

Guilford College

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GUILFORD FOOTBALL'S KEVIN KIESEL ERA OPENS AT FERRUM

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On the Air: 1070-AM, WGOS (Archdale, NC), 12:45 p.m.

On the Internet: www.guilford.edu/athletics/athletics.cfm?ID=a000224

THE GUILFORD-FERRUM SERIES: Ferrum has won six of the last seven football games with Guilford and leads the season series, 13-5. Seven of the last 10 meetings between the two schools have been decided by a touchdown or less, including Ferrum's 2003 win on the game's final play. The Panthers and Quakers started playing in 1985, Ferrum's first Division III football season after a successful junior college history. Guilford won the first two meetings between the schools before the Panthers reeled off seven straight wins from 1988-95. Guilford's first-year head coach **Kevin Kiesel** has not coached against Ferrum. Today's contest marks the first football game between the two schools in September. The Quakers own a 31-65-2 record in 96 season-opening games. Guilford last won a season-opener in 1999.

Jermaine Pitts threw two long touchdown passes to Terrell Mulford in the first quarter to help host Ferrum to a 21-16 Homecoming win over Guilford last year. The Quakers' defense recovered to allow only Matt Spangler's fourth-quarter scoring pass to Chris Silk, but Guilford could not complete the comeback. The Panthers rolled up 250 rushing yards, including a game-high 85 yards by Mulford on 11 carries. **Chris Barnette** made eight grabs for 63 yards and a touchdown for the Quakers.

FERRUM IN 2005 (0-0): The Panthers hope lessons learned in their first losing season since 1997 result in an improved record in 2005. Ferrum went 4-6 a year ago, 1-5 in the USA South Athletic Conference. Five of the Panthers' losses were by seven points or less, including three overtime setbacks. USA South football coaches picked Ferrum fifth in their eight-team preseason poll. The Panthers return 15 starters from last year's club, including eight offensive student-athletes.

PANTHERS OFFENSE: Ferrum's A-Swing offense typically ranks among the nation's top rushing units and 2004 was no different as the Panthers finished 11th in the 2004 NCAA Division III listing with 276.8 rushing yards per game. Senior halfback **Terrell Mulford** is the team's top returning rusher, followed by senior halfback **Dustin Hamoy**. Junior quarterback **Jermaine Pitts** is a two-year starter and a two-way threat. Six of junior tight end **Chris Silk's** team-high 15 catches a year ago went for touchdowns. The Panthers averaged 27.6 points and 387.9 total offensive yards per game in 2004.

2004 STAT LEADERS: Mulford 127x855 rushing yards, 6.7 avg., 10 TD, 85.5 yards per game

Hamoy 102x558 rushing yards, 5.5 avg., 5 TD, 62.0 yards per game

Pitts 88x483 rushing yards, 5.5 avg., 3 TD, 48.3 yards per game

Pitts 33-80 passing, 41.2% completion rate, 800 passing yards, 7 TD, 4 INT, 144.12 pass efficiency

Silk 15x354 receiving yards, 23.6 avg., 6 TD

PANTHERS DEFENSE: Ferrum employs a 4-3 defense that is typically one of the most physical lineups Guilford sees. Gone is three-time conference player of the year **Darren Venable**, who graduated after leading the Panthers with 97 tackles and three interceptions last year. Junior safety **Craig Ford** plays aggressively from the

secondary and had three sacks in 2004. Junior defensive back **David Coleman** shared the team lead with five pass breakups last year. Junior **Matt Spangler** moved to linebacker this year after playing quarterback his first two seasons. The Panthers yielded 23 points and 294.1 offensive yards per game in 2004.

RETURNING 2004 STAT LEADERS: Ford 62 tackles (37 solo), 7 tackles for loss, 3 sacks
Coleman 43 tackles (21 solo), 1 tackle for loss, 1 INT, 5 breakups
Paul Inoa 38 tackles (13 solo), 4 tackles for loss, 3 INT

GUILFORD OPENS 99TH SEASON WITH NEW HEAD COACH

LAST YEAR: The Quakers suffered their seventh straight losing season and averted their first winless campaign since 1972 with a week-nine win over league-rival Catholic, 35-21. Depth and inexperienced plagued the team throughout the year and contributed to three setbacks by five or fewer points. Opponents feasted on the Quakers' young defense that started as many as seven freshmen during the year for 38 points and 411.4 offensive yards per game.

