

Men's lax drops to Villa Julie 21-11

By Tim McFarlin
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The men's lacrosse team forsook Serendipity last weekend as it traveled to Stevenson, Maryland for a match-up with Villa Julie College. The Mustangs made the first 12 goals of the game, putting the game seemingly beyond Guilford's reach. A fourth-quarter Quaker rally made the loss more respectable in addition to highlighting some of Guilford's (5-8, 0-5 ODAC) strong points. The loss marks the fifth consecutive defeat for the Quakers.

Be it a lack of defensive effort from the Quakers or just a superior overall outing from Villa Julie, the Mustangs possessed the ball for the majority of the first half. And when they had the ball, they shot it. Goal after goal was scored as the Mustangs found the area directly in front of the goal wide open as a free-for-all. Sophomore goalkeeper Anthony Roman was helpless as he was continu-

ally placed in one-on-one situations.

Finally, after 12 Mustang goals had been scored, senior Ted Long broke the ice for the Quakers with one of his two goals with 5:58 to play in the second quarter. Villa Julie tallied again, however, to make the score 13-1 as the clock came to a stop at 1:19. With 33 seconds left in the half, sophomore Jason Gauthier picked up his first of three assists as he dished to Long for a second Quaker goal.

The third quarter seemed uneventful as VJC's sophomores Travis Williams and Mark Kratsel netted their fourth and third goals, respectively. Junior Andrew Cunningham also claimed his third goal of the game. Sophomore Dusty Ollerhead made the single third-quarter point for the Quakers.

Just minutes after the Mustangs opened up the fourth quarter with Ben Adams' only goal of the game, the Quakers went on a rally. Gauthier, Ollerhead, John

Gardner and Charlie Georgopolous all put the ball in the net for the Quakers before VJC could answer back with another goal. Gauthier scored a second time, and then Ollerhead found the net for his third goal. Fourteen seconds later, Gauthier found himself with another opportunity, and turned it into his third and final goal of the game. VJC then went on a 3-0 run to put the Quakers out of commission, but not before senior Fran Randall bounced a hard low shot into the net from near mid-field.

Gauthier led Guilford with his team- and career-high six points (3 goals, 3 assists), four of which came in the fourth quarter.

Guilford plays again Saturday in conference action at Randolph-Macon (7-3, 0-3 ODAC) at 2:00 p.m., and will play its final game Wednes-



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Dusty Ollerhead scored three goals in defeat against the Mustangs Saturday.

day, April 28 at 3:30 p.m. at Greensboro College.

Wayne Gretzky calls hockey a 'hard game'

By Jim Litke
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New York (AP) - Wayne Gretzky left hockey the way he came in: head held high and the right side of his jersey still tucked into the corner of his pants. That bit of tailoring was a habit born of necessity, the only way a scrawny kid routinely playing in leagues against kids four and five years older could keep the too-big jerseys he always wore from getting in his way.

What changed between then and now is that when Gretzky stepped off the rink Sunday, Gretzky was four and five years older than anybody else.

"Not only am I mentally ready to retire, I'm physically ready to retire, too. This is a great game," he said, "but it's a hard game, too."

Everybody said goodbye in their own way.

Six-year-old Trevor Gretzky skipped his Little League game to see the old man off after all. Michael Jordan called during breakfast. People rushing to Madison Square Garden in Rangers jerseys with "99" stitched on the back crossed against the light

in Times Square without getting run down.

For one afternoon at least, the game with a tough reputation and the town with an even tougher one were awash in sentimentality.

National Hockey League commissioner Gary Bettman retired his number. Teammates gave him a large-screen TV. The Rangers gave him a Mercedes-Benz. The P.A. system played every mushy song ever recorded. The crowd of 18,200 stood as one nearly every time the puck turned up on the blade of his stick.

Everybody came bearing gifts for The Great One it seemed, except the Pittsburgh Penguins. And even the villains in the 1,487th and final game of Gretzky's career were helpless to stop him from picking up assist No. 1,963 on a nifty forehand pass that led to the Rangers' only goal.

The Penguins did win a measure of revenge—and a place in the trivia trove of hockey—with a 2-1 victory on a goal by Jaromir Jagr in overtime.

"Jagr said to me he didn't

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Baseball wins ODAC game

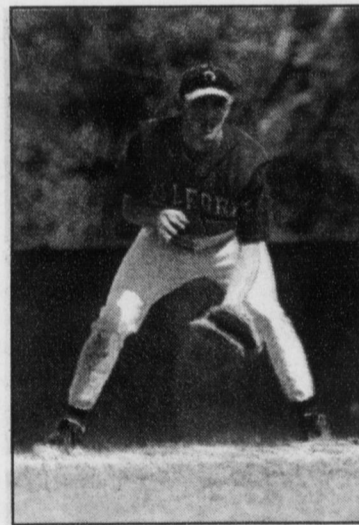
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Senior Andy Reed and sophomore Eric Pelletier each hit two-run home runs in the fourth inning and junior Kevin Moore added a three-run blast to key an eight-run seventh inning as Guilford closed out its home schedule with a 17-4 Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) win over Lynchburg Tuesday. The win improves the Quakers to 16-20 overall and 5-9 in the ODAC.

Junior Chad Coward worked six innings for his third win of the season and classmate Tim

Lucason tossed the final three frames for his first collegiate save. Senior Andy Reed and sophomore Eric Pelletier each hit two-run home runs in the fourth

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