

# SPORTS

## Saint Mary's Bounces into Basketball

by Melissa Sutton  
Sports Editor

Improvement is evident if you have recently watched Saint Mary's Varsity basketball team. With eight spots held on the team, seven guards and one forward, the girls work together with tremendous effort. The team does not have a winning record, however they have had several creditable games. For instance, there was a huge blow out against Salem, a game that displayed a great defensive effort from the players. With two weeks left in the season Coach Dillon acknowledges that the improvement will continue in the mind set of the players and the outcome of the games.



*Saint Mary's basketball has greatly improved throughout the season.*



*Varsity soccer will begin with intensive practices, as they look toward a successful season.*



## Swimming and Gabele are a Dynamic Combination!

by Melissa Sutton  
Sports Editor

The Varsity Swim Team is a young team, yet they have remained strong throughout competition. The girls take part in daily strenuous practices and conditioning.

Nine girls participate in the team effort. They are juniors: Tracy Harris, Kristin Jinks, Laura Knox, Ashley Tompson and Ashley Twiggs; Sophomore: Megan Costello; Freshmen: Keri Booker, Erica Lind and Missy Lund. Tyler Harris, a senior, serves as the team manager.

Coach Kim Gabele anticipates the team to finish strong in the last two meets. Improvement will continue as the girls head towards the Conference and State meets. The team is expected to finish the season with a 2-6 record.

Coach Gabele has enjoyed this season, which is her second at Saint Mary's. She also teaches swimming classes, aerobics, and body conditioning classes. This spring she will assist the softball team with their weight training program. Clearly she is an integral part of the athletic department at Saint Mary's.



*Junior, Ashley Twiggs gets prepared for her next meet.*

## Spring Sports Preview!

by Melissa Sutton  
Sports Editor

Spring is rolling around the corner and with warmer weather comes spring sports. The Varsity Soccer team kicked off their season on January 31 with an orientation. Open tryouts are scheduled to begin February 19 at 3:00 on the field. If you are not interested in a Varsity team, a recreational team is offered to all students. Tryouts will start at 4:00 on February 29. Pre-season training, which lasts until spring break, is expected to be intense. The Varsity team finished third in the state last year among independent schools, tying with Charlotte Latin School. This was an impressive accomplishment.

In conclusion expectations are set high for this ambitious team and we wish them an enjoyable and successful season!

A new addition to Saint Mary's athletics is softball - to be coached by Ken George. Mr. George is the Campus Technology Coordinator, who this semester will be doubling up as a coach. Many students have expressed interest in this sport and are excited to have it offered here at Saint Mary's. Mr. George believes that from the turn out of the orientation meeting, held on February 1, there will be enough players to start two teams. One will be a Varsity team, while the other, an intramural team. The intramural and Varsity teams will frequently scrimmage each other. It is wonderful to see the involvement as this new team begins to flourish.

### Editor's Note:

*In a previous issue of The Belles, it was regrettably reported that Reggie De Mattais was a new assistant coach for the Saint Mary's Varsity Soccer team. Mr. Mattais, formerly the head coach at Ravenscroft, was never employed by Saint Mary's at any time. Please accept the formal apology of The Belles for any confusion that resulted due to this publication.*