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Upsets Guilford 3-1

AC Puts Brakes On Poor Start

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Coach Jim Pfohl leaped from the dugout and raced to the mound. Pitcher Wade Johnson tossed his glove in the air. The rest of the Atlantic Christian College players grabbed the nearest teammate and hugged him and danced around the field.

The College World Series? The Carolinas Conference championship?

Nope, just an early season victory, but one that the Bulldogs think will get them on the right track after a miserable start in which AC lost five of its first six games.

Guilford Upset

The victim at Fleming Stadium yesterday was Guilford College, the defending conference champion which finished No. 4 in the nation a year ago. AC won 3-1 behind the clutch hitting of third baseman Chuck Fleet and the unspectacular but steady pitching of right-hander Wade Johnson.

Pfohl termed the upset victory "a great one," which was obviously just that by watching him and his Bulldogs celebrate.

"This is what we've needed," beamed Pfohl, who predicted this year's team would be the best in his three years as AC's baseball coach. "I think we're ready to start rolling now like we should have been all season. The boys gained a lot of confidence today."

Breaks Slump

One whose ego was lifted tremendously was Fleet, the slick-fielding third baseman who had had trouble all season at the plate. AC, still having hitting woes, managed only four hits, but Fleet got two of those including a two-run double in the eighth inning that settled the issue.

The win makes AC 2-5 overall and 1-1 in the conference. Guilford now stands 3-3 overall and 2-1 in conference games.

Both AC victories have gone to Wade Johnson, a junior who toed the mound for Chowan Junior College last year. Johnson has now hurled 19 innings without giving up an earned run.

Tough

Wade, who won earlier with a four-hitter against St. Andrews, was hit hard all afternoon in giving up seven hits, but the bespectacled lad was tough in clutch situations. He was also backed by some

Timely

GUILFORD				ACC			
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
Grayson, 3b	5	0	1	Waddell, ss	4	0	0
Surface, cf	5	0	0	Willis, c	4	0	0
Sasser, ss	4	0	1	Camechis, 2b	4	1	1
Bryan, lf	5	1	2	R. J'son, lf	3	1	0
Searcy, rf	4	0	0	Arrington, rf	3	0	0
Scott, c	2	0	2	Fleet, 3b	3	0	2
Newton, 1b	3	0	1	Pace, 1b	2	0	0
Hill, ph-1b	1	0	0	Moore, cf	2	1	0
W'lon, 2b	3	0	0	W. J'son, p	1	0	1
Parker, p	4	0	0				
TOTALS	34	1	7	TOTALS	24	3	4

Parker (L, 1-2) IP H R ER BB SO
W. Johnson (W, 2-0) 9 7 1 0 4 1

classy defense, especially that of Fleet.

Guilford, by the way, kept AC's outfielders busy. In all, the Bulldog fly chasers caught 13 flies, center fielder Watt Moore making eight putouts which must be some kind of a record.

Moore also scored AC's first run "single-handily." The short—5-foot-6—junior walked in the seventh and stole second and third. By then Guilford pitcher Edgar Parker was so rattled he balked Moore across the plate.

Quaker Score

That run tied the score 1-1. Guilford had scored in the sixth when a double by all-American Jim Bryan, a walk and an error had loaded the bases. Johnson then walked John Whittington to force in the Quakers' only run of the day.

AC's winning eighth inning was started by an error and finished by Fleet's wrong-field double to right field. Vic Camechis was safe on the error and Ronnie Johnson was walked. Both runners advanced on a passed ball before Fleet cracked his game winner.

AC travels to Newberry, S. C., for a doubleheader in its next outing, returning home Wednesday against Elon.

According to an old song and Pfohl: "This could be the start of something grand."