

ACC Net Team Posts 8-1 Win

Atlantic Christian College's tennis team continues to reap the benefits of superior play, unseasonable but beautiful weather and the home courts advantage.

The Bulldogs' netters of coach Tom Parham boosted their dual mark to three wins and no losses with an 8-1 conquest of NAIA District 29 rival St. Andrews here Saturday morning in their District debut.

The match was also the third straight at home and three more home tests are slated this week — including tough American University at 2 p.m. Tuesday and Pfeiffer at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Atlantic Christian swept the singles competition and prevailed in the top two doubles matches. John Bush and Ed Taylor prevented a shutout for St. Andrews by winning the No. 3 doubles match over ACC's Warren Wesley-Phil Hurd, 6-3, 6-1.

Otherwise, only No. 2 Bill Kent encountered slight difficulty. Kent, slowly overcoming sickness, turned back Gray Fox, 2-6, 6-1, 7-5.

Top-seeded freshman Pat Taylor breezed past Mitch Mitchell, 6-0, 6-1 while No. 3 Charles Wickizer, a senior, blanked Steve Barber, 6-0, 6-0.

Sophomore Rocky Peed, No. 4, breezed past Steve McCallister, 6-0, 6-2 and No. 5 Robert Wells, a freshman, shutout John

Gillingham, 6-0, 6-0. No. 6 freshman Bob Easter romped past Bush, 6-1, 6-3.

WRA Highlights

Girls intramurals are in full swing, according to Debbie Purvis, president of the Women's Recreation Association. The Purple Pistols captured the basketball title, followed close behind by the tough competition of Caldwell Hall and Sigma Sigma Sigma.

Commenting on the recent competition in basketball, Purvis explained, "Everybody has improved greatly from last year. A lot of good talent was displayed, making for an interesting season. We hope that the participation and competition will increase even more next year."

Any woman student can still join WRA for this semester by paying 50 cents. Games are played at 5:00 and involve 6 teams: Delta Zeta, Harper Hall, Caldwell Hall, New Dorm, Purple Pistols, and Sigmas. Events remaining to be played include table tennis, lawn tennis, archery, and badminton. There will be a picnic at the end of the year for WRA members.

WRA offers a challenge, enjoyment, and the satisfaction of doing your best in a team effort.



Members of the 1974 tennis team are as follows: Pat Taylor, Charles Wickizer, Robert Wells, Charles Wooten, Rocky Peed, Bill Kent, Bob Easter. The coach is Tom Parham.

ACC Place Second in Tourney

BUIES CREEK — Atlantic Christian College finished a distant second in the annual Campbell Invitational Tennis Tournament here Friday and Saturday behind Carolinas Conference power High Point.

High Point swept all six singles and three doubles championships in amassing 90 points while Atlantic Christian managed 44 points.

Other scores were St. Andrews 28, Pembroke State 23, host Campbell 22 and UNC-Wilmington 15.

"We played poorly," commented Bulldogs' coach Tom Parham. "However, High Point does have a fine team. But, I was pleased with the improvement of Rocky Peed."

Peed, a sophomore from Washington, N.C., was the only ACC singles performer to reach the finals while three doubles teams lost to High Point College opponents in the finals.

Peed lost a marathon struggle to High Point's Hector

Villarroel, 2-6, 6-2, 6-1.

In the doubles, Peed and Charles Wickizer dropped a 6-1, 6-0 decision to Peter Ranney-Villarroel of High Point; Pat Taylor-Charles Wooten lost 7-6, 6-3, to Bill Ashley-Kim Dillard of High Point and the Bulldogs' Bob Easter-Robert Wells were downed, 6-0, 6-1 by High Point's Robert Goode-Jim Ratcliffe.

Other singles champions for High Point were Ranney,

Ashley, Dillard, Goode and Casey. Atlantic Christian was without the services of probable No. 1 ranked player Bill Kent who remained at home because of sickness.

The Bulldogs will be home for three dual matches this week, entertaining UNC-Charlotte Wednesday afternoon, West Liberty, W. Va., Friday and St. Andrews at 10 a.m. Saturday. The St. Andrews match launches ACC's NAIA District 29 slate.

Softball To Begin

The Intramural Softball season has been scheduled to start Monday, March 18. All games will be played at Toisnot Park.

Six teams have entered the league this year. They are Sigma Pi, Alpha Sigma Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Delta Sigma Phi, Hackney I, and Hackney II. The season will be composed of two rounds of round-robin play, and will be topped off with a single-elimination tournament between the four top teams.

Alpha Sigma Phi and Sigma Pi tied for first place last season.

Sigma Pi was the champion the previous two years. These two teams, along with the Sig Eggs are the overwhelming favorites with the oddsmakers. However, all six teams should provide stiff competition, a close pennant race, and a hell fired tournament.

Monday's opening day action is as follows:

4:30 Hackney II vs Sigma Pi

Hackney I vs. Delta Sig

5:30 Alpha Sig vs Sig Ep

Games are also scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Salisbury Chills Bulldogs 2-0

By ALLEN STALLINGS
Both the weather conditions and Salisbury State chilled the Bulldogs here Monday afternoon as the return of head coach Larry Thompson seemed to be a gloomy one.

