



Guilford College

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GUILFORD BASKETBALL ROUNDUP - FEBRUARY 20, 2002

Guilford in the ODAC Tournament

After a six-year absence, Guilford is making its third straight ODAC Men's Basketball Tournament appearance. Guilford's fifth seed in this year's event is its highest in school history. The Quakers reached last season's tourney as the sixth seed and fell to eventual champion Hampden-Sydney, 57-55, in the quarterfinals. Guilford owns a 1-6 record in six ODAC Tournament appearances. The Quakers recorded their lone tournament win over Hampden-Sydney in the 1994 ODAC Quarterfinals, 89-77.

Martin Makes a Difference

Over the last 11 games, Guilford's best player has been sophomore point guard **Clarence Martin (Reidsville, NC)**. He leads the Quakers' scorers in that stretch with 12.8 points per game and is shooting better than 53 percent from the floor (49-83), including 52.5 percent from three-point land (21-40). Martin helped the Quakers to six wins in the 11-game stretch that includes two-point losses to Randolph-Macon and Bridgewater, plus a loss at Division I UNC Greensboro. As the Quakers' floor leader, he has averaged 3.8 assists compared to 2.0 turnovers per contest in the last 11 games.

Martin hit for a career-high 24 points and notched a personal-best six steals in the Quakers' 96-74 win over Roanoke February 15.

Shooting With Accuracy

Butch Estes and his coaches made improved shooting a priority when they took over a 3-21 team in 1999. Now in its fourth season under Estes, Guilford leads the ODAC in three-point field goal percentage (.375) and has smashed the school records for three-pointers (196) and three-point attempts (523) in a season. In addition, the Quakers stand second in the league in free-throw percentage (.702) and could have led the conference if not for a season-low eight-for-24 effort from the line in Tuesday's regular-season finale versus Emory & Henry.

Robertson Rising to New Heights

Junior forward **A.J. Robertson (Eden, NC)** has been Guilford's best player over its last 10 games. She has averaged 13.7 points and 3.9 rebounds per game in that time. Robertson has scored in double-figures in nine of the last 10 contests and raised her scoring average to 12.3 points per game. She averaged 4.4 points per game last season and started the year with a 5.0 points per game career scoring average.

What the numbers don't reflect is the timing of Robertson's baskets. She has consistently made clutch shots in Guilford's come-from-behind victories. One of her more notable efforts came at Washington and Lee February 7 where she scored 15 of her team-high 17 points in the second half, including the go-ahead three-pointer with 19 seconds left. She connected on three three-pointers in the last three minutes of the game.

Streaking Into The Tournament

Guilford's women earned the top seed for next week's ODAC Tournament with a win at Emory & Henry Tuesday. Both teams entered the contest atop the league standings, but Guilford's win gives the Quakers a sweep of the season series, which would break a tie if the teams finish with matching 15-5 league marks.

The Quakers seek their second straight unbeaten season at home Saturday when they host Washington and Lee in both teams' last regular-season game. The Quakers enter the tilt with a school-record 24-game home winning skein and have not lost in the Ragan-Brown Field House since Feb. 13, 2001.

Guilford's loss at Bridgewater Saturday snapped a seven-game winning streak that matched its longest skein of the year. After opening the year with three losses for the first time since 1993, Guilford has won 18 of its last 21 outings and 15 of 17.

The Quakers remain third in the NCAA Division III South Region Poll through games of February 16. With a regional record of 17-4, the Quakers trail Hardin-Simmons (TX) and Trinity (TX).

GUILFORD WOMEN (18-6, 15-4 ODAC)

02/07 at Washington and Lee* W 55-50
02/08 LYNCHBURG* W 70-57
02/10 R-M WOMAN'S* W 77-62
02/14 at E. Mennonite* W 81-72
02/15 at Bridgewater* L 53-55
02/18 at Emory & Henry* W 63-58
02/22 WASHINGTON & LEE* .. 2:00 pm
* - Old Dominion Athletic Conference game

STAT LEADERS

Points

Courtney Hill (So., F) 13.7 ppg.
Jennifer King (Fr., G) 13.4 ppg.
A.J. Robertson (Jr., F) 12.3 ppg.

Rebounds

Courtney Hill (So., F) 6.5 rpg.
Jackie Hardenbergh (Jr., F) .. 5.3 rpg.

Assists

Jennifer King (Fr., G) 2.9 apg.
Nicole McCrory (Jr., G) 2.2 apg.

GUILFORD MEN (12-13, 8-10 ODAC)

02/08 at Bridgewater* L 70-72
02/09 at Eastern Mennonite* .. W 92-79
02/12 WASHINGTON & LEE* .. L 57-75
02/15 ROANOKE* W 96-74
02/18 EMORY & HENRY* W 81-76
02/22 vs. Roanoke^ 3:00 pm
02/23 ODAC Semifinal^ 2:00 pm
02/24 ODAC Final^ 7:00 pm
* - Old Dominion Athletic Conference game
^ - ODAC Tournament (Salem, VA)

STAT LEADERS

Points

Jevon Clarke (Jr., F) 12.8 ppg.
Brandon Clifford (So., C) 12.7 ppg.
Eric Williams (Jr., F) 8.8 ppg.

Rebounds

Brandon Clifford (So., C) 6.3 rpg.
Jevon Clarke (Jr., F) 6.0 rpg.

Assists

Clarence Martin (So., G) 3.6 apg.
Jevon Clarke (Jr., F) 2.8 apg.