

SPORTS

Men enjoy good basketball season

By MICHAEL GARCIA

Headed by sixth-year coach John Thompson, the Men's Basketball team began the 2001-2002 season with a host of young players and high hopes for winning a conference title.

In their season opener at the Food Country Tip-Off Tournament (Nov. 17-18), the Bishops were defeated by Maryville, 66-75, but came back to win against Denison, 83-76. The following week, the Bishops repeated the

same performance by losing to Emory 91-103, then winning against Oglethorpe 80-60.

After two weeks of travel, the Bishops came home to host the Roger Taylor Invitational (Nov. 29-Dec. 1). In their home opener, Wesleyan thrashed Philadelphia College of Bible 105-49 and then defeated Warren Wilson 102-50 for their fourth consecutive Roger Taylor Invitational Championship.

Four Bishops were named to the All-Tournament Team: point

guard Bobby Jenkins (So.), forward Keith Sudler (So.), guard Bradley Blue (So.) and center Rob Smith (Sr.). Both Sudler and Blue were honored as co-tourney MVPs.

The Bishops closed out 2001 with another decisive win against Warren Wilson, 82-52, before going home for Christmas break.

At the CUA Pepsi Classic (Jan. 5-6), the Bishops came up short in their first game of 2002 by losing to Edgewood 64-74. The team reestablished their focus in

time to win the consolation game against Swarthmore 67-55. Bishop guard Ryan Sinclair (So.) received All-Tournament Team honors.

The Bishops went 7-2 for the rest of January, losing by narrow margins to conference foes Greensboro, 72-75, and Methodist, 68-69. It was during this stretch that the Bishops also won their most stunning victory of the year during an away game against conference rival Christopher Newport (ranked eighth nationally and third regionally) 74-67.

The win against the Captains was Coach Thompson's 100th career coaching victory for N.C. Wesleyan and the first time CNU suffered a Dixie Conference loss on their home court.

The Bishops began February by avenging their earlier loss to Greensboro and slipping past the

Pride in overtime, 79-76. Unfortunately, Wesleyan was unable to yield the same results against Methodist four days later. The Bishops were again defeated by the Monarchs by one point, 60-61. Wesleyan rebounded however, with a win over conference opponent Shenandoah 69-64.

On Feb. 10, the Bishops celebrated Senior Day by facing Christopher Newport in an important conference game. In their final home appearance, the Bishops honored their two seniors: forward Dan Dalton and center Derrick Beamer with an exciting win over CNU 91-89 in overtime. This is the first time in four years that N.C. Wesleyan has swept CNU in regular season play.

With a conference record of 9-3 and an over all record of 16-6, the Bishops are tied with CNU for second place in the Dixie Conference.

Women's basketball squad completes excellent season

By MICHAEL GARCIA

The N.C. Wesleyan Women's Basketball Team has just completed their best season in recent history.

The Lady Bishops began with a trip to the Marymount Tip-off Tournament (Nov. 16-18) and for the third consecutive year, went 1-2 in the tourney.

In their season opener, the Lady Bishops fell to host team, Marymount, 54-70 and then to Elizabethtown 48-73. The Bishops ended the tourney on a high note by defeating Frostburg State 69-54. The Bishop's point guard Misty Carneal (Sr.) was named to the All-Tournament Team.

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Bishops were off to a slow start, but with a pair of victories over Virginia Wesleyan, 64-57, and Peace College, 70-44, the Bishops improved their record to 3-2.

Coming back from Christmas break, Wesleyan began 2002 by suffering twin losses at the Moravian New Year's Tip-off Tournament (Jan. 5-6). The Lady Bishop's losses to host school Moravian 44-62 and College of New Jersey 45-59 took them down to 3-4 for the season. For her performance during the tourney, the Bishops point guard Kodie Peake (Fr.) was honored as the Dixie Conference Rookie of the week.

