

Salem Soccer Survives Slow Season

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Salem's soccer team is one of the newest additions to the college's athletic program. The team originated in the fall of 1983. Since that time, it has greatly improved its ability to compete on a level against teams that have been in existence for many years. After a slow start in the fall of 1983, the team was able to bounce back and capture the Western Division Championship in the spring of 1984.

This semester the team consisted of twenty-two players, seven of whom returned from the spring team. Although half the team had

never played soccer before coming to Salem, the members soon acquired the basic skills of passing, trapping, kicking, and shooting.

The soccer team, with one game left in the season has a record of 1-11-3. Even though this does not exemplify a winning season, the coaches, team members, and soccer supporters feel the team is capable of producing a satisfying record and of capturing another division title. When Dr. Cardwell, coach of the soccer team, was asked to comment on the fall season, he replied, "I think it was a successful season because we

played a tougher schedule. We played more skillful and talented teams than we did last year."

Although the soccer team has had stiff competition this semester, Salem was able to whip Wake Forest, its arch rival, 3-0 on November fourteenth. A factor contributing to the win was the large number of fans who came out and helped cheer the team to victory. The team hopes this support and enthusiasm will continue throughout this season and for future seasons. The team's next chance to destroy the Deacons happens at Wake Forest on November twenty-eight.

You Say Bump I Say Set . . .

By: Alice Griffin

The volleyball season is over. It officially ended the Saturday of Parent's Weekend with an invitational tournament organized by coach Sarah Scranton. Four other teams—Randolph-Macon, Converse, Queens, and Mary Baldwin—participated.

Salem Athletic Association sold shorts and a variety of t-shirts. Along with the help of willing students, the afternoon was a success. Thanks to the hard work of coach Scranton, Salem hopes to continue the tournament in the future.

The results of the games were somewhat unexpected in that Randolph-Macon finished first, Mary Baldwin took second place, and Salem finished third. Salem was the only team to take a game from Randolph-Macon. Each and every one of the girls worked extremely hard, playing from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. that afternoon. The tournament was well-supported.

The volleyball team, in retrospect, had a good season, maybe not as evident in their record, yet evident in the amount of improvement and team unity exhibited during the season. Much to the team's dismay, junior Nancy Allen, a right hitter and very consistent player, tore ligaments and badly sprained her ankle towards the end of the tournament Saturday. However, for the last game against Randolph-Macon, she returned on crutches to cheer on her teammates.

Because volleyball is a sport that requires total concentration and

agility, injuries occur frequently. Coach Scranton took several precautions this season, such as taping all ankles, knees, and hand that may have been susceptible to injuries. Due to the team's smaller size this year, it could not afford major injuries.

The team was comprised of only ten players. From freshman to senior, members included Monique Apter and Lee Thomason (freshmen), Marleen Welte and Jessie Tomlinson (sophomores), Caroline Nelson, Tiphonie Nolan, Nancy Allen, Penny Fowler, Lisa Councilman (juniors), and Alice Griffin (senior). New members of the team who were also valuable players throughout the season, were Monique, Lee, Jessie, Penny, Caroline, and Marleen.

The team returned to Salem early this year for intense pre-season training. Coach Scranton made every effort to prepare the team for matches with scholarship teams. The team travelled as far south as Columbia, South Carolina, and as far north as Roanoke, Virginia, to play in tournaments with various schools. The experience was valuable.

Next season, Salem will have a champion volleyball team without a doubt. With all but one player returning, the team anticipates the return of veteran seniors Julie Harrower and Clay Corpening, who are studying abroad this year. Many thanks are owed to the efforts of Coach Scranton and Dr. Litzenburg, who have helped volleyball become a popular and competitive team sport at Salem.

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