

SPORTS

Season frustrating for baseball team

By SHANNON ST. GEORGE

The 2002 N.C. Wesleyan Baseball team is experiencing a frustrating season. Starting the season off at 4-0 with wins over nationally ranked teams, the Bishops now find themselves at 12-19, 4-8 in the Dixie Conference. This places the Bishops in seventh place, ahead of only Shenandoah.

Wesleyan traveled to Ft. Meyers, Fla., to participate in the

Gene Cusic Collegiate Classic over Spring Break and returned with a 3-4 record. The Bishops defeated Fisher, Salve Regina and Messiah, 23-0, 7-1, 15-4.

Wesleyan began conference play when they returned facing Methodist College and Shenandoah before picking up their first conference win. The Bishops suffered twin losses to the Monarchs, 3-7, 2-5, and split games with the Hornets, 2-6, 11-4 to go 1-3 in the Dixie.

The Battling Bishops then went on a four game losing streak, including two losses to conference opponent Chowan College, 3-4, 2-16.

The next four games would be against conference rivals Averett University and Greensboro College. The Bishops split with both teams, 6-2, 3-21 against Averett and 4-3, 7-10 against Greensboro.

In an annual meeting with division two rival Barton College,

the Bishops played one of their best games of the year to defeat the Bulldogs 8-5 at Five County Stadium.

Wesleyan continued conference play traveling to Newport News, Va., for a double-header against the Captains of Christopher Newport University. The Bishops dropped the first game 4-17 but came back to win the second game 7-6.

Freshmen John Tejada and Ray'Mon Bizzell have both

received Dixie Conference Rookie-of-the-Week honors for their play.

Bizzell is also currently tied for first in the conference in triples with five in 26 games played (.19 percent).

Senior pitcher Carl Wheelless is tied for fourth in the conference in individual pitching with a 2.31 ERA.

Wesleyan will soon begin Dixie Conference Tournament play.

Softball team starts slow, but picking up late steam

By MICHAEL GARCIA

The season maybe coming to a close, but the Softball Team seems to be just getting started.

At the East Coast FastPitch Classic (Mar. 22-24) the Lady Bishops dropped their game against Emory 4-6, before defeating Keuka 5-4. After being blanked by Roanoke 0-7, the Bishops ended the tourney with twin losses to Averett 4-12 and Mary Washington 2-6.

In game one, of the Bishop's double header against conference rival Methodist, N.C. Wesleyan defeated the Monarchs 3-0 for their first shutout victory of the season. Outfielder Marquita Petrillo (Sr.) scored the game

winning RBI in the ninth inning, while infielder Sarah Parker (Jr.) added a double. Unfortunately, the Bishops faltered in game two and suffered a 1-6 loss to Methodist.

On Mar. 28, the Lady Bishops had their first sweep of the season against Randolph-Macon 9-1 and 6-0. In game one, pitcher Amy Dodson (Jr.) pitched a three-hitter and went 3-3 from the plate with one homerun and a double. In game two, pitcher Heather Petrillo (Fr.) picked up the win with seven strikeouts, while Dodson had a double, Marquita Petrillo had a triple and Parker had a double and two RBI's. The next day, the Bishops faced Averett in the hopes of evening out their conference record. The Bishops hammered

the Cougars in game one 9-0, but wound up splitting with a 2-4 loss in game two.

The Bishops started April with a sweep of Virginia Wesleyan, 1-0 and 6-3. In game one, Dodson pitched a shutout, while Marquita Petrillo had the game's only RBI. Heather Petrillo picked up the win in game two, as infielder Missy Hunt (Jr.) led the team by going 3-4 from the plate and two RBI's.

Following the sweep of the Marlins, the Bishops suffered twin conference losses to Ferrum, 0-3 and 2-6.

The Lady Bishops managed to make a huge comeback with their games against Shenandoah.

In game one, the Bishops scored 12 runs on 12 hits for their biggest victory of the season 12-0. In game two, the Bishops kept the momentum going to win 9-1.

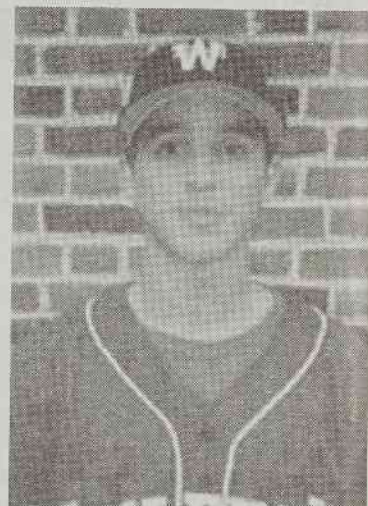
The Bishops continued their stellar play with a sweep of Peace College 8-1 and 8-5.

Against Peace College's sister institution, Meredith College, the Bishops dished out a 8-0 blanking in game one, but suffered a 6-12 loss for game two.

The Lady Bishops, currently 13-17 for the season and 4-6 in the conference, have two more games left before the Dixie Conference Tournament (Apr. 19-21).



AMY DODSON



JOHN TEJADA

Pitchers win honors

Two pitchers for N.C. Wesleyan received Dixie Conference honors for the week.

Amy Dodson, a junior from Kilmarnock, Va., (Northumberland H.S.), was named the Softball Pitcher of the Week for March 25-31.

She was 3-0 on the week with a sparkling 0.95 earned run average. In 19 innings she gave up 17 hits and two earned runs with seven strikeouts. Two of her wins were against Dixie Conference opponents Methodist

College and Averett University.

John Tejada was named the Dixie Conference Baseball Rookie Pitcher of the Week for March 18-24. The freshman from Brooklyn, N.Y., (Beach Channel H.S.), received his honor in spite of losing the game.

Tejada started against LaGrange College and went the distance, losing 1-2. He gave up no earned runs and struck out 11 batters.

He had a no-hitter going into the seventh inning.

Tennis teams hoping to end with big finish

By MICHAEL GARCIA

The Battling Bishops continue to make their way to the end of the Tennis Season with a good chance of making a big finish.

The Women's Team is currently 1-6 overall and 0-5 in the conference. On March 28, the Lady Bishops played conference

rival Ferrum and lost 2-7. Shannon St. George (Sr.) and Danielle Lackey (Fr.) joined forces to win the #2 doubles 8-6 and Meredith Miller (Jr.) won the #5 singles 7-6, 6-4.

The Lady Bishops soon faced Christopher Newport and lost a close game 4-5. Catherine Gorrell

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