

Wrestlers Host DIAC Tourney this Weekend

After a very slow start, the St. Andrews wrestling team has managed to obtain four wins against five losses. Much of the grapplers' trouble has been with inexperienced personnel and the absence of two stalwart team members, Ed Bartlett and Jim Gaskin, who were vacationing during the winter term. Although the Knights have not yet had a full team, they have still managed to capture the regular season conference crown and have high hopes of being the first St. Andrews varsity team to win a Dixie conference tournament three years in a row.

This Saturday is the big day for the matmen. The tournament semifinals will begin at 10:00 and the finals will tentatively start around 2:00. The team is ready after being handed a calculable defeat last Saturday by an always-strong Wilmington.

Skutch Leads Powerful Keglers

The St. Andrew's bowling team, perhaps the strongest team in the school's history, travels to Charlotte tomorrow to participate in the UNC-Charlotte Tournament.

The Knights stand a close third in the very strong Dixie Conference, but hold a high 175 average per game.

In the Lynchburg match last Monday the Knights amassed a whopping 799-985-915-2699 series which fell four pins short in the second game of breaking the school single game work. Pacing the starting five against Lynchburg was senior Ralph Nesbit with a 184-216-172-572 series followed by junior John Bryan's 168-198-190-556 set.

The season is half over and a record five Knights boast averages over the 170 mark. Rich Skutch leads the pack at 181 followed closely by Tom Byrd, Ralph Nesbit, Chuck Hardesty, and Margaret Ligon. No previous SA team has had more than three men over the 170 mark, thus indicating the strength of this year's squad.

The team's next match is Monday against N. C. Wesleyan.

Also participating in the tournament are co-favorites Lynchburg, Methodist and North Carolina Wesleyan. The SA tagglers will have five individuals who are seeded first in their divisions: Buddy Creech, 142 lbs., Denny Dodson, 150 lbs., or 158 lbs., Marty McIntyre at 167 lbs., Mac Johnson, 177 lbs., and Mark Goodnough at 190 lbs. The other wrestlers are Carter McKeithan, 118 lbs., Jim Gaskin, 126 lbs., Wesley Campbell, 134 lbs., and finally, wrestling in the unlimited weight division will be big Ed Bartlett. The tournament promises many surprises, so try to make both the morning and afternoon sessions. Without your support the Knight grapplers will hardly have "a leg to stand on."

WRA NEWS

During the month of January the WRA provided athletic entertainment for the bored coed by sponsoring bowling and ping-pong tournaments. The bowling tournament was won easily by powerful Albemarle as Yvette Smith and Karo Moore supplied the extra punch for the Albemarle kegglers. Suzie Moyers of Wilmington captured her second straight ping-pong title as she beat Pat Briar of Florida Presbyterian College in the finals.

For the girls who did not participate in bowling or ping-pong, the WRA sponsored a basketball clinic during January in order to introduce the SA coeds to five-girl basketball. The present basketball tournament, which will run from February 11 to March 10, is an extension of the clinic.



TONY FERNANDEZ



142 LB. sophomore grappler BUDDY CREECH appears to be maneuvering for a backward pinning combination against Wilmington's Freddy Kee.

"Off Again On Agains" Face NC Wesleyan

The record compiled by Coach Boyd's hoopsters is a poor indicator of their actual potential. Overall, we're 5-11 and 4-6 in conference play good for a fourth place standing. Teams usually play better at home although our home and away records are almost equal: 3-6 here and 2-5 on the road.

From January 27 to February 3, the Knights played their best brand of ball all season. After a tough 86-85 loss to NC

Wesleyan on January 27, SA met Lynchburg January 29, Minus leading scorer and rebounder Craig Hannas, benched for disciplinary reasons, the hoopsters gallant upset bid fell short by ten seconds. Wayne Harris, District 29 leading scorer at the time, hit the winning basket with time running out for a 80-78 comeback victory for the Hornets. Freshman Bruce Taylor did an excellent defense job on Harris. Blanketed by Taylor, Harris turned in a 7 for 26 sub-par performance.

This was our outstanding game and best team effort of the year. SA's balanced attack was paced by Gary Gredlein's 23 points and five assists. Gary Linn turned in a superb performance with twenty points, 8 assists and 10 rebounds. Tony Fernandez and Ven Johnson also had fine games with 16 points, 10 rebounds, and 14 points respectively.

On February 1, SA dropped a hard fought contest 85-79 to physical UNC-Wilmington.

Gary Gredlein's freethrows in the final seconds were the margin of victory in a 82-81 squeaker over conference foe Methodist. SA earlier beat Methodist 81-78 in Fayetteville.

Five Knights are presently averaging ten points or better a great tribute to our team balance. They are: Hannas 19, Linn 18, Fernandez 15, Gredlein 14, and Johnson 11.

Junior Gary Linn has blossomed into a triple threat as a fine playmaker, deadly shooter and good rebounder to complement defensive ace Gary Gredlein in the backcourt. Linn's 4.6 assists per game nears the school record of 5.0 set in 1964-65.

In the pivot, Tony Fernandez has been the teams steadiest player and erratic senior Craig Hannas is having another great season as the statistics show. At the other forward position sophomore Ven Johnson provides offensive punch while frosh Bruce Taylor relies on aggressive defense and rebounding.

The football tactics of freshman Hudson Rogers has sparked several SA rallies. Hustling Richie Robinson is a prospective playmaker and always good for 110% effort. Anything can happen when Miles Weaver enters the line-up.

February 12 - NC Wesleyan away

February 13 - Va. Wesleyan away

February 18, 19, 20 - DIAC Tournament Rocky Mount

W-S AND Faculty Capture Titles

Basketball dominated the Men's Intramural Activities this Winter Term. The close race between Mecklenburg and Winston-Salem for the intramural crown was continued through yet another sport with both teams posting 7-2 records at the end of regular season play. Their identical records were the result of an upset of Mecklenburg by Orange, led by Steve Litchford. This upset put Winston-Salem into the tie with Mecklenburg although they had a one win and two loss record against them. The championship was another example of the closeness of the two teams with Winston-Salem winning 61-59 as Meck missing a shot at the buzzer. Both teams were very good examples of team playing with Orange the only team dominated by one player, Steve Litchford.

The top five scorers in the league were Steve Litchford (Orange) 35 point average; Bill Mustard (W-S) 22 point average; John Bush (W-S) 21 point average; Tersh Whiteside (Meck) 20 point average; and Irv. Northham (Meck) 17 point average. King's Mountain forfeited about half its games due to injuries to key players.

This Winter Term also saw the introduction of a "B" League in Intramural Basketball. The purpose of this league was to allow everyone to play instead of just the best five or six players from each dorm. Meck showed the most interest by filling three full teams, while the other dorms had one apiece. The faculty even got to show its wares in this league and proceeded to dominate it. Led by Dr. Melton the faculty went undefeated and filled the spot left vacant by Kings Mountain in the post-season tournament.

The tournament is again a rematch of regular season play with both Mecklenburg and Winston-Salem advancing to the finals defeating the Faculty and Orange respectively.

Meck edged arch-rival Winston-Salem 65-63 in the championship tilt last night. Irv Northham canned 21 and Tersh Whiteside tallied 16 for the victors. Orange overcame a 17 point deficit and beat the Faculty 72-71 in overtime for third place. Ray Killian tossed in 42 points (36 in the second half) to pace the winners.

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