On a more positive note, senior punter **Christian Adams '05** became Guilford's second two-time football All-American after ranking second among NCAA Division III leaders with a 41.2-yard average. He earned second-team honors from Don Hansen's Football Gazette and was a Third Team D3football.com All-American. Adams led the ODAC in punting for the third straight season and graduated with the league's career punting record (40.14).

Mike Ketchum '78 moved into an administrative position in Guilford's athletics department in December 2004 after compiling a 53-85 record in 14 years as his alma mater's head coach. He later resigned the post to become defensive coordinator at NCAA Division II Winston-Salem State. Following a national search, **Kevin Kiesel** took over as Guilford's 22nd head football March 1. He ran spring practice in April and introduced new offensive and defensive schemes to the team's 36 returning letter winners. Thanks to NCAA deregulation, Division III spring practice allowed the use of footballs for the first time in 2005.

OFFENSIVE LEADERS: The Quakers return seven starters on offense, but lost two-year starting quarterback **Chris Gammon** to an injury during the off-season and leading rusher Desmond Jordan, who transferred to Winston-Salem State. All three starting receivers return, including 2004 honorable mention All-ODAC pick **Chris Barnette**. The younger brother of former NC State standout Jamie Barnette placed third in the league with 52 receptions, the most by a Quaker since 1999. Classmate **Micah Rushing**, Guilford's Offensive Most Valuable Player in 2003, and redshirt-sophomore **Joe Joyner** had 17 starts and 48 receptions between them. Guilford's offensive line returns three starters, including seniors **Corey Haase** and **Jon Matthews**. Sophomore **Brad Davis** moves to center this year after starting seven games at left tackle as a rookie.

DEFENSIVE LEADERS: Defensive back **Bryan Cook** finished second to senior **Chase Waterhouse '05** among the team's top tacklers a year ago with 53 stops and had two of the team's six interceptions. He moves to a weak safety position in Guilford's defensive scheme. Cook and classmates **Scottie Byrd** (31 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss) and **Nate Hummel** (44 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss) are the only three returning starters. **Ian Kirwan** started at nose guard last year, but moves to the offensive line for his senior year. The defense could be aided by the return of senior linebacker **Travis Boyd**, redshirt-junior **Mario Paylor** and sophomore nose guard **Brandon Smith**. The trio saw extensive playing time in 2003, but missed 2004.

SPECIAL TEAMS LEADERS: Adams will be sorely missed, but junior **Travis Frazier** boasts a strong leg and spent the past two seasons as Adams' understudy. Frazier, an all-region place-kicker in 2003, had made 44 of 48 extra points and 12 of 20 field goals in two seasons. Senior **Charlie Stroup** returns for his third season as the Quakers' long snapper. Juniors **Micah Rushing** and **Vance Blackwell** have both returned kicks for touchdowns in their careers.

HEAD COACH KEVIN KIESEL: Kevin Kiesel (KEE-sul) took over for **Mike Ketchum '78** in March 2005. Ketchum moved into an administrative role in Guilford's athletic department the preceding December before resigning shortly afterwards to become the defensive coordinator at Division II Winston-Salem State.

Kiesel owns a 64-59-1 record in 12 seasons as a head coach. He spent the past four years at Division II Millersville after building non-scholarship winners at Division I-AA Fairfield (1996-2000) and Division III Albright (1993-95). He inherited an 0-10 team at Albright and moved on three years later after the Lions went 8-3 and won the 1995 ECAC Southwest title game. Kiesel started Fairfield's program from scratch in 1996 and went 24-6 in his final three years. Kiesel, a Pennsylvania native, is a 1981 Gettysburg College graduate and has made assistant-coaching stops at Navy, Kentucky, Fordham, Temple, West Chester and Gettysburg.

