

Spring Sports: Big Winners

Atlantic Christian's quartet of spring sports eased into the last days of their 1970 regular seasons this week still tenderly nursing several slightly remarkable records. The track Bulldogs suddenly

sported a 2-3 record after losing nine straight meets over a two-year period. Tennis and golf, meanwhile, stood at 15-2 and 8-2 respectively and were both shaping up as substantive threats for a series of Carolinas

Conference and District 29 tournaments early in May. Baseball, after collapsing for six straight losses two weeks ago, had recovered to a respectable 8-9 for the season and still had tournament hopes of its own.

But the most amazing record of all read 32 wins and only 15 losses for all of ACC's spring sports after five weeks of action. The mark included a cumulative 16-10 Conference record and a 14-5 District standing. At the same time last season these four teams were struggling to break .500 with a combined 17-24 record.

The most amazing part of that record stood as the second straight win this season for Coach Jim Corbin's cindermen. 6-5 John Liles upped his first-place total for the season to 13 with two of ACC's nine wins as the Dogs rapped St. Andrews 80-65 on April 15. Liles also picked up ACC's only point at Saturday's Davidson relays, grabbing a fifth in the javelin.

Jim Adcox (12-2), Dan Phillips (12-2), and Ken Rand (11-3) continued to win for coach Tom Parham's Bulldog netters as the tennis team established itself as a real contender for the District crown it nearly won last year. The Dogs picked up a 9-0 Conference win over High Point and an 8-1 Conference win over Elon last week to up their record to 5-1 in the Conference. But, Carolinas champ Presbyterian, which refuses to play the Dogs, appears firmly in command again for that League.

In the District, however, the situation is vastly different. On Tuesday, the Dogs upped their perfect District mark to 4-0 when a pair of clutch doubles wins pushed them past Campbell 5-4. Ken Rand and Danny Thompson blasted two easy singles wins and dumped Mark Helms-Andy Landis 6-4, 6-4 in doubles to key the win.

Unle the tennis Dogs, the golfing Bulldogs will probably get their shot at a title in the Carolinas Conference. The linksters lost their first Conference match of the season 16-8 to Catawba on Thursday, but dumped High Point on the same day to up their league mark to 4-1. The Dog golfers are also 4-1 in District play, but don't pose a serious threat to Campbell's supremacy in that sport.

A Tuesday golf match with East Carolina was rescheduled for Wednesday when ECU failed to show.

The baseball Bulldogs, meanwhile, continued their reign as

the enigmas of the Conference. Although way below .500 in the Carolinas, the Dogs have one of the league's top hitters in Bobby Johnston (.417) and three of the league's top pitchers in Ronnie Hopkins (0.37 era), Wayne Pigford (2-0 record and 0.43 era), and David Lewis (1-0 record and 0.42 era).

After breaking their losing streak with a 3-2, 9-6 doubleheader win over Lenoir Rhyne on April 14, the diamond Dogs dropped a 7-4 game to High Point on April 15 and ended the week by splitting a doubleheader with Catawba, losing the first 3-0 and winning the second 2-0. Then, on Tuesday the Dogs scored four runs in the eighth inning to upset Elon 12-7. Sophomore Bob Johnston, who relieved David Lewis in the sixth inning and picked up the win, sparked the victory with four hits, including a triple, and three runs batted in. Jimmy Robinson backed Johnston with three hits, one a double and one a triple.



(Photo by Ed Harris)

SOPHOMORE FORWARD CLIFF BLACK, Atlantic Christian College's leading scorer this season, gets the jump on ACC's new basketball season with a leaping stuff-shot in Wilson Gym.

Dogs To Sport Dunk In 70-71

Atlantic Christian College's basketball Bulldogs, bolstered by the knowledge that they will once again be able to dunk the ball next year, release an ambitious 26-game schedule this week that includes one tournament and two NCAA opponents.

The Bulldogs, who had a starting lineup averaging 6-5 this season, should be able to take advantage of the newly liberal NAIA rule which lifts a four-year ban on the dunk, a shot which involves carrying the ball over the rim and ramming it through the hoop.

The tournament is the four-team Citrus Tournament in

Lakeland, Florida, on December 4 and 5. Florida Southern and Bethune-Cookman are already committed to the tourney and directors are looking at several New York colleges to complete the field after one squad pulled out.

The two NCAA foes are North Carolina State and Rollins of Florida, both of whom will meet ACC in their home cities.

In addition to these games, the Bulldogs have home-and-home series slated with Carolinas Conference champ Guilford and NAIA District 29 titlist Camp-

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Spring Slate

INTERCOLLEGIATE
 April 25—St. Andrews Baseball
 St. Andrews Golf
 Pfeiffer Golf
 Elon Tennis
 April 27—Pembroke Baseball
 Campbell Golf
 April 28—ECU Tennis
 April 29—Campbell Baseball
 Campbell Tennis
 April 30—Guilford Track
I-MURAL
 Softball—Opens this week. Check Wilson Gym bulletin board for schedule and site of game.
EXTRAMURAL
 April 25—At UNC Chapel Hill Tennis Day.
 (x Denotes home contest)

WRA Netters Drop 2

ACC's inexperienced WRA tennis squad dropped its second straight match of the season with an 8-1 loss to Fike High School Monday on the ACC courts.

Faye Pollock grabbed the only WRA win of the day with a 7-5, 2-6, 6-3 triumph over Fike's Linda Slawson in the number-one singles, but a forfeit and two close losses kept ACC out of contention for most of the match.

Fike's Patricia Cloyd dumped Fon Faulkner with a rallying 5-7,

6-2, 6-3 number-two singles win, and Janet Barnes-Margaret Dickerman edged Diane Hickman-Myra Price 9-7 in the number-two doubles to stop ACC's only other threatso of the day.

Fike had beaten ACC 9-0 earlier in the year at Fike.

Pollock and Faulkner in doubles and Jonnie Bissette and Hickman in singles represent the WRA in Saturday's Tennis Day at UNC-Chapel Hill before the first of two matches against ECU on May 1.

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