

Bowlers Roll To DIAC Title

Last weekend, host St. Andrews parlayed fine head-to-head bowling Friday and great shooting from its number two doubles team and its bench Saturday to win the Dixie Conference and District 29 titles.

In team competition the Knights stroked a 3926 including 400 bonus points for winning four matches to capture the conference crown. Methodist, which had led by 7 pins going into the anticlimactic championship game, finished second at 3789 with Lynchburg third. Ed McDonald's double in the tenth frame capped a pressure packed uphill battle that sealed the Monarchs' fate, as SA stared down Methodist 879-835.

SA's highest game produced a 960 with three deuces against Lynchburg. Jim Herring scored 202, Wes Campbell 201, and Ed McDonald 200 against the Hornets. Mark Podhorecny rolled a 201 in another match, while Jim Barrick came through with a high game of 198. All five starters averaged at least 170 and four surpassed the 700 total in four games.

Saturday the Knights won the area title, spilling 5463 pins in doubles and singles. Donald "Mick" Meisel left most experts dumbfounded by capturing the singles championship with the tournament's only 600 series, a 603. Teammate McDonald made a strong run in second place at 584 and Barrick scored a 576 for fourth place. Barrick led the Knights with 1132 for six games in singles and doubles. He teamed with McDonald for second place in doubles behind Methodist's Hubbard-Ayres combination, whose 1103 total was good for a

thirteen pin win. "Pod" and Campbell rolled into fifth with 1061.

Pod and Ed made the all tournament team, which was based on all events. Pod had 1823 and McDonald 1820 for ten games. Barrick just missed all-tourney honors with an 1814. Elmer Hubbard of Methodist paced the five with 1862. His teammate Bobby Ayres and Lynchburg's Tim Tyman completed the team. Hubbard, Fred Puryear of Methodist, Jim Wiley and Bill Smith of Lynchburg, and Harry Barbin of Greensboro College made the all conference team.

The top five for the Knights, who may have earned a trip to Kansas City for the nationals, are Barrick, McDonald, Podhorecny, Meisel, and Rusty Pherson.

Coach Floyd Blackwell, who was recuperating from recent surgery at the time of the tournament, remarked after the victory, "I have great confidence in my kids and I knew they would do it even when the going was rough...I feel our score will take us to Kansas City and the team will reach its peak there. Wes (Campbell) and Duane (Robinson) did a great job coaching and they really deserve much credit for our success."

Campbell stated, "It was easy to instruct the team, but anyone could have done it...I used good instinct in the doubles pairings. A relaxed atmosphere helped us bowl 960...Against Methodist, I told the boys to keep their composure and make marks...The vocal crowd was a major factor too."

Duane Robinson, team manager, praised the team's ability to bowl under pressure and emphasized the team

should be powerful next year with three junior starters returning. Duane said, "Blackie does a fine job keeping team morale high. This is all you can ask of a coach."

Barrick "just concentrated more" in his last two games Friday and Saturday. "Shooting with Ed helped because we complement each other and bowl well together...Mick's singles series gave me something to shoot for, so I wanted to cover my spares and get one double for a deuce...I knew if I bowled well Saturday, this would make amends for worse days. But I was hoping we would have champions in every event."

McDonald said the muscle he pulled during his second doubles game hurt only through that competition. "I got treatment before the singles and once the arm loosened up it was all right." On his doubles placing, "I wasn't thinking about a good finish until the ninth frame of the last game." He felt some pressure before his two big strikes Friday. "I just wanted to get one."

Meisel, perhaps nervous in his first tournament action, more than made up for a weak doubles showing by shooting his winning 603. Mick, as stunned as everyone else in the building, only remembered the strikes going down. "I knew my season rested on those three games, a chance to redeem myself. I got lucky and threw strikes on my first two balls and went from there. All my other strikes were solid ones and I picked up most of my spares. It was to my advantage to bowl first shift because there was no pressure on me. I was psyched up and knew for the team and myself that I could do it...I have been bowling well for the past three weeks but this was the first time I'd done well in a clutch situation this year."

Meisel continued, "The quality of sportsmanship in this conference is super and everyone rooted for me and each other to do well and it certainly helped." Mick fired up the team with his performance, especially McDonald, Barrick, and Pherson, who shrugged off his problems and bowled superbly in singles.