INJURY REPORT: Seven student-athletes will miss today's contest due to injury, including three who are lost for the year. Freshman defensive lineman **Chad Harris** (ankle), junior running back **Devin Foster** (knee) and sophomore offensive lineman **Brandon Battle** (leg/ankle) endured season-ending injuries in the preseason. Rookie tight end **Mike Tabor** (hip), redshirt-freshman nose guard **Lorenza Wyatt** (leg), junior safety **Kyle Kiser** (wrist) and junior running back **Demetrius Snead** (leg) are also out for the Ferrum contest. Wyatt and Kiser were penciled in as starters before their injuries. Sophomore running back **Adam Hill** (hip) and junior receiver **Chris Barnette** (leg) are probable. Sophomore linebacker **Nate Hummel**, who started nine games last year, took to the field for the first time last week after rehabbing a leg injury incurred during the summer. He is listed as a backup to junior **Eric Smallwood** for today's game.

TRANSFERS MAKE AN IMPACT: In an effort to add student-athletes with college experience and overcome a late recruiting start, Guilford's new coaches found eight new student-athletes via the transfer route, including four probable starters. Four of the newcomers join the Quakers via Arizona Western College (AWC), the former employer of Guilford assistant head coach and defensive coordinator **Dearrison Snead**. Former AWC student-athletes **Josh Crowell** and **Devon White** are penciled in as the Quakers' starting cornerbacks. Redshirt-freshman quarterback **Josh Vogelbach** joined the Quakers from Division I East Carolina, where he walked onto the team after a first-team all-state senior year at Bishop Verot (FL) High School. His starting mate today, sophomore running back **Adam Hill**, spent his first college season at Division II Shaw. A fifth transfer, redshirt-freshman **Lorenza Wyatt** (Virginia Union), would have started today save a leg injury that forced him to the sidelines.

QUAKERS IN THE PROS: Former Guilford All-American receiver **Junior Lord** continued his professional career as a receiver/linebacker for the Las Vegas Gladiators of the Arena Football League last spring. Lord caught 22 passes for 224 yards and four touchdowns in an injury-plagued campaign. He has played the last five seasons in the AFL.

Lord, the Quakers' all-time leading receiver, spent lengthy NFL preseason stints with Washington (1998), Green Bay (2000) and Detroit (2002). He played with the Chicago Enforcers of the XFL in 2001 and spent the 2000 season with the Amsterdam Admirals of NFL Europe. Lord played on Washington's 1998 practice squad and spent the final third of the 1999 campaign on Pittsburgh's practice team. He completed his brilliant career as a third-team All-American in 1997 with 10 school records and six ODAC marks.

Chris McKinney '03 played with the South Georgia Wildcats of the Arena Football League 2 last spring as a receiver and linebacker. He caught 65 passes for 708 yards and 17 touchdowns in 14 games on offense and led the team with 42 total tackles. McKinney earned First Team All-America honors as a Guilford punt returner in 2001.

Former Guilford defensive back and kick returner **Tony Womack '92** is also playing professionally, but in another sport. Womack made his Major League Baseball debut in 1993 and plays with the New York Yankees, his sixth major-league team. He played on the Arizona Diamondbacks' 2001 World Series champions and the St. Louis Cardinals' 2004 World Series runners up. Womack played football at Guilford in 1990 and ranked fifth among NCAA Division III kickoff return leaders.

QUAKERS PICKED SIXTH IN THE ODAC: Four-time defending conference champ Bridgewater earned six of seven first-place votes and the top spot in the preseason ODAC Football Coaches' Poll. Guilford was picked

sixth. Hampden-Sydney earned the remaining first-place vote and was picked second. Emory & Henry (3rd), Washington and Lee (4th) and Randolph-Macon (5th) were also picked ahead of Guilford. Catholic brought up the rear in seventh, one point beneath the Quakers.

GUILFORD ON THE AIR AND ON THE INTERNET: For the 11th consecutive season, Guilford's football games are broadcast in the Piedmont Triad on WGOS (1070-AM). Guilford has also entered into an agreement with SportsJuice.com to carry the contests live over the Internet in 2005. Veteran play-by-play man **Tom Bryant** and his team of broadcasters call the action. Broadcasts begin 15 minutes before kickoff.

