

Guilford College

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GUILFORD FOOTBALL NOTES - OCTOBER 31, 2009

Guilford vs. Randolph-Macon Series

Randolph-Macon holds a 29-20-2 edge in the series, which dates to 1930. The 51 meetings between the schools make the series the sixth most-played rivalry in Guilford's history. The Yellow Jackets hold a 12-6 advantage over Guilford since the Quakers joined the ODAC in 1991. The Quakers are 12-11-1 against Randolph-Macon in Greensboro.

The Yellow Jackets scored a 55-24 home win over Guilford in last year's meeting, their fifth victory in seven games with the Quakers. **Austin Faulkner** paced Randolph-Macon with 107 rushing yards and 208 passing yards. He had a hand in four touchdowns, two on the ground and two through the air. Guilford's **Josh Vogelbach** completed 39-of-61 passes for 395 yards with three scores. **Kevin Vaughn** caught 15 passes for 221 yards and two TDs for Guilford. The Quakers turned the ball over six times to the Yellow Jackets' one.

Last Time Out

Quarterback Charlie Westfal's 21-yard touchdown run with 3:39 left in regulation lifted visiting Washington and Lee to a 28-21 ODAC win at Guilford last Saturday.

The teams combined for six turnovers, five of which led to touchdowns. The Generals opened a 14-0 halftime lead thanks to touchdowns off of Guilford miscues. Guilford used turnovers of its own to force three second-half ties. **Kenneth Hyman III** picked off Westfal on the second-half's first play. Nine plays later, Quakers' quarterback **Billy Watkins** scored his team-leading fifth rushing touchdown of the year from two yards out, making it a 14-7 game. The Quakers' tied the score early in the fourth quarter on **Mike Williams'** 27-yard touchdown run, which was set up by a **Sage Luley** fumble recovery at the Generals' 33-yard line.

Any momentum Guilford gained in the second half shifted when Washington and Lee returned the ensuing kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown and a 21-14 Generals' lead.

After the second of Guilford's two missed field goals, the Generals drove to the Quakers' 45-yard line. With Westfal in shotgun

formation, Guilford junior linebacker **David LaPlaca** recovered the quarterback's misplay on the snap and returned the fumble 42 yards for his first college touchdown, which tied the game at 21-21 with 6:38 left.

Watkins completed a career-high 29-of-43 passes for 209 yards. **Justin Parker** was his favorite target as the redshirt-junior made a season-high 11 grabs for 91 yards. Junior **Tyler Hasty** added a personal-best nine receptions for 65 yards. Williams finished with 67 rushing yards and teammate **Earl Womble** added 60 yards on the ground. **Richie Paul** made a game- and career-high 18 tackles, the most by a Quakers' defender since **Josh Clayton '00** made 20 stops against Catholic in 1999.

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.

Following a bye week, Guilford returned to ODAC play with a loss at Bridgewater College followed by last week's setback against Washington and Lee.

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. Today's depth chart lists 15 first- or second-year students among Guilford's probable starters, including specialists. Injuries have taken their toll on the Quakers as 15 students are now out for the year due to injury, including starting running back/kick returner **Thomas Kicinski** and number-two quarterback **Luke Vandall**.

The injuries to Kicinski and Vandall hampered Guilford's plan to revamp its offense following the graduation of four-year starting quarterback **Josh Vogelbach '08**, a two-time First Team All-ODAC performer who

GUILFORD COLLEGE QUAKERS

(1-6, 0-3 ODAC*)

Date	Opponent	Time
09/05	at Greensboro	L 7-12
	<i>13th 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*	L 9-40
10/24	WASHINGTON & LEE*	L 21-28
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: ... 86-84-1 (16th season)
Guilford Record: 22-25 (5th season)
ODAC Record: 10-16
Season: 103rd
All-Time Record: 290-561-26 (.345)
Sports Info. Director: Dave Walters



left with 17 NCAA Division III career passing records, including career yards (13,605). Most of his favorite targets also left, including **Kevin Vaughn '09**, who earned Third Team D3football.com All-America honors in his senior season and ranked among the national receiving yards per game leaders.

Guilford installed an option offense during the off-season and used it to start the year, but injuries in the backfield slowed its progress. The Quakers have since returned to the multiple-formation spread offense that produced one of Division III's most potent attacks in recent years. The Quakers hope the change increases offensive production, which ranks 201st among 235 Division III teams with 16.14 points per game.

Junior quarterback **Billy Watkins** saw limited time as Vogelbach's understudy, but won the starting job during preseason camp and now is the only true quarterback on the active roster. He has completed over 69 percent of his passes over the past three games for 622 yards with two touchdowns and one interception. **Vandall** was lost with a season-ending foot injury and rookie **Chris Winiecki** is out with a head injury. Freshman **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 returned kicks and lined up at running back and quarterback this year, but with the return to the spread offense, the Greensboro native has become Guilford's top receiver. Speedy rookie **Mike Williams** averages 5.6 yards per carry for the year and has averaged 93 rushing yards per game over his last three outings.

