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GUILFORD STARTS 2002 SEASON UNDER THE LIGHTS AT DIVISION II CARSON-NEWMAN

Saturday, September 6, 2003 6:00 P.M. - Burke-Tarr Stadium (Jefferson City, TN)

THE GUILFORD-CARSON-NEWMAN SERIES: Tonight's contest marks Guilford's third straight season-opener against the Division II Eagles. Every game has been played in Jefferson City, TN, and Carson-Newman has outscored Guilford, 92-0, in the past two meetings. Tonight marks the first time the teams have met under the lights of Burke-Tarr Stadium.

The Eagles hold a 4-0 lead in the season series, which dates to 1972 when they claimed a 47-3 win. Carson-Newman defeated Guilford, 34-0, in 1973. The rivalry resumed in 2001 thanks in part to the friendship between Carson-Newman head coach **Ken Sparks** and Guilford head coach **Mike Ketchum**, who assisted Sparks from 1985-87.

Reggie Alexis scored three touchdowns and **Ray Hightower** added two scores as host Carson-Newman dealt Guilford a 44-0 setback in last year's meeting. Carson-Newman used big plays throughout the contest to roll up 678 total offensive yards, including 498 rushing yards. Three backs broke the 100-yard rushing barrier, led by Alexis' game-high 126 yards on seven carries. Guilford nearly snapped its scoreless streak against the Eagles, but three drives failed inside the Carson-Newman 25-yard line, including one at the Eagles' three. **Chris McKinney** had three receptions for 104 yards and also had 15 rushing yards to account for 119 of the Quakers' 241 total offensive yards. Guilford's **Jason Randazzo** made a game-high nine tackles.

CARSON-NEWMAN IN 2003 (1-0): The Eagles opened the year with a 21-14 victory at Winston-Salem State last week to improve to 19-4-1 in season openers. Coach **Ken Sparks** is in his 23rd season as Carson-Newman's head coach and has a 225-51-2 record with 17 national playoff appearances, five national championships and four national runner-up finishes.

The Eagles, ranked third in this week's American Football Coaches Association Division II Poll, return 61 letter winners, including 19 starters, from last year's 12-1 team that fell to Valdosta State in the second round of the NCAA Division II playoffs last season. Carson-Newman has had 25 consecutive winning seasons, the 12th-longest streak in NCAA football, and earned the top spot in the South Atlantic Conference (SAC) Preseason Coaches' Poll.

EAGLES OFFENSE: Sparks' teams are famous for their successful execution of the veer option attack, which last year led Division II in rushing (347 ypg.) and total offense (498 ypg.). Carson-Newman graduated six offensive starters, but returns four offensive linemen, including 2002 All-Americans **Reggie Perkins** and **Bakari Wilkerson**. Junior quarterback **Shane Kelley**, the South Atlantic Conference's 2001 Rookie of the Year, takes over the starting quarterback job for the graduated Leonard Guyton. Senior **Damone Boone**, Carson-Newman's second-leading rusher in 2002, is the lone returning starter at running back. Junior **Mikhail Jenkins** led the Eagles in receiving last season and was one of 11 Eagles picked to the preseason All-SAC team.

STAT LEADERS: Kelley 16x72 rushing yards, 4.5 avg., 1 TD, 72.0 yards per game
Rayvon Howard 9x63 rushing yards, 7.0 avg., 2 TD, 63.0 yards per game
Kelley 8-17 passing, 47.1% completion rate, 152 passing yards, 0 TD, 0 INT
Jenkins 4x59 receiving yards, 14.8 avg., 0 TD, 59.0 yards per game

EAGLES DEFENSE: Carson-Newman runs a multiple defense with eight returning starters from last year's team. The Eagles yielded 320 total offensive yards last week. Senior outside linebacker **William Moody** earned All-America recognition in 2002 after compiling 59 tackles, including 16 for loss and 12 sacks. Inside linebacker **Eric Solomon** ranked fourth on the team in tackles last year and had four interceptions. Sophomore cornerback **Kevin Washington** led the Eagles with five interceptions in his rookie campaign. Senior **Avery Blue** is a four-year starter at safety.

