

# Guilford College

## SPORTS INFORMATION

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### GUILFORD FOOTBALL NOTES - OCTOBER 17, 2009

#### Guilford vs. Bridgewater Series

Guilford owns a 21-14 lead the series with Bridgewater, which dates to 1936. Guilford's 21 wins over Bridgewater are the third-highest total in school history. The Quakers won 15 of the first 17 meetings, including 12 straight from 1956-1985. Bridgewater has won nine of the last 10 games between the two schools. Since Guilford joined the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC), the Eagles hold a 12-6 series advantage.

Chris Killian's interception in the end zone with seven seconds left preserved Bridgewater College's 27-20 win at Guilford in last year's meeting. Bridgewater forced four Guilford turnovers, which led to 10 points, including two interceptions deep in Eagles' territory.

Bridgewater's David Argaud had 17 carries for a game-high 163 yards. Anthony Carter added 75 rushing yards on nine carries, including a 52-yard touchdown run.

Guilford's **Josh Vogelbach '08** completed 21-of-38 passes for 297 yards and three touchdowns. **Kevin Vaughn '09** made a game-high eight catches for 104 yards and two scores. **Justin Parker** added 113 rushing yards on 23 carries. **Markas Brunson** made a career-high three sacks, all in the first half, among his season-high eight tackles.

#### Last Time Out

Guilford's **Jordan Nelson** tied a school record with three interceptions and teammate **Mike Williams** rushed for 181 yards and two scores in the Quakers' 48-6 football win over Southern Virginia Oct. 2.

The Quakers (1-4) forced six turnovers in the game, the most since a 32-23 road win over Catholic University Nov. 3, 2001. Nelson had three second-half interceptions to tie the school record set by **O.J. Batts '04** in 2000. Two of Nelson's interceptions led to Quakers' touchdowns.

Williams carried 21 times for 181 yards in his second college start. He had 107 yards by halftime, thanks largely to a 77-yard touchdown run that opened the game's scoring in the first quarter. He also scored on a one-yard run early in the third quarter, which boosted the Quakers' lead to 28-6.

Quarterback **Billy Watkins** completed 15-of-24 passes for 229 yards and two touchdowns. He also scored on a one-yard keeper in the first quarter that made it a 14-0 game. Both scoring passes went to **Justin Parker**, who also had a short touchdown run to finish with a career-high three touchdowns. Parker led all receivers with seven grabs while teammate **Tyler Hasty** made four catches for a career-high 118 yards.

**Richie Paul** led the Quakers' tacklers for the fifth straight game with a game-high 13 stops. **Trey Billian** added 10 tackles and forced a fumble.

#### Scouting the Quakers

Guilford opened the season with four straight losses before posting a 48-6 victory over Southern Virginia University Oct. 2. Narrow losses at Greensboro College and Methodist University in the first two weeks took their toll on team morale and health. The Quakers failed to score a touchdown in back-to-back home losses to Averett University and Hampden-Sydney College before breaking out versus Southern Virginia. Like Bridgewater College, Guilford is coming off a bye week.

The Quakers field an inexperienced squad in 2009 as evidenced by the 12 freshmen and sophomores who made their first college starts in the 2009 season opener. Guilford graduated four-year starting quarterback **Josh Vogelbach '08**, a two-time First Team All-ODAC performer who graduated with 17 NCAA Division III career passing records, including career yards (13,605). Most of his favorite targets are all gone as well with the graduation of **Kevin Vaughn**, who earned Third Team D3football.com All-America honors last season and ranked among the national receiving yards leaders. If that wasn't enough, only one offensive lineman (**Brice Carlson**) returns in 2009.

Guilford installed the option on offense during the off-season and used it in its first few games, but injuries in the backfield slowed its progress. The Quakers recently returned to the multiple-formation spread offense that produced one of Division III's most potent attacks in recent years. The

#### GUILFORD COLLEGE QUAKERS

(1-4, 0-1 ODAC\*)

Date	Opponent	Time
09/05	at Greensboro .....	L 7-12
	<i>13<sup>th</sup> Annual Gate City Soup Bowl</i>	
09/12	at Methodist .....	L 19-20
09/19	AVERETT .....	L 3-28
	<i>Hall of Fame Night</i>	
09/26	HAMPDEN-SYDNEY* .....	L 6-31
	<i>Homecoming</i>	
10/02	SOUTHERN VIRGINIA .....	W 48-6
10/17	at Bridgewater* .....	1:00 p.m.
10/24	WASHINGTON & LEE* ..	1:00 p.m.
10/31	RANDOLPH-MACON* ..	1:00 p.m.
11/07	at Catholic* .....	12 noon
11/14	EMORY & HENRY* .....	1:00 p.m.
	<i>Senior Day</i>	

\*-Old Dominion Athletic Conference game

#### GUILFORD QUICK FACTS

Location:	Greensboro, N.C.
Founded:	1837
Enrollment:	2,833
Nickname:	Quakers
Affiliation:	NCAA Division III
Conference:	Old Dominion Athletic Conf.
Head Coach:	Kevin Kiesel
Alma Mater:	Gettysburg '81
Overall Record:	... 86-82-1 (16 <sup>th</sup> season)
Guilford Record:	..... 22-23 (5 <sup>th</sup> season)
ODAC Record:	..... 10-14
Season:	..... 103 <sup>rd</sup>
All-Time Record:	..... 290-559-26 (.346)
Sports Info. Director:	..... Dave Walters