NEXT OPPONENT: Guilford plays the first of six home games in 2005 next Saturday (9/10) against Methodist. The Monarchs, conference mates of Ferrum in the USA South, open their schedule against visiting Salisbury today. Guilford leads the all-time series with Methodist, 11-5. The Monarchs won last year's contest in Fayetteville, NC, 45-17.

The game is Guilford's Take a Kid to the Game Day where adults accompanied by a child receive reduced admission.

2005 GUILFORD COLLEGE FOOTBALL DEPTH CHART (09/03/05)

WR	9	Joe Joyner (r-So., 6-0, 180)	DE	80	Scottie Byrd (So., 6-3, 240)
	22	Justin Cavanaugh (Fr., 5-8, 145)		96	Tyler Ledford (Fr., 6-1, 245)
RT	75	Corey Haase (Sr., 6-2, 265)	DT	62	Brad Fortier (Jr., 6-2, 280)
	69	Alex Parker (Fr., 6-2, 285)		76	Dave Barette (Fr., 6-0, 270)
RG	79	Jon Matthews (Sr., 6-3, 275)	NG	65	Brandon Smith (So., 5-11, 335)
	58	Dock Ragland (So., 6-0, 315)		77	Michael Perkins (Jr., 5-7, 230)
C	74	Brad Davis (So., 6-1, 245)	DE	99	Andrew Nida (So., 6-4, 225)
	50	David Hayes (Fr., 5-11, 220)		42	Aaron Tull (Sr., 5-10, 195)
LG	78	Ian Kirwan (Sr., 6-1, 270)	LB	40	Mario Paylor (r-Jr., 5-8, 215)
	68	Andrew Parker (Fr., 6-2, 290)		32	Travis Boyd (Sr., 5-6, 205)
LT	70	Kendall Wallace (Fr., 6-0, 280)	LB	25	Eric Smallwood (Jr., 5-11, 205)
	71	Steve Dziedzic (Fr., 6-7, 285)		44	Nate Hummel (So., 6-1, 225)
TE	45	Troy Smith (So., 5-10, 235)	CB	6	Devon White (Jr., 6-0, 185)
	38	Chris Cain (So., 5-10, 215)		20	Steven Bonilla (Fr., 5-6, 135)
WR	17	Micah Rushing (Jr., 5-8, 180)	CB	3	Josh Crowell (Jr., 5-10, 165)
	87	Lucas Bruff (So., 5-8, 165)		4	Vance Blackwell (Jr., 5-10, 175)
WR	7	Chris Barnette (Jr., 6-0, 175)	FS	2	Taylor Baker (So., 6-0, 200)
	19	David Bonilla (Fr., 5-8, 160)		4	Vance Blackwell (Jr., 5-10, 175)
TB	5	Adam Hill (So., 5-6, 170)	SS	32	Travis Boyd (Sr., 5-6, 205)
	24	Demetrius Snead (Jr., 5-7, 175)		30	Charlie Stroup (Sr., 5-7, 200)
QB	16	Josh Vogelbach (r-Fr., 6-2, 200)	WS	28	Bryan Cook (So., 5-8, 175)
	18	Danny Langston (Fr., 6-2, 175)		2	Taylor Baker (So., 6-0, 200)
PK	34	Travis Frazier (Jr., 6-5, 235)	P	34	Travis Frazier (Jr., 6-5, 235)
	47	Chris Hartley (Fr., 5-10, 175)		47	Chris Hartley (Fr., 5-10, 175)
KR	17	Micah Rushing (Jr., 5-8, 180)			
	6	Devon White (Jr., 6-0, 185)			
PR	4	Vance Blackwell (Jr., 5-10, 175)			
	7	Chris Barnette (Jr., 6-0, 175)			
LS	30	Charlie Stroup (Sr., 5-7, 200)			
H	6	Devon White (Jr., 6-0, 185)			
	2	Taylor Baker (So., 6-0, 200)			