

Men's soccer plays rough season with spirit

by Melissa Collins

The men's soccer team may be 2-5-1 overall for the season, but they have a team mentality which makes the record secondary. Since their

tie against Elon, our Knights have entered the column twice. These wins were back to back against Averett on Sept. 26 and against Lees-McRae on Sept. 28. They have also added to

their loss total, but this soccer team is showing improvement.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, our Knights battled the Bobcats from Lees-McRae. The game was very physical and the offi-

cialists made their presence known through various yellow cards and penalty calls. These officials were not about to take anything from anybody and controlled the game's tempo. David Hartman drove the ball past the young Bobcat goalkeeper for the first score of the game. Tom Cimalore added a goal to put SAPC up to 2-0 at the half. The SAPC machine was running on all thrusters during the game. Frank Balentine scored his first collegiate goal, and Warren Rocca closed out the scoring with his goal. David Getman tended goal well once again, recording a shut out. The defense did an excellent job of keeping the ball out of their territory.

A loss came on the dreary centennial Monday. Only the faithful few braved the elements to watch the team battle against

Barton. Freshman David Gordon said of the game, "We made a critical mistake which cost us the game." That mistake was a goal by Barton in the early minutes of the weather dominated game. Players were sliding all over the field and it was difficult to control. Jon Hendrickson and Getman suffered injuries, both of which appeared to be at least partly influenced by the wet field conditions. Despite the final score, the team effort was obvious. Mark Clemente, Vinny Eamma, Denis Hilton, Gordon and Cimalore worked together to control the game's pace. They were largely successful on this, but were unable to capitalize on the opportunity to support Getman's replacement. Hopefully, this team will continue, and as Gordon stated, the team will "learn from this mistake and move on with the rest of the season."

Women's soccer fights to turn season around

by Melissa Collins

The women's soccer team has fallen on hard times, losing 3 in a row before redeeming themselves with a tie against Pfeiffer. That tie has been followed by three more losses. This talented group of women has continued to work hard in hopes of turning the season around.

On Tuesday, Sept. 24, the Lady Knights faced the Lady Patriots of Frances Marion. The

team had four players sit as they lost 6-0. Goalkeeper Tori Rutherford tried her best to keep things close, at one point being flattened by an opposing player. She got up with a slight limp, but continued to fight.

The game against Lees-McRae on Sept. 28 dampened team spirits. The downpour during the second half made for little crowd support of the team, with the exception of a group of lacrosse players who decided

to imitate cheerleaders. Rutherford made several good saves, but the opposition still managed to score four goals. Chidimma Okirike scored the only goal for the Lady Knights. Despite the score, the team still showed some of its talent.

With an overall record of 3-9-1, the Lady Knights have their work cut out for them. Yet this talented group can pull themselves together to make the rest of the season more positive for team statistics.

Desperately seeking sumo...

by Suzyn Smith

"You know the procedure, son?"

Freshman Sherman Barto is not normally a scary person, but he's awfully intimidating when he's wearing an inflatable sumo wrestling suit. He stands across from challenger Freshman Marlon Carey and scowls. He leans forward, taking exaggerated steps.

Barto leaps, and the match begins. Several moments and many smartass comments later, Barto is victorious, giving St. Andrews a new sumo wrestling champion, if only for a couple of minutes. Barto attributes his sumo wrestling abilities to his experience on the SAPC rugby team.

On Sunday Oct. 6, the Student Activities Union gave St. Andrews its first "Oktoberfest," an outdoor party with competitive games which will take the place of "Blue and White day." The party was held from 1-6pm on Granville beach,

and was considered a great success by the Student Activities Union. The sumo wrestling in inflatable sumo suits was a hit, as was the tug-of-war, the pinata, the volleyball and the giant inflatable mountain.

Many students would enjoy beating on their AC, and in the next match Barto gets that chance. Stan Dura faces him, and the results aren't pretty. "How do I view him?" Dura says after he has been soundly beaten. "With fear. Sherman is a truly fearsome warrior." When asked if he would wrestle Sherman again, Dura declined.

Granville Social Chair Sara Eaton helped organize the event and was quite pleased with the result. "I'm really glad we did this" Eaton said. "Everyone seems to be having a great time."

Cindy Kelley was equally thrilled with the turn out. "I think it's great we have so many people," she said. Kelley also

said that there will be a "spring fest" in the spring semester. "Then, of course, there's GANZA, which is a three day party for the whole campus. That's always great." Kelley said.

Barto's next opponent won't be so easily frightened.

Matt Watkins makes the first move, pinning Barto to the mat. Barto escapes by throwing Watkins over his head. Watkins bounces, but he quickly recovers. They roll on the ground until a crucial moment when Watkins brings his palm down on Barto's inflatable behind. Barto recoils.

"Nobody spans me!" he cries, rolling Watkins onto the floor again. The match is eventually declared a tie because nobody's really paying attention anymore.

Barto loses his next match to Senior Greg Marshall, who has been playing rugby longer than Sherman has.



Sumo wrestling was the main attraction at SAU's Oktoberfest.

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