Quakers hope the change will increase offensive production, which through five games ranks in the lower third of the Division III ranks, averaging 16.6 points and 286 total offensive yards per game. Junior quarterback **Billy Watkins** saw limited time as Vogelbach's understudy, but will now take the bulk of the snaps. Number-two quarterback **Luke Vandall** was lost with a season-ending foot injury and rookie **Chris Winiacki** is lost for the year with a head injury. Rookie **Brandon Thompson** has moved from receiver to quarterback in recent weeks, but Redshirt-junior **Justin Parker** also has signal-calling experience.

**Parker** is the Quakers' top offensive weapon. He has lined up at runningback and quarterback this year, but with the return to the spread offense, look for the Greensboro native to line up at receiver. Speedy rookie **Mike Williams** averages 6.7 yards per carry and is coming off a 181-yard rushing performance versus Southern Virginia.

While the offense has struggled at times, Guilford's defense has played reasonably well this season. The Quakers rank third among the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) leaders in total (322.0) and scoring (19.4) defense. Guilford boasts the league's leading tackler in senior linebacker **Richie Paul**, who stands 10th nationally with 12.4 stops per game. An athletic secondary has allowed the Quakers to use a lot of pressure and blitzes from different positions to pressure opposing offensive linemen. Starting cornerback **Quan Parker** has been lost for the year with a thumb injury, but the rest of the defense is reasonably healthy for the first time in a couple of weeks. Sophomore safety **Trey Billian**, a converted receiver in his first year on defense, ranks sixth among ODAC tackles per game leaders.

Two newcomers handle the bulk of the Quakers' kicking duties. Rookie **Brad Scott** has shown off a strong leg in his first year with three field goals and nearly 66 yards per kickoff. Sophomore **D.J. Wilson** took over for Billian as the starting punter two games ago and is averaging 35.8 yards per kick. Despite season-ending injuries to Parker and senior **Thomas Kicinski**, the return game has been fairly solid with veterans like Parker and **Jordan Nelson** returning kicks. Rookie **Christian Neikens** handled punt return duties for the first time versus Hampden-Sydney College.

### "Pinky" Nelson Wins ODAC Prize

After tying the school record with three interceptions against Southern Virginia Oct. 2,

cornerback **Jordan Nelson** collected the Quakers' first ODAC Defensive Player of the Week Award. He also had two tackles and a pass breakup in the game, which Guilford won, 48-6. Two of Nelson's interceptions set up Quakers' touchdowns.

Throughout his career, Nelson has made his mark as a key kickoff returner and 2009 is no exception as the junior ranks fourth in the ODAC with an 18.3-yard per return average. However, he earned more playing time in the secondary this fall and with an injury to rookie **Quan Parker**, Nelson has filled in admirably as a starting cornerback. He enjoyed perhaps the finest defensive game of the year versus Hampden-Sydney with a personal-best eight tackles and his first career interception.

Nelson is wearing pink socks and pink wristbands during the month of October as a personal statement to promote breast cancer awareness. October is the national Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

### Parker Climbs Guilford Rushing Charts

**Justin Parker** has moved into 10th place among Guilford's career rushing leaders. The redshirt junior has 1,295 yards on 259 carries in his two-plus seasons. He moved past **Dent Guarino '90** (1,253 yards) into 10th place and needs five yards to pass **Charlie Heard '84** for ninth place.

Parker set the Quakers' school record with 10 rushing touchdowns in 2008 and has 15 scores on the ground in his career. He ranks fourth among Guilford's career rushing touchdowns leaders and needs four more scores to set the record.

### Paul Brings Them Down

Senior **Richie Paul** leads the ODAC with 12.4 tackles per game six weeks into the season, NCAA Division III's 10th-highest average. The Quakers' linebacker collected Guilford's game MVP honor for his nine-tackle performance against Greensboro College in the Quakers' season opener. The following week he led all tacklers with a career-high 15 stops and made a game-best 14 tackles versus Averett. Paul has recorded 10 or more tackles in each of his last four games.

Paul has 62 stops, including 6.5 behind the line of scrimmage. He joins sophomore teammates **Trey Billian** (6th) and **Chris Jessup** (16th) as Quakers among the ODAC's top-16 tacklers.

### Newcomers Bolster Kicking Game

Freshman **Brad Scott** beat out senior **Hunter**

**Chappell** and classmate **Corey Sackrison** for the starting place-kicker's job and has been one of Guilford's most prolific scorers through five games. He has three field goals through with a long of 42. Scott also handles the Quakers' kickoffs and averages a league-high 65.2 yards per kickoff, which has helped Guilford to first place among ODAC kickoff coverage leaders.

Sophomore **D.J. Wilson** took over the punting duties from classmate **Trey Billian** last month and averages 36.7 yards per kick, the league's third-highest figure. His 71-yard boot against Hampden-Sydney is the second-longest kick in school history.

