

KnightSports

By JOE JUNOD

As the campus focused its attention upon the recent heroics of the basketball team, another squad was quietly drilling in anticipation of their upcoming schedule. The baseball team, under the auspices of Gerald Griffin, now in his second year as head coach, has been practicing since the first day of classes this semester.

Wingate Junior College traveled to Laurinburg on Tuesday to play in a scrimmage game with the Knights. The result was gratifying for the SA squad.

The defense was sharp. The outfield has good speed with Kell Gay in centerfield, Tom Thorn in right, and Irwin Northam in left. Gay is expected to patrol the center spot with the ability he displayed last season that won for him the 1967 MVP Award in Baseball.

Third base is open but the remainder of the infield is tight. Leroy Broach and Jimmy Timmons, the Florence twosome, cover the shortstop and second base spots as well as any in this area. Broach's explosive arm, coupled with Timmons' glove and accuracy have given the two South Carolinians a reputation in the area for executing double plays. Last season Broach handled many grounders deep in the hole at short and threw out potential runs with his cannon arm. Completing the double play combination is John Everett. As a glove man at first base he has obvious, if not sometimes latent, talent. From the view of things on Tuesday it looks as though Glenn Huntermark or Wayne Wise will handle the hot corner.

Talent abounds in many positions but nowhere is there as much concentrated as at the catcher's spot. Only two men are competing for starting honors but both are experienced at the backstop position. Jim

Snyder started for the Knights in 1967, and anyone who followed the team last year can attest to the second half surge of Snyder's that carried the squad to an excellent second half mark. The Memphis meteor has a bad knee and is a questionable starter in the opener against Pfeiffer College on March 13. He caught two steady innings against Wingate and collected one of St. Andrews scattered four hits.

Gary Ball is the other ballplayer at the catcher's position. Ball has a strong bat, which will prove a big asset, and a powerful, but sometimes wild, throw to second base. Against Wingate, Ball performed well behind the plate and at bat. After striking out against the top pitcher on the Wingate team, Ball laid heavy wood on a fast ball and lined a 350 foot shot right to the center-fielder.

The mound staff is the strongest ever assembled in recent years. Former All-American and Dean of the St. Andrews pitching staff, Stu Dodson, is firing with his usual confidence. He did not hurl against Wingate but Dodson is in fine shape physically and I expect that the Virginia fireballer will turn in an outstanding season.

Kemp Gregory is back after one season and his bag of tricks is even bigger than last season. If Gregory can control his roundhouse curveball and knuckle ball, the Durham import should subdue many of his opponents. His fast ball is effective when it crosses the plate at the knees but against Wingate he could not bring it down and consequently got hit real hard in his first inning.

Gary Miller is back for his fourth season. Miller, if he gains greater confidence in his ability should turn in an improved record over 1967. Doug Adams, Rick Peters, and Steve Litchford round out the pitching staff.

St. Andrews plays twenty-one games; the first seven are at home. The home games give Griffin's men a definite advantage. However, the first four of the seven game home stand are with Pfeiffer (2), Pembroke College, and High Point College. Wilmington is also on the schedule for two games. With a solid mound performance all season, several men batting over .300, and some dependable play in the field, I see a 14-7 (.666) record for the season.

Miss Lynn McClaughry, who suffered an eye injury while visiting in Winston-Salem Dormitory last Sunday, is still a patient at the hospital in Fayetteville.



Caught by the camera is Jimmy Timmons, in his third season of baseball at St. Andrews. Timmons, along with teammates Leroy Broach and John Everett make up the key double play combination.

Braves Top WCU 93-76

Upset has been the trade word of basketball at St. Andrews in recent weeks. SA upset Greensboro and Lynchburg on their way to the DIAC Title. Tuesday night Pembroke College outclassed Western Carolina University 93-76 to reach the finals of the District 26 playoffs.

1800 fans packed the gymnasium as two men fought a hard personal battle. Henry Logan, the All-American from WCU matched talent with Pembroke's Joe Gallagher. Logan scored 36 points for the losers which is below his season average of 37 per game. Gallagher dumped in 35 as Pembroke played near perfect basketball.

Logan, who stands 5'10", scored his first two points when he outjumped Gallagher on a rebound and then tipped the ball in for two points. Logan, who dribbles through his legs when he brings the ball downcourt, handles the ball exceptionally and is the playmaker of the WCU squad.

Pembroke faces Guilford College in the finals of District 26. Guilford topped Greensboro College 80-66.

Tennis Future Bright

The Ides of March mark the opening of the 1968 Varsity Tennis team, coached by Benny Brockwell. The netmen return to Buies Creek to defend the Campbell Invitational Title they won last year.

As of today, Harry Kraly is playing in the number one spot followed by Guy Starling in the second spot. Kraly, in his first season last year, handled the third spot all season behind Vann Taylor who graduated and Larry Mullins is, at present, not competing.

Transfer student Richard Coyle is swinging surprisingly good racket and is high on the ladder in competition for the top spots. Chuck Hardesty, from Kingsport, Tennessee, is play-

ing well according to Coach Brockwell who is looking forward to a good season. He is well pleased with the squad's progress.

Bob Brewbaker, who played in the number six spot last year, has moved up a notch to the fifth slot and is expected to team with Scott McCrea in one of the three doubles matches.

McCrea, Fred Faulkner, and transfer student Rod Moore are battling for the sixth spot in singles.

Following the Campbell Invitational, the netters will meet East Carolina University on the 18th of March, Pfeiffer College on the 20th, and Methodist College on the 22nd.

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