



Speaking Of Sports

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Where's our support? That is the big question in the Sports Department and the baseball team are asking today. Why won't the students support them? We've got an exciting team who with a few breaks going their way would have won all but one of their games. Certainly they deserve much better support.

Also there seems to be a defeatist attitude on the campus as regard to our intercollegiate teams. Everyone takes it for granted that we are going to lose every game we play. But you don't realize how good the team is until you see them play and most of you haven't. This defeatist attitude is not fair to Coach Ollis and his Knights. They don't like it and it's harder to play when you know everyone thinks you haven't got a chance. So this attitude is no excuse and unfair.

Some of you claim you know nothing about baseball. This excuse has been used by many especially the girls. What is wrong with learning something about it. It doesn't take a brain to learn. Soon you will find yourself catching the little things that means the difference between winners and losers. You will thrill to the good and great plays, and believe me, the Knights make their share of them! They have got good defense, pitching, and hitting seems to be shaping up now. The best way to learn is to go to the game.

Another excuse is lack of transportation. This excuse holds up to a great extent with games away. But here at home it's no excuse. We play at Legion Field and have bus transportation to and from the ball park just like we did during the basketball season. You can hop in the bus for the short trip and see some great ball games and have a great time. Many of your friends have cars. Get a gang of your friends and go to the games. That is the best way to go! Man, the fun you can have together.

We realize that some may have classes on the afternoon when we play, but not that many! Visiting teams have commented on the lack of support which they think prevails at St. Andrews. This type of reputation throws a bad light on St. Andrews, its coaches, teams, athletic department; but most of all on the student body. No one wants that kind of a reputation.

To appreciate how hard Coach Ollis works, you have to see him. He has put hours into this team trying to build a winner. He must be the hardest working coach on this campus. The boys say they have yet to have a coach who works like he does. And the results are really showing now. It's getting better each game.

Now is the time for us to start doing our part and go to the games. Next Sat., April 21, we play High Point here at Legion Field. I hope that we can see a lot of you students there cheering on the Knights. It is about time we let them know that we are behind them all the way regardless of the outcome. Remember one thing: whole hearted support can do much for everyone, especially the team. They won't lose in front of a crowd yelling for them. Come on out to the ball park!

J.B.



Best Offensive Efforts Shown By Baseball Team

The Knights of St. Andrews played their 4th game of the season on Tuesday, April 10 in Laurinburg against Pembroke State College.

The Knights displayed one of their best offensive efforts of the season, but could not stop the leaks in their defensive efforts. The Knights collected at least one hit per man as they unleashed a 17 hit attack against the Pembroke pitchers. On defense, the Knights were guilty of a few miscues that led to a 3 run Pembroke inning that broke a tie and allowed the visitors to win 10 to 7. Gabe Crosby pitched a strong game for the Knights and Von Settemyer, Knight catcher, had 3 hits in as many times at bat to lead the offensive fireworks.

St. Andrews has completed its schedule with Pembroke for this year and has 10 games remaining.

Tennis Team Wins First Match 4-1

For the first time, in a historic moment last Friday, a St. Andrews varsity team won its opening game. The Knights tennis team soundly defeated Atlantic Christian College 4-1.

The Atlantic Christian Team arrived short one member; this accounting for there only being six matches. The doubles matches were not played due to inclement weather (the wind), and the hopelessness of the Atlantic Christian cause by that time.

Parks Garrison, the Knight's number one man, was up against a superior player and lost 6-0, 6-0, and Larry Varner, played a close match, winning 6-4, 6-4. The remainder of the matches were won easily by the Knights, as Johnny McLaurin won 6-3, 6-2, Bill Campbell, 6-1, 6-3, and Fred Thomas 6-1, 7-5.

Coach Rufus Hackney expresses considerable optimism concerning the tennis team's chances for a successful season, especially in their next match to be played against Carolina Wesleyan today.



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