

Hustling Fuzzballers Practice Doubles Play

BY DONNA HUGHES

The name of the game is tennis. It is an exciting game played with rackets and a ball on a large court by players who swat the ball over a net.

Representing the Forty - Niners in the game this season are Art Meyer, Ron Satterfield, Barry Webb, George Lloyd, Spencer Edwards, every afternoon,

Denny Harold, and Suzannah Smith.

According to Professor William Walker, who is coaching the team this season, most of the matches will be on the road because "it is hard to find good courts in Charlotte." The home matches will be held at Freedom Park, where the team is presently holding practice every afternoon.

"We've made quite a bit of progress despite the weather and bad courts," Coach Walker said. "This is mainly because everyone is working real hard and trying to improve."

"I'm really not in a position to say how the players line up right now, but they're all doing well," he explained.

Presently Coach is emphasizing doubles because it is not as important to have outstanding individuals, he says.

"We might be hurting a little in the singles, but I hope to recover in the doubles," he said. "In practice I'm working mainly on strategy and on changing strokes."

Art Meyer, the only returning letterman, has high expectations for the team this season. "Everyone has a lot of hustle, and we really hope to have a winning season," he said.

Suzannah Smith, the only girl on the team, "is going to be used to distract the opposition" according to Walker. "Actually, it's not a new feeling to be the only girl," said Suzannah, "because there aren't many girls in Charlotte who play tennis."

"Everybody's enthusiastic and I believe we will represent the school well," the new coach said. "We have a young team and with work it could develop into a very good one by the end of the season."

The team's first match will be held on March 24 at St. Andrews College in Laurinburg.



Art Meyer is the only returning letterman for the tennis team.

Tennis Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
March 24	St. Andrews	Laurinburg
March 27	College of Charleston	Charleston
April 7	Pembroke	Pembroke
April 8	Belmont Abbey	Belmont
April 13	N.C. Methodist	Fayetteville
April 14, 15	N.C. Wesleyan	Rocky Mount
April 18	St. Andrews	Charlotte
April 21	College of Charleston	Charlotte
April 22	Belmont Abbey	Belmont
April 25	Methodist	Charlotte
April 28	Lynchburg	Lynchburg
May 2	Pembroke	Pembroke

Golf Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
March 14	Wolford, Belmont Abbey, Erskine	Spartanburg
March 24	St. Andrews	Laurinburg
March 27	College of Charleston	Charleston
March 31	St. Andrews	Charlotte
April 7	North Carolina Wesleyan, Charleston, North Carolina Methodist	Pinehurst
April 24	Methodist	Charlotte
April 28	Lynchburg	Lynchburg
May 2	Wolford, Belmont Abbey	Charlotte
May 4,5	DIAC Tournament	Charlotte

Charlotte Places Fourth In JCSI

BY JOHN LAFFERTY

The track team participated in the second annual Johnson C. Smith Invitational track meet Saturday afternoon, March 11. Also running were South Carolina State College, Allen University, Benedict College, and Smith.

The meet was run for experience and practice and to give the team an idea of how it stood. The Forty-Niners learned they had a long way to go.

The next meet is scheduled for March 22, also at J. C. Smith.

points in the meet in which Smith's Bulls were victorious. Two of the points came on a third place finish in the 440 yard relay, run by Mike Ridge, Maurice McClettie, Ben Chavis, and Ron Bassinger.

One point came on a fourth place finish in the 880 yard event run by Larry McAfee. Another came in the fourth place finish captured in the 880 yard relay, run by Chavis, McClettie, McAfee, and Lafferty.

Track Records Will Be Posted

BY JOHN LAFFERTY

Because this is the first track season here, new school records will be posted nearly every week. These will be given weekly in the Journal, and compared with the best times of that week and the conference record times.

Traditionally, school records can be set only in a meet. Therefore, this policy will be followed.

EVENT	SCHOOL RECORD	BY	BEST WEEK TIME	BY
100 yd. dash	11.8	Chavis		
220 yd. dash	29.1	Parker		
440 yd. dash			55.6	McAfee
880 yd. dash	2:10.4	McAfee		
One mile run	5:05.5	Lafferty	5:05.5	Lafferty
Two mile run	11:58	Ridge	11:06.5	Ridge
440 relay	50.8	Ridge	50.8	Ridge



Mike Ridge, Larry McAfee, and John Lafferty race toward Journal photographer Fred Jordan's camera. All three men placed well in the Smith meet. -in the background, Coach Brenton Steele shows amazement as he checks their times.

Lynchburg Loses To Appalachian

Lynchburg College, the representative of the Dixie Conference in the NAIA basketball playoffs, lost to Appalachian in its bid for the district 26 championship last week.

The Hornets from Virginia trailed the Mountaineers, who tied for second place in the regular season Carolinas Conference race, by just three points at the half, 51-48.

With four minutes to go in the high scoring tilt, Lynchburg still lagged by six points. At that time Coach Aubrey Moon decided to press in an attempt to reduce the deficit.

The strategy failed, however. The Mountaineers padded their lead at the foul line and Lynchburg got only one field goal.

Lynchburg's Wayne Proffitt, who terrorized the Forty - Niners and all the other teams in the DIAC as well, struck fear in the hearts of the Carolinas Conference dandies, also. He led the losers with a game high 36 points. Pugh added 19 for Lynchburg.

Prolific Proffitt, who won a berth on the third team small college all-America, began his career with Appalachian in 1961 before going to Lynchburg.

Appalachian's Allan Price led the winners with 25 points while foiling the shorter Hornet defense.

The Mountaineers hit 54 per cent from the field to 45 per cent for the Hornets.



Okay, so now Ron Bassinger is hurdling.

Look For Golf Coverage Plus Other Sports

The golfers participated in their first match yesterday against Wolford, Belmont Abbey, and Erskine in Spartanburg. Watch the Journal sport page next week for story and pictures on that match. It'll just be a part of the Journal's expanded sports coverage.

The tennis team will be swinging into action soon, too, and we'll be having stories and pictures on them shortly. And of course, the track edition of the Forty - Niners will get plenty of coverage.

What a difference four extra pages make!