While the offense has struggled at times, Guilford's defense has played reasonably well for the most part. The Quakers rank fourth among the ODAC leaders in total defense (334.7 yards per game) and third against the run. Guilford boasts the league's leading tackler in senior linebacker **Richie Paul**, who stands fifth nationally with 13.0 stops per game. An athletic secondary has allowed the Quakers to use a lot of pressure and blitzes. Sophomore safety **Trey Billian**, a converted receiver in his first defensive season, ranks eighth among ODAC tackles per game leaders.

Two newcomers handle the bulk of the Quakers' kicking duties. Rookie **Brad Scott** has shown a strong leg in his first year with four field goals and averages a league-high 65 yards per kickoff. Sophomore **D.J. Wilson** took over for Billian as the starting punter in

week three and ranks fourth in the ODAC with a 35.8 yards per kick average.

Guilford on Halloween

Guilford is 2-11 on Halloween Day games and last played on Oct. 31 in 1998 at Randolph-Macon where the Yellow Jackets scared up a 24-0 victory. Guilford's last Halloween victory was also against Randolph-Macon back in 1992 when the Quakers' eked out a 21-20 triumph in Ashland. Georgia Southwestern captured a 24-3 victory over Guilford in 1987, the last Halloween Day contest in the ghost-free Armfield Athletic Center.

Paul Tabbed for All-Star Game

Senior **Richie Paul** was one of 90 seniors selected to play in the inaugural D-III Football Classic earlier this week. The showcase weekend includes a North-South All-Star Game Dec. 5 in Salem, Va.

Paul, Guilford's middle linebacker, leads the ODAC with 13.0 tackles per game, NCAA Division III's fifth-highest average. He has led Guilford's tacklers in all seven games and collected the Quakers' game MVP honor for his nine-tackle performance against Greensboro College in the season opener. Paul has made at least 10 tackles in each of the last six games, including a career-high 18 stops versus Washington and Lee, the most by a Guilford defender since **Josh Clayton '00** had 20 stops in 1999.

Paul has 91 tackles, including eight behind the line of scrimmage. He joins sophomore teammates **Trey Billian** (8th) and **Chris Jessup** (13th) as Quakers among the ODAC's top-13 tacklers.

"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 sixth in the ODAC with an 19.3-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 and fellow cornerback **Kenneth Hyman III** are wearing pink socks and pink wristbands during the month of October as personal statements to promote breast cancer awareness. October is the national Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Parker Climbs Guilford Rushing Charts

Justin Parker has moved into a share of ninth place among Guilford's career rushing leaders. The redshirt junior has 1,302 yards on 264 carries in his two-plus seasons. He shares the position with **Charlie Heard '84** and needs 146 yards to pass **Johnny Hines '88** for eighth 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.

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. He has four field goals with a long of 42. Scott also handles the Quakers' kickoffs and averages a league-high 65.0 yards per kickoff.

Sophomore **D.J. Wilson** took over the punting duties from classmate **Trey Billian** in week three and averages 35.8 yards per kick, the league's fourth-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., enjoyed 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.

Williams ranks seventh among league leaders with 67.3 rushing yards per game.

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 at 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 Quakers were also turnover free at Bridgewater.

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 number-two quarterback **Luke Vandall** to a season-ending foot injury in the season-opening game with Greensboro.

Injury Report

Out for the game: sophomore offensive lineman **Aaron French** (ankle), freshman running back **James Harris** (sick).

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 offensive lineman **Donte' Mitchell** (knee), freshman defensive back **Christian Neikens** (arm), freshman cornerback **Quan Parker** (thumb), freshman defensive lineman **Matthew Price** (medical), freshman offensive lineman **Edrian Pumar** (sick), freshman linebacker **Trey Shipp** (ankle), sophomore quarterback **Luke Vandall** (foot), freshman defensive back **Ira Warwick** (wrist), freshman

defensive lineman **Chris Ward** (knee), freshman tight end **Jordan West** (sick), freshman defensive lineman **Kevin Williamson** (knee), freshman quarterback **Chris Winiiecki** (head).

Looking Ahead

The Quakers travel to Washington, D.C., next Saturday for their final, and longest, road trip of the season. Guilford meets Catholic University at noon. The series history between the two schools is tied at five wins apiece following Catholic's 49-34 victory last year in Greensboro. The Quakers have won four of the last five matchups with the Cardinals to even the series after Catholic took four of the first five contests.

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 22-25 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 combined for 19 all-conference commendations in the past four years.

Kiesel has an 86-84-1 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.