

Wesleyan Teams Lose Tourney Finals

By JOHN HARTIGAN

The North Carolina Wesleyan men's and women's basketball teams were the victims of similar fates in the D.I.-A.C. tournament which took place February 11 through February 22. Both teams started the tournament off in a good manner with first round victories. Both teams won their second round games,

playing very good basketball. Both teams also had problems in the tournament finals that they could not overcome, as both teams were defeated in the championship game.

The women opened the tournament with a lopsided win against Greensboro College, 71-49. The men's team also defeated Greensboro College in their first round game. Led by Chris Bratcher who

scored 20 points, the Bishops won 77-55.

The second round matched the women against 18th-ranked Virginia Wesleyan. They upset the Lady Marlins 75-67 to move into the championship game to face the Lady Captains of Christopher Newport who upset nationally ranked UNC-G.

The men's team downed U.N.C. Greensboro 84-67 in a

game that saw the Bishops shoot from the floor. This placed the Bishops in the championship game, also facing Christopher Newport. Poor foul shooting proved to be the downfall of the women as they lost 66-62 in the final game.

The men's team fell to Christopher Newport 57-45, as they shot only 33 percent from the floor. The Bishops began the

game with a seven minute drought as they missed their first eight field goal attempts of the game. This proved to be fatal, as the Bishops could never catch up with Captains.

The women, who finished the season with a 16-12 record, did not receive an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. The men ended their season similarly, as they did not get a bid despite a 21-7 record.



BATTLING BISHOPS LOSE STRENGTH BUT NOT HOPES FOR TITLE

Coach Says Bishops Still Title Contender

By CHRIS OSTLING

As the 1986 NCWC baseball season unfolds, Head Coach Mike Fox feels that "We have as good of a shot as anybody" for winning the conference title. The Bishops have won the Dixie Conference title for the previous five years.

Fox says that the team will have to work harder this year because of the loss of key players such as Carl Payne, Steve Durell, and Charlie Simpson. As a result of this loss, Fox states that "we're not as strong this year."

Coach Fox looks to the returning players to help the team along this year. Senior, Gene Sanguinetti, who led the Bishops in hitting last year, is expected to be a key player this year, along with senior first basemar, Jim Provenzano. In addition, junior, Paul Prisco and senior, Charlie Flowers will be returning.

Despite losing seven

pitchers from last year, NCWC hopes to have a strong staff. Senior Mike Siciliano, who had a 9-1 record last year, will be a starting pitcher, as will junior Frabkie Moore. The only question mark in the pitching game this year is the experience of the four freshmen pitchers.

Offensively, Coach Fox says that he will be depending on "team speed" rather than the efforts of just a few people. He is also confident that the team will score more runs and steal more bases this year.

Fox says that he thinks that Salisbury State, Hampden-Sydney, North Adams State, and Frostburg State will be tough Division I competitors. In the Dixie Conference UNC-Charlotte, Virginia Wesleyan, and Methodist will also pose a threat to the Bishops. Fox says that Wesleyan's Division III record is "crucial" to whether or not they get a bid for the national tournament.

Softball Veterans Hopeful

By KEVIN ROSE

With seven returning players from last year's squad, rookie head coach Diane Scherzer is extremely optimistic about the upcoming season.

"I think we can take first or second place," stated Scherzer.

Wesleyan's seven returnees: Debbie Ward at first, Mary D'eredita at second, Nancy Berra at shortstop, Katie Lar-

kin at third, Marge Piasta at pitcher-outfield, Debbie Bounds at pitcher-outfield, and catcher Kathy Deyo.

Coach Scherzer feels that the pitching and defense are looking as well as expected at this point, while the hitting is not.

"We really started out (hitting) slowly, but we've picked it up considerably as of late," Scherzer said.

Coach Scherzer thinks the conference title will basically be a three team race. "Methodist has a good team, as does UNC-G," said Scherzer. However, Scherzer feels "we have a good shot."

The conference matchups will not be such a new thing for Scherzer. She spent two years as an assistant coach at UNC-G before coming to Wesleyan.

The Lady Bishops kick off a tough 45-game schedule on February 28th at home against ECU.

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