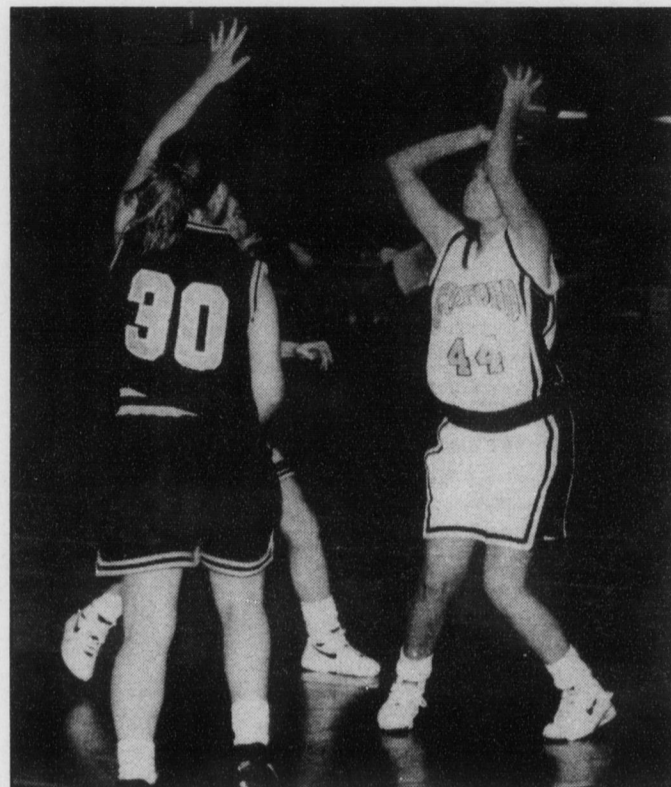


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Cat Herring pulls up for the jumper in the paint.

In the games to come, Guilford will be looking to put more pressure on their opponents' offense. According to Coach Bausch, her team will "need to take a step up" offensively and attack more for their points.

Though Guilford has suffered the past few weeks and may not seem like a competitor to other teams in the ODAC, team member Brenda Davis stated that the team "should not be counted out, at all."

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Athlete of the Week

Kiley Holder
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First-year student Stacey Simms has had quite a lot to do with the success of the Lady Quaker basketball team. As a starting guard, she leads the team in assists (3.9 apg), ranks second in rebounding (7.1 rpg), and has the fourth highest point average on the team (7.2 ppg).

She comes from a small school in East Rochester, Ohio, where she set several school and county records. She said that the college game is "a lot quicker... and much more competitive. The people who play college ball are the people who really want to. They're not in it because their friends do it."

Stacey said that her teammates quickly accepted her as a starter. "I don't feel like a freshman," she said. "We [freshmen] have our own roles. We realize here what we



Simms

have to do as a team. Off the court, we get along great."

She said she needs to strengthen her fundamentals in order to become a more well-rounded player.

Stacey is a sports medicine major, but she said she might switch to physical education with a concentration in coaching "Before I came [to Guilford], I wanted to be an athletic trainer," she said, "but the more I'm around it, I really want to coach college basketball."

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