STAT LEADERS: Solomon 9 tackles (6 solo)
Jason Colts 7 tackles (4 solo), 1 forced fumble
Moody 6 tackles (4 solo), 1 tackle for loss

GUILFORD LOOKS TO SNAP FOUR-GAME LOSING SKID

GUILFORD IN 2002 (3-7, 0-6 ODAC): This time last year Guilford had high hopes for the 2002 campaign thanks to a season-ending three-game winning streak in 2001 and a veteran team. However, the optimism subsided after a stunning 31-30 home loss to Washington and Lee in its Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) opener, which was followed by a 38-0 loss at league-rival Hampden-Sydney. While Guilford bounced back with nonconference wins over Greensboro and Ferrum, the Quakers dropped their final four conference contests, including three by 10 points or less. The team's 0-6 ODAC record marked its second winless league season in three years.

QUAKERS OFFENSE: Head coach **Mike Ketchum** spent the off-season devising a new offense based on the multiple-option formations used effectively by Georgia Southern and the Air Force Academy. The offense features two slotbacks, a dive back (fullback), a tight end and one receiver. Unfortunately Guilford lost its top-three rushers from last season and will rely heavily on newcomers. Senior **Josh Smith** and redshirt-freshman **Chris Gammon** will split time at quarterback. Smith started eight of 10 games in 2002 before giving way to **Clint Duckworth** for the final two contests. Duckworth is expected to start at tight end tonight. Look for rookie **Kyle Kiser**, who's listed as the third-string quarterback, to play regularly at slotback. Kiser stands 6-1, 215 pounds and is one of the team's fastest players. Guilford's offensive line returns two starters in senior **Feky Eugene** and junior **Brian Guthrie**. Senior **Eric Welch** moved from the defensive line to offense during the preseason to beef up the line.

QUAKERS DEFENSE: With nine returning starters and six seniors, Guilford's defense figures to be the team's strength in 2003. In 2002, the team yielded 364.3 yards per game, which ranked sixth in the ODAC. The Quakers employ a 3-5 formation, anchored by senior nose guard **Brian Person**, a preseason Division III All-American. Guilford's lone first-team All-Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) pick in 2002, Person has 27 career tackles for loss. Senior inside linebacker **Wes Kidd** led Guilford's tacklers in 2002 and earned second-team All-ODAC honors. Senior cornerback **O.J. Batts** needs four interceptions to break the school's career thefts mark. Junior **Chase Waterhouse**, a transfer from Division I Air Force, replaces two-year starting free safety **J.J. Edwards**, now a Guilford assistant coach.

QUAKERS SPECIAL TEAMS: Junior **Christian Adams** led the ODAC and ranked 34th in NCAA Division III with 37.4 yards per punt last year. However, junior **Chris Dunn** sits atop the depth chart after preseason workouts. The coaches have been impressed with freshman place-kicker **Travis Frazier** during camp. **Chris McKinney '03** graduated with school records for career kickoff returns and punt returns.

Seniors **Nick Harvey** and **James Hereford**, plus freshman **Vance Blackwell**, will take turns returning kicks in the early stages of the season.

PERSON NAMED PRESEASON ALL-AMERICAN: Senior nose guard **Brian Person** earned second-team All-America recognition on Don Hansen's Football Gazette Division III Team and was also recognized on Lindy's preseason All-America squad. A three-year starter, the Hope Mills, NC, resident earned first-team All-Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) and third-team All-South recognition in 2002 after leading the Quakers with 14 tackles for loss and three forced fumbles.

INJURY REPORT: Senior **Terrance Gary**, who moved from defense to fullback this year, will miss today's contest with a leg injury. Rookie receivers **Joe Joyner** (arm) and **Chris Barnette** (knee) are also out for the Carson-Newman game. Reserve offensive linemen **Luke Owens** (shoulder) and **Alex Sims** (foot) are questionable.

LORD LANDS IN DETROIT: Former Guilford All-American receiver **Junior Lord** continued his professional career as a receiver/linebacker for the Detroit Fury of the Arena Football League last spring. Lord caught 35 passes for 414 yards and eight touchdowns in an injury-plagued season that ended in the league playoffs. He has played the last three seasons in the AFL.

