

SPORTS



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Final Spring Sports Wrap-Up

A Coaches Comments

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With the completion of the Wheeler Center for Physical Education, Belmont Abbey was able to participate for the first time in intercollegiate swimming meets. Mike Reidy who coached the first team said, "I was very impressed with the organized fielding of that team. We swam against such schools as Georgia Tech, Clemson, Wake Forest and Emory University. Included on that team were seniors Frank DeLuca, Rich Hoeffling and Jim Hartman who were participating for the first time and rose to the occasion against some pretty tough opponents."

Reidy also said comparing other schools with the Abbey he found the athletic facilities at the Abbey were as good or better than most. Reidy who teaches in Physical Education Department said he finds a lot of kids are good swimmers but are generally burned-out by the time they get to college and are consequently not eager to compete. However, the Abbey team has been fortunate in attracting boys with good backgrounds in swimming; next year should be a good one.

He also commented that the Abbey would maintain student interest in tennis on a club basis and through the intramural program though it was one of the Spring sports recently cancelled.

Boy Scout Camporee

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I saw leaders emerge that night and boys learn things about themselves that would build them into better men.

Taps echoed across the camp as tired men and boys went to sleep. Typical of good scouts the campsite Sunday afternoon was spotless. The ground had been robbed of stakes and towers and all that was left was the steady roar of adjacent I-85 and a pile of sticks to be picked up.

Ed. Note:

Jim Poag, Camporee Advisor, stated the boys were surprised and happy with the Abbey Tee shirts presented to them by the college, and they all agreed this Camporee had been one of the best.

In their last season before being phased out of the Abbey's Intercollegiate sports program, the spring sports, baseball, golf and tennis, have each achieved some form of notoriety that sets this season apart from the rest.

Baseball, perhaps the Abbey's number one fair-weather sport, currently sports a 10-6 record with wins over the University of Maryland and Yale. Against Maryland, Junior Penny Holmes

fired a no-hitter, winning the contest, 2-0, sending the Terrapins scurrying back to College Park in disbelief. The remaining last games include a confrontation with Erskine which defeated the Crusaders, 5-3 on April 20. A game on May 2 closes out the season against Davidson on the Abbey diamond.

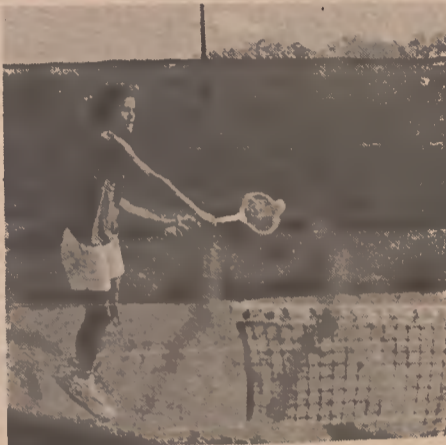
When asked about the outcome of the season thus far, Coach Ted Crunkleton said he was "pleased and surprised" at the record

"due to the circumstances" surrounding the fact that this is the last season for intercollegiate baseball.

Golf, with its select group of Abbey duffers, placed fourth out of eight teams in the Metrolina Golf Classic Invitational held April 17 and 18 in Charlotte. Because of the demise of the team, current team members and Coach Father Martin Hayes will initiate a golf "club" next year. This club, it appears, will have no school funding and will not be sanctioned by any league. Father Martin stated that "golf is the game of the future" and he expressed regret that the sport no longer has a future at the Abbey.

Unfortunately, tennis has turned out to be a rather disappointing sport this season, currently holding a 1-10 record against last year's 7-7 record. The dismal record can be attributed to a young, inexperienced team, and hard luck. There are five matches left in which the team hopes to improve its record.

So, that's the picture of sports at the Abbey in the Spring of 1972 -- perhaps the last Spring with three intercollegiate sports for a long time to come.



Tennis will be continued on a club basis.



Camporee Headquarters at Belmont Abbey. Photo by Kermit Hull



Scouts participate in the Bob Saw Relay. Photo by Kermit Hull

Alumni Chapter News

CHAPTER NEWS

Charleston

John Lavelle and John Santos have invited Father Kieran to Charleston for a Chapter Meeting. He will discuss recruiting matters and probably have too much to eat.

Miami

In its first stages of development, the Miami chapter is a significant asset of the Abbey in its work to help recruit students. Bob Favarato and John Barrett are spearheading the Chapter's activities.

Atlanta

Brian Mause, acting President of the Atlanta Chapter is coordinating the Chapter's efforts to complement the Abbey's recruiting drive in that area.

Savannah

Just getting started, the Savannah Chapter headed up by Joe Ruiz is actively attempting to assist in the Abbey's recruiting efforts. Jimmy Fogarty has already contacted key counselors in that area.

Richmond

On May 3rd a party was held at Benedictine High School. The newly accepted freshmen for next Fall's classes and their parents were invited as the Chapter's Guests.