

# KnightSports

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Victories for the St. Andrews basketball and wrestling teams have been a little on the short side since New Year's. In case anyone is wondering why the squads have slipped from their occasional winning tendencies before Christmas, one reason stands out, academic probation.

The grappling team lost two boys to AP and another left school--all three were starters. The basketball team skidded as they suffered the loss of four boys who played consistly. One is on social probation, one dropped out of school and the remaining two didn't manage to make the grades.

Whose fault is it? The majority of fault lies with the players themselves. Playing and competing in a sport requires a certain responsibility on their part. When you spend fifteen to twenty hours a week practicing, it tends to stiffen your schedule. With some athletes, this extra activity does not affect their studies. Yet the greater number of them find themselves bogged down with studies. No longer do they have the time to catch a flick or run down South. But somehow they find the time to do these things. Result--the grades slip and they soon find that they will have those afternoons free. If these boys had the desire to come out for the team in the first place, then that desire should keep them at the books.

On the other end of the rope are professors and coaches. Athletics are an indispensible part of any college. The faculty and administration should take a greater interest in the men that are representing St. Andrews. There are those rare professors who are willing to help floundering athletes. Yet a greater interest on their part (after all it is their school too) would most likely prove advantageous to everyone concerned. Granted, students have to take the initiative, but faculty members should be willing to pick up where the students left off.



Warren Maxon, captain and winner of last year's Most Valuable Player Award, is about to pin his Wilmington opponent.

## Maxon, Leake Lead Grapplers

With two straight losses to Wilmington College, the wrestling team is posting a record of 3 and 6. In the presemester contests, the Knights dropped decisions to Duke and Davidson while trouncing Furman, 33-8.

Captain Warren Maxon scored the only pin for SA in the opening Wilmington match. Rick Reynolds outscored his man and player-coach Frank Grier won on a default.

Maxon, Grier and Dean Leake were the only victors in the return match Tuesday night. Leake won a decision while the others pinned their Wilmington opponents.

## SA Kegglers Remain On Top In DIAC

With a brilliant first half performance, the Knight kegglers have pushed into a three point lead in the DIAC conference standings.

The Knights, who maintain a 20-4 record, have only dropped 3 games out of 18 while losing a single set point to the College of Charleston, by 15 pins.

In their match against Charleston, the SA team squeezed by with victories in the first two of a three game set by scores of 832-

829 and 893-891, while dropping the set deciding final game 919-899.

This victory maintained the Knights present one game edge. The second half of the season opened with a four point sweep for the Knights over fifth place Wesleyan, while second place Charleston split two and two with third place Charlotte.

The Knights will travel to Methodist College in Fayetteville this coming Wednesday in a decisive match with the fourth place Methodist squad.

Anchor man Ed Butterworth for the Knights is presently tied for top individual average with Paul Dhyse of Methodist, both with a

190 plus average. Frank Ligon and John Burchill, carrying 185 and 175 respectively, are both placed in the league's top ten.

Day student Bill Padgett has joined the team this semester and is expected to boost the squad's 875 game average by ten sticks.

By dropping 3 out of 4 points against Charlotte, the Knights have fallen into a tie with College of Charleston for first place. The SA bowlers rolled a solid 954 set in the first game with Frank Ligon leading the squad with a 197. In the second and third games, the '49ers bounced back and won both while capturing the match point. John Burchill led the kegglers with a 552 set.

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