### Watch Out For Williams

Opposing defense need should be on the lookout for speedy freshman running back **Mike Williams**. The rookie from Mebane, N.C., is coming off a career-long 181-yard effort against Southern Virginia, the most rushing yards by a Quakers' back since Marcus Ballard had 182 yards versus Greensboro in 2000.. Williams averaged 8.6 yards per carry and scored on a 77-yard run versus the Knights, the longest since Ballard's 81-yard scoring jaunt against Greensboro.

### Taking Care of the Ball

Turnovers have plagued Guilford in recent seasons and contributed heavily to three of the team's losses in 2009. The Quakers recorded a +4 turnover rating Methodist behind a strong defensive effort that forced two miscues inside the Monarchs' 20-yard line. Both turnovers led to Guilford scores and the Quakers' best turnover rating since a +5 at Catholic Nov. 4, 2006. Guilford did not turn the ball over in the Methodist contest, ending a streak of 22 straight games with at least one turnover.

### The Soup Bowl Cup Stays At Guilford

While Greensboro College regained the Soup Bowl trophy, presented to the winner of the annual crosstown Division III football rivalry, Guilford maintained possession of the Soup Bowl Cup. The Soup Bowl Cup goes to the school that collects the most food in the canned food drive held in conjunction with the game. Guilford students and fans brought in over 3,800 foodstuffs compared to Greensboro's approximately 2,200 items. Guilford's food service provider, Meriwether Godsey, will double Guilford's contributions, which means local food banks will receive nearly 10,000 items at a critical time.

### **Kicinski Lost For The Season**

Senior running back and kick returner **Thomas Kicinski** saw his season come to a close following the Averett game due to a hip injury. He has been one of the Quakers' top kick returners in each of his four seasons and had an increased role at running back in 2009. He ranks seventh among Guilford's career punt return yardage leaders and ninth in career kickoff return yards.

Kicinski's injury further depletes the Quakers' backfield, which also lost backup quarterback **Luke Vandall** to a season-ending foot injury in the season-opening game with Greensboro.

### **Injury Report**

**Out for the season:** freshman running back **Ricky Douglas** (shoulder), freshman defensive back **Mike Foxx** (foot), freshman defensive lineman **Brett Hauser** (knee), senior running back/kick returner **Thomas Kicinski** (hip), freshman cornerback **Quan Parker** (thumb), sophomore quarterback **Luke Vandall** (foot), freshman defensive back **Ira Warwick** (wrist), freshman **Chris Winiacki** (head).

### **Looking Ahead**

After last week's bye, the Quakers gear up for the homestretch of the season that includes five Old Dominion Athletic Conference contests, including three at home. Guilford hosts Washington and Lee University next Saturday (10/24) at 1:00 p.m. in the Quakers' first home day game of the season. The Generals take a 2-4 record (1-1 ODAC) into today's game at league-leading Hampden-Sydney College.

Guilford plays six of its final eight games on the new Field Turf artificial surface installed this summer.

### **Head Coach Kevin Kiesel**

**Kevin Kiesel** took over as Guilford College's 22nd head football coach in March 2005, and ranks fifth among the Quakers' career football wins leaders with a 22-23 record. His 2006 and 2007 teams both went 6-4 for Guilford's first consecutive winning campaigns since 1990-91. The Quakers have shattered 36 school records and 13 league marks in Kiesel's first four seasons. Guilford has led NCAA Division III in passing yards per game twice in the past three years and typically boasts one of the nation's top-rated offenses. Quarterback **Josh Vogelbach '08** set 17 NCAA Division III passing marks under Kiesel, including career passing yards. He is one of 13 Guilford students who have com-

been for 19 all-conference commendations in the past four years.

Kiesel has an 86-82-1 career record and 16 years of head football coaching experience. Before joining the Quakers, the 1981 Gettysburg graduate spent four seasons directing NCAA Division II Millersville. He made his head coaching debut in 1993 at Albright where the Lions went 15-15-1 in three seasons, including 8-3 in 1995. Albright won the 1995 Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III Southwest title.

Fairfield made Kiesel its first head football coach when it started the sport in 1996. He shaped the NCAA Division I-AA non-scholarship Stags into one of the top programs of its kind. Fairfield won the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference title in 1998, its third year of existence, and Kiesel captured the league's Coach of the Year Award.

A Scranton, Pa., native, Kiesel grew up in King of Prussia, Pa. He and his wife, Annette, have three school-age children: Julianne, Eddie and Bobby.

### **Quakers Picked Fifth in the ODAC**

Old Dominion Athletic Conference head football coaches tabbed Guilford seventh in their annual preseason poll this year. Hampden-Sydney College earned two of seven first-place votes and the top spot in the poll. Emory & Henry College and Bridgewater College also earned two top votes and are separated by just two points for second place in the poll. Randolph-Macon College took the final first-place vote and was picked fourth, ahead of Catholic University of America and Washington and Lee University.

Guilford last won the ODAC title in 1997 when it shared the honor with Randolph-Macon and Emory & Henry. The Quakers won their first league crown outright in 1991, their first year of league membership.