

The Rams Heard

By Rick Mason

Basketball, which seems to be a popular spectator sports with nearly everybody, is just around the corner. Pre-season predictions tend to favor the view that Ram fans will have a chance to watch a winning team. Coach Nance is optimistic about his ball club, and I am optimistic about the support his club will receive.

Attendance at the soccer games did improve some over the season. Still soccer has just not yet caught on a spectator sport in proportion to the big three. This is a good indication that Chadbourn gym should be filled with Southeastern students at every home game. The first test will come on Nov. 22, at the first home game. Although school ends officially on Nov. 21, there should still be enough local student participation to provide a nice crowd.

Basketball will be a good chance to get away from studies and bull sessions for two hours, a chance to meet new people and fraternizing with friends, and give school spirit a needed boost. So students, use this opportunity instead of ignoring it.

If improvement counts for anything, then Southeastern had a successful soccer season. True, a 2-9-1 record is rather disreal, but things weren't as bad as they appeared to be.

For example, Wingate and Wilmington wiped out the Rams 8-0 and 2-0 respectively at the first of the season. The last game with Wilmington actually found the Rams ahead 2-1 until the last of the first half. Wilmington scored on two penalty shots for a close 4-2 vicotry. Wingate, who had not even had a close call all season, was held scoreless by a scrappy Ram team for the first half. Wingate finally managed to pull the game out, 3-0, but it was far from easy.

The crowing medal of improvement for the Rams came against a highly touted U.N.C.-J.V. team in the last game of the season. Though most people expected a real slaughter, SCC nearly turned the table and beat Carolina. The final score was 3-2, and the Rams nearly tied it in the closing minute of play with a goal shot that missed by only a scant few inches.

So if there are any people left who still believe that there is more to athletics than just winning, maybe they'll join in a tribute to a team that wouldn't roll over and die when it was beaten.

Co-Captains honored

Soccer season has closed out for the Rams, and although not much can be said for a dismal 2-8-1 record, the co-captains of the team were very instrumental in the improvement of the team at the end of the season. Co-captains, John Howarth and Bill Hardin, strived to bring unity to the faltering team, and this was largely responsible for the narrow margins of defeat instead of the large ones the Rams had become accustomed

to. From the start of the season it was apparent that neither the team nor the captains themselves were making much of a team effort. When Howarth and Hardin decided to unify themselves and the team, things began to happen. Their efforts were not in vain, and tribute should be paid to two young men that may not have lead a winning team, but found a hustling one.

From soccer to football

By Bill Hardin

Five SCC soccer players changed from soccer to football. In joining the Clarkton alumni football team, Steve Brooks, Jim Carey, Bill Hardin, John Howarth, and Gayland Osteen constituted much of the balance of the team.

enjoyed it. Many great plays were performed by SCCmen. "Bruiser" Brooks intercepted a pass. "Night Train" Carey made many unassisted tackles. "High Hurdler" Hardin caught many passes, ran back Kick-offs, and ran plays, but he had a habit of trying to hurdle people and landed in many awkward positions. "Ogre" Howarth crushed the quarter back and dared anyone to challenge his end. "Olmire" Osteen who is 130 pounds of solid fire, made many tackles and put the hurts on quite a few backs. The only bad thing was on the last play, he got his chin busted open. Go get'em, Olmire! The next game will be Saturday night Nov. 22, at the Elizabethtown field.

The first game was played Friday night, Nov. 14, at Clarkton against Elizabethtown. "Bruiser" Brooks played fullback and linebacker, Jim, "Night Train," Carey played tackle both ways, Bill, "High Hurdler" Hardin played left half and safety, John, "Ogre" Howarth played outside line-backer.

The game was a tough one. Many of the men hadn't played football in years, but it was good clean fun and all who took part



Howarth and Blanchard stop ball from going down field.

Wingate nips Rams

Southeastern, surprising a highly rated Wingate eleven, appeared at times to be on the verge of an upset before bowing out 3-0 in a soccer match played here on Oct. In the first game of the season, Wingate had routed the Rams at Wingate. SCC's improved team provided much stiffer opposition in the return match.

First half action was vigorous and rough. Each team moved the ball fairly well, with Wingate having slightly more ball control,

The potent offence was held in check, however, by a hard charging Ram defence. Offensively, Southeastern managed to put together an attack which resulted in a few goal shots, but no scores. A lot of hard battling found the first half ending in a scoreless deadlock.

Wingate finally drew blood in the 3rd quarter on a penalty shot. Shortly afterward in the same period, a long chance shot

took Wingate bounce and made the score 2-0. From then until the last of the 4th quarter the game seemed much like the first half, with neither team having a decisive advantage. With five minutes left in the game, Wingate scored once more for their hard earned 3-0 margin of victory.

The Ram's now 2-8-1 on the season, play their final game against the Carolina Frosh at UNC-Chapel Hill on Nov. 6th.

Rams are improved

By John Howarth

The whole S.C.C. soccer team has come a long way from the first game this year. It would be hard to pick the most improved players on the squad, but, in my opinion, the two that showed the most improvement were Winky Seaton and Billy Blanchard. Winky was the Ram goalie, and Billy played a center halfback.

Winky Seaton had the most responsible position on the field. He had to stop all scores going into the goal. The score of the first game was 8-0 against the Rams. The last game played was with U.N.C.'s junior varsity,

which was the best in North Carolina. The score was 3-2 at the final whistle. In other games he proved to be the equal of any goalie in North Carolina. Winky was not built to be a goalie, because he is too short, too light, and just too small in general for the position. He overcame this with a lot of practice and a lot of spirit. There is a lot more of his qualities that could be brought out, but you would have to see him on the field to understand them.

The next S.C.C. improved player for the fall season is Billy

Blanchard. Billy protected the center of the field with guts and growing knowledge of the game of soccer. The first time he even saw a soccer ball was in September. From the beginning Billy showed that the center was his position and proved it on the soccer field.

The team on the whole has improved and gained the fundamentals of soccer in the year. The Rams didn't win many games, but their spirit kept the team together enough to give a fight to every team they opposed.

Past soccer players

By John Howarth

The SCC soccer team has never had a championship team, but in the last three years, the Rams have put out an All-American candidate and two outstanding players for another team.

The All-American candidate is Harry Foley, who was captian of the Rams team in 1967-68 and named player of the year those years. He was also president of the soccer club in the spring of 1968-69. Harry came from Germany before he played for SCC. He received honors in

Germany by being picked all Europe in 1966. Foley is now at Appalachian State where he has proved to be the winning combination for the Mountain Men. The two outstanding games for Harry were UNC-CH and the University of Jacksonville. In the game with Carolina, Foley scored three points against the 17th ranked Tar Heels. The game was a 3-0 upset for the UNC team which proves that Appalachian is an up and coming soccer power. The second best game for Harry was at the

University of Jacksonville. Foley scored four points to win the game for Appalachian team.

The next team that SCC has given outstanding players to is Pembroke State University. The first player is Stu Smith who played center halfback. He was captain of the 1968 soccer team for the Rams. Stu did an excellent job for SCC and is showing he can do just as good a job at PSU. Robert Fuller played for Southeastern in 1967-68 and was an aggressive and outstanding player for the Rams.



Osteen topples UNC-W player in game.