The Lady Bishops redeemed themselves with a five-game win-

ning streak that ended when they were defeated by conference rival Christopher Newport 56-68. After their loss to the Captains, the Lady Bishops went undefeated for another five game winning streak.

On Jan. 30, during Wesleyan's victory over Chowan 62-50, Carneal became N.C. Wesleyan's all time leading scorer in women's basketball with 1,490 career points.

The Bishops concluded their second five game winning streak by suffering their biggest conference loss of the season to Methodist 36-61, but regrouped to defeat Shenandoah 54-45.

On Feb. 10, the Lady Bishops hosted Christopher Newport (ranked 4th regionally) in the game that would determine first place in the Dixie Conference. The game against the Captains was also Senior Day for N.C. Wesleyan and the Bishops honored their two seniors: Carneal and Assistant Coach Terry Walsh.

Unfortunately, the Bishops couldn't keep up with CNU's aggressive style of play and lost the game, 53-67. The Bishops tough luck continued in their non-conference game against Meredith College, losing to the Angels 38-67.

Having earned a conference record of 9-3, and an over all record of 14-8, the Lady Bishops are second place in the Dixie Conference and ranked 8th in the region. Wesleyan will be hosting this year's Dixie Conference Tournament, which began on Thursday, Feb. 21.

Misty Carneal sets new scoring record

The long awaited happening took place 3:50 into N.C. Wesleyan's game against Chowan College on Jan. 31.

Misty Carneal went to the free throw line to shoot two shots. The first attempt swished through and

Intramurals busy

Aerobics have resumed every Tuesday and Thursday, 7-8 p.m.

Intramural basketball, 5-on-5, resumed the second Tuesday in February.

For more information, contact Felicia Tittle, director of Intramurals, 985-5192.

Carneal became the Bishop's all-time leading scorer in women's basketball.

Carneal (Sr., Bumpass, Va./Louisiana H.S.) had entered the game against the Braves tied with Lisa Tyson with 1,471 points. Her first free throw gave her the record but she wasn't done. Carneal went on to score 19 points as NCWC trounced Chowan 62-50 to remain on top of the Dixie Conference standings with a 7-1 record and 12-5 overall.

Carneal ended the game with 1,490 points and seven regular season games remaining for the season.

New coach leading men's soccer team

By SHANNON ST. GEORGE

For the third time in three years the North Carolina Wesleyan College Men's soccer team has announced a new head coach. Jason Kilby, of Frostburg State University, will replace Paul Forster, who resigned to take the assistant Men's Soccer position at Wake Forest University.

Kilby has filled the roll of Assistant Coach at Frostburg for the last four seasons. Prior to that he was a four year starter for FSU and served as team captain for two years. During those four years he amassed a record of 47-26-5, winning an AMCC Regular Season Championship and advancing through the ECAC Regional.

Professional soccer is also an accomplishment for Kilby as he has played in the U.S.L. and the U.S.I.S.L., as well as the Mosley Football Club in London, England. He holds a NSCAA Advanced National License.

"I'm very pleased to be given the opportunity to bring my past experience to a college the caliber of North Carolina Wesleyan," said Kilby. "I wanted to bring in players who are successful both academically and athletically. I

want quality people in the program, the type of people who will be here for four years and graduate. The beginning will be a little tough because I'll be new and it will take time for the players and I to get to know each other, but that will come."

Kilby considered his coaching experience at Frostburg a good opportunity to learn and prepare him for a head coach position. With additional knowledge gained from coaching licenses and playing, Kilby feels he has a good grasp on the game and what it takes to compete.

Contention for the Dixie Conference Championship is an obvious long term goal for Kilby and the men's team, but grades, self-esteem, and structure are immediate concerns for the coach and his players. In addition, Kilby hopes to eventually form a J.V. team, which will help build the program and players.

"We are extremely happy to have someone with Jason's credentials as our new coach," noted Athletic Director John Thompson. "He has certainly been successful as a player and a coach and has a good understanding of what it takes to build a program."