The Bulldogs put up a violent effort with the conditions being that of rain and wind and temperatures that stayed in the 40's.

Atlantic Christian College simply could not master up any offense against the pitcher Winters, who was not overpowering, but did very effectively mixed his pitches well and moved the ball around very professionally in stopping the Bulldogs with only one single hit given up.

That single came when senior left fielder Larry Moser pailed a clean single into left field with two out in the bottom of the fourth. Winters for the day walked only two and struck out nine in the season opener for both clubs.

The Bulldogs as starting pitcher Jerry Hobgood struggled the first five innings. Salisbury State nipped the former Wilson State right-hander for seven hits, while relief pitcher Dallas Ar-

thur walked four and struck out three in the remaining four frames.

Lady luck must have been shining bright on the Bulldogs that afternoon by lose by 2-0. For Salisbury State left 112 runners stranded and ended the inning with the bases loaded both in the fourth and sixth frames. Salisbury's only two runs came in the second inning.

Hobgood walked two, struck out three and also hit two opposing batters. Several of the hits off of Jerry were not-too-well-hit shots that went to the opposite side where the ball just was out of reach for the leaping and lunging Bulldog defenders. Over half of Salisbury's hits came with at least two strikes against the hitter.

Jerry escaped jams both in the fourth and fifth innings. Singles by Myers and Gizznino and Torrillo filled the bases with one out in the fourth. But, Hobgood got Muchly to foul out and retired Don Krug on a fly to center field.

A hit baseman, walk and an error left Hobgood once again in trouble in the fifth, but the Bulldog pitcher struck out two

batters and also picked off the first base runner.

Relief pitcher Dallas Arthur being in fine form after a shaky sixth inning came on in the later innings to bring the contest to a close. His throwing error and successive walks loaded the bases with one out. Then he retired Handy on a foul pop to catcher Donnie Koontz, while he came up with a fine play on a roller in front of the plate to pick off Frishel at first base.

The Bulldogs only baserunner came in the opening inning when center fielder Mike Harrison led off by getting on by an error and reached third by stolen bases. But to no avail did it help for Winters quickly fanned off the next two batters.

But the Bulldogs did have other base runners, as Larry Moser singled, Donnie Koontz who walked to open the fifth, will Flowers who walked to open the seventh and once again Koontz who reached first on an error to lead off the eighth.

My congratulations goes to Larry Moser who singled and to both pitchers Jerry Hobgood and Dallas Arthur who pitched a good game, but did not succeed in winning the opening debut.

ACC Golfers Eye Winning Season

By TOM HAM

Every since Atlantic Christian College athletic teams gained admission to the NAIA District 29, the golfers have been unsuccessfully chasing Campbell College.

The Bulldogs' linksters of veteran coach Ed Cloyd did stop Campbell during the 1973 regular season but finished second in the District Tournament. Cloyd admits repeating even those feats will be difficult this season.

He contends his ACC crew is rebuilding after last season's banner 12-2 regular season campaign. The Bulldogs launch their season at St. Andrews College Monday and stage their home debut at Wedgewood Country Club Wednesday afternoon against Carolinas Conference rival Elon.

Cloyd hints his golfers may be a year and two strong golfers away from a championship season but assures he anticipates another winning record in 1974.

Atlantic Christian will be paced by its No. 1-No. 2 punch of junior Carey Pittman of Scotland Neck and junior Tom Barnes of Wilson. Pittman occupied the Bulldogs' No. 1 slot last season while Barnes is a transfer from the University of North Carolina where he was a member of the golf team.

But, the Bulldogs return just three performers off last season's strong outfit and Cloyd assures the question mark is the squad's strength down the line.

Starting at the No. 3 post Monday will be first-year senior Hatch Hammond of Virginia while sophomore returnee Butch

O'Briant will be No. 4. Junior Lee Taylor, a Tidewater Junior College, Va. transfer, will be playing as the No. 5 performer with sophomore Dennis Eason of Macclesfield probably drawing the No. 6 berth.

However, Eason has been locked in a stern battle with senior Martin Hagwood in spring qualifying. Other squad members are senior letterman Phil Fulghum of Wilson and junior Joey Bright.

During 72 holes of spring qualifying, Barnes and Pittman both posted 292 totals or a 73 average over the various Wilson layouts. O'Briant and Taylor averaged 80, Hagwood 83, Eason and Fulghum 84, and Bright 88.

The ACC mentor insists his team's fortunes could revolve around the play of Hammond and O'Briant in the middle of the lineup. O'Briant and Fulghum alternated at the No. 6 slot most of last season. Four frontliners departed via graduation.

Pittman, Barnes and Hammond are all described as extremely long hitters and Cloyd expects Pittman and Barnes to contribute to the points total.

"They both have strong overall games," he contended, "and they have a good chance of beating anybody they play — even Campbell's top two players."

Elon and defending tourney champ Catawba are considered the Carolinas Conference title threats and Cloyd assures Campbell ranks as the definite District 29 title threat.

"I don't think we can stay with Campbell," he frankly observed, "but we should finish above .500."