Lord, the Quakers' all-time leading receiver, was released by the NFL's Detroit Lions in the final round of preseason cuts in 2002. He played with the Chicago Enforcers of the XFL in 2001 and spent the 2000 season with the Amsterdam Admirals of NFL Europe. He also reached the final round of cuts with Green Bay of the NFL in 2000. Lord played on Washington's 1998 practice squad and spent the final third of the 1999 campaign on Pittsburgh's practice team.

Lord completed his brilliant career in 1997 with 10 school records and six ODAC marks. A 1997 third-team Hewlett Packard Division III All-American, Lord signed with Washington as a free agent two days after the June draft. He concluded his career with 201 receptions for 3,089 yards and 33 touchdowns.

QUAKERS PICKED SIXTH IN THE ODAC: Two-time defending conference champ Bridgewater earned six of seven first-place votes and the top spot in the preseason Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Football Coaches' Poll. Guilford was picked sixth, just ahead of Catholic. Hampden-Sydney (2nd), Randolph-Macon (3rd), Emory & Henry (4th) and Washington and Lee (5th) rounded out the top five.

DID YOU KNOW?: Former Guilford football and baseball standout **Tony Womack '92** plays for the Chicago Cubs of Major League Baseball. A hero on the Arizona Diamondbacks' 2001 World Championship team, Womack ranked among the national kickoff return leaders for the Quakers in 1991.

- Freshman receiver **Chris Barnette** is the younger brother of former NC State quarterback Jamie Barnette. He is also one of seven Guilford players who played high school football at Person High School in Roxboro, NC. Senior running back **Calvin Lockhart** also played at Person, along with his identical twin brother **Brandon**, who completed his college football eligibility and is now a Guilford assistant coach.

- Guilford plays six home games in 2003, tying the school record for home tilts in a season. The Quakers also played six home contests in 1987.

- The Quakers own a 31-63-2 record in 96 season-opening games. Guilford last won a season-opener in 1999.

- Tonight's game marks Guilford's first night contest since 2001 when the Quakers fell to Greensboro September 29, 15-14.

- Rookie receiver **C.J. Graham** of West Columbus High School played in the 2003 North Carolina Coaches Association East-West All-Star game for the state's high school seniors. Redshirt-freshman quarterback **Chris Gammon** played in the 2002 East-West Game.

GUILFORD ON THE AIR AND THE INTERNET: For the ninth consecutive season, Guilford's football games will be broadcast on WGOS (1070-AM). Guilford has also entered into an agreement with SportsJuice.com to carry the contests live over the Internet in 2003. The veteran team of **Tom Bryant** and **Miles Poole** call all of the action.

GUILFORD'S PROBABLE STARTERS

GUILFORD OFFENSE

WR	35	Luke Bellman (r-So., 6-2, 175)
RT	74	Eric Welch (Sr., 6-1, 285)
RG	55	Brian Guthrie (Jr., 6-0, 230)
C	75	Corey Haase (So., 6-2, 280)
LG	50	Feky Eugene (Sr., 6-1, 235)
LT	58	Jon Cagle (Sr., 6-1, 235)
TE	12	Clint Duckworth (r-So., 6-2, 210)
SB	18	Nick Harvey (Sr., 6-0, 160)
SB	36	Calvin Lockhart (Sr., 5-7, 190)
FB	34	Brian Caye (Sr., 6-0, 200)
QB	13	Josh Smith (Sr., 5-10, 155)
PK	87	Travis Frazier (Fr., 6-4, 215)

GUILFORD DEFENSE

DE	74	Chris Kinton (Jr., 6-1, 225)
NG	97	Brian Person (Sr., 6-1, 285)
DE	23	Delvin Newkirk (Jr., 5-11, 250)
OLB	33	Travis Newkirk (Sr., 5-7, 170)
ILB	44	Wes Kidd (Sr., 6-1, 220)
MLB	1	Kyle Becher (Jr., 6-3, 245)
ILB	27	Matt Ledbetter (Sr., 5-10, 215)
OLB	24	Travis Boyd (r-Jr., 5-8, 190)
CB	5	O.J. Batts (Sr., 5-8, 180)
FS	22	Chase Waterhouse (Jr., 6-0, 185)
CB	9	Rod Long (Sr., 5-11, 180)
P	80	Chris Dunn (Jr., 6-2, 210)

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