

Knight Netters Start Slow; Hopeful For Rest Of Season

The Knights netters have gotten off to a slow start. After expected losses to College of Charleston and Atlantic Christian, the Knights were shocked 5-4 by Francis Marion at the SA courts in a match that went right down to the wire. Long after all other play was finished with the score 4-4, the number one doubles match continued on, a tense defensive battle characterized by seven service breaks in the third set alone. With Francis Marion ahead 6-5 in the final set and Glen White serving the SA team of Paul Finger and Davis Miller thrice averted match point before finally taking the game on Miller's hard forehand. Miller then built a 40-0 lead on his own serve, but the Knights lost five straight points, three on double faults, to slip behind 6-7. John Barringer then held his own serve to give FMC the match.

The Knights then travelled to Virginia for two matches. They had to struggle to defeat Christopher Newport 5-4 in a heavy wind at Newport News. The decisive match here was the No. 6 singles. With the third set knotted at 6-6, the tiebreaker system was used. The tiebreaker went to its ninth and final point, with SA's Steve Barber winning with a baseline job. The Knights moved on to Norfolk and demolished Virginia Wesleyan. This was an extremely easy win, as the Knights took every set, losing a total of only 20 games.

The UNC-Greensboro Spartans are the surprise of the year in the Dixie Conference. SA coach Bob Chaiken, who's been involved in DIAC tennis for ten years, calls UNC-