Golf SA vs. ACC, March 11
Baseball SA vs. Va. Wesleyan (2), March 9
Baseball SA vs. Pfeiffer, March 12



The 1974 NAIA District 29 Bowling Champions - Standing, left to right: John Porter, Wes Campbell, Corlis Reynolds, Rusty Pherson, Mick Meisel. In front are manager Duane Robinson, Jim Barrick, Ed McDonald, and Mark Podhorecny.

Netters Impressive

St. Andrews' tennis troupe debuted impressively last Friday and Saturday by finishing third among six teams in the Campbell Classic. The Knights accumulated 28 points in the two day tournament, but finished well behind nationally ranked High Point College and perennial District 29 champion Atlantic Christian. High Point, which took fourth place in the NAIA national tourney last spring, won each of the nine brackets at Campbell for 90 points. ACC finished with 44, SA 28, Pembroke State 22, Campbell 21, and UNC-W 2.

Atlantic Christian led St. Andrews by only one point after singles play, but each of the Bulldogs' doubles teams made it to the finals. Although each team lost to a High Point

duo, ACC picked up 21 points on the 10-7-4-2 scale. SA's doubles teams could amass only six, with Mitch Mitchell and John Gillingham scoring four with a consolation win in No. 3 doubles. Paul Finger and Gray Fox finished fourth in No. 1 doubles, despite playing very good tennis.

Gray Fox at the number four position and Steve Barber at number five were St. Andrews' top point-getters. Each reached the finals before losing to a member of the High Point team. Fox, the Knights' MVP in his freshman year, fell to Dillard 7-5, 6-0, while Barber was whitewashed 6-0, 6-0 by Goode. Mitchell took third place in No. 3 singles, while Steve McAlister earned two points by finishing fourth in No. 6 singles.

FMC Whips SA Nine 16-5

Plagued by a bad case of opening day jitters, St. Andrews baseball team spotted Francis Marion twelve runs in the first three innings Saturday and went on to absorb a 16-5 licking. The Patriots got to Knights' starting pitcher Bill Barnes for nine hits in the first three innings, scoring five runs in the opening frame and seven in the third. Despite the solid hitting on Marion's part, only one of the twelve runs was earned, as SA hurt itself with key errors at bad times. The Knights totalled six miscues in the game.

FMC's five first inning scores came with only four hits.

SA scored in the bottom of the first on consecutive two-out walks to Jim Haddix and Ray Andrews and a line drive single to left by catcher Tom Barker.

After allowing seven runs on four hits, a walk, and three key infield errors in the third inning, St. Andrews came right back with three of their own, cutting the lead to 12-4. Mackay Asbury was hit on the hand with a pitch to start the rally. Xanthos' infield out and Haddix' fly to center advanced Asbury to third. Andrews walked and Barker came through with another hard single to left field, scoring Asbury. Designated hitter John Hendrickson walked to load the bases. Joe Roberts reached when the catcher tipped his bat, with Andrews scoring. Andy Crowell lashed a single to right, scoring Barker. Richard Massey then came on to pitch for St. Andrews, giving up only two singles in the last 3 1/3 innings.



Mick Meisel — Conference Singles Champion

Intramurals

Men's intramural basketball A League saw Meck wallop Kings Mountain 72-36 and Orange-Granville 58-38. W-S and Faculty won forfeits over O-G and KM respectively.

In B League action Meck "A" defeated W-S "A" 42-28. Meck "B" defeated W-S "B" 46-38 and W-S "C" staved off a tremendous comeback effort by W-S "A" 61-60. Meck "C" forfeited to W-S "C".

In handball, semi-finals have Dave Gearhart (O-G) against Aaron Blair (F) and Bill Burruss (O-G) against Mark Smith (F).

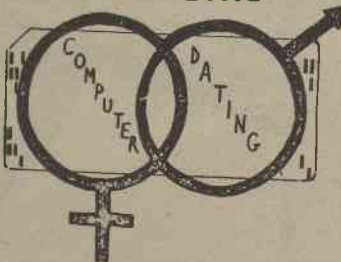
In Billiards intramurals Rob Holmes defeated Dave Ellerbe. Women's racquetball intramurals begin the first of next week. A sign-up sheet is posted in the P.E. Center. Deadline for signing up is 5 p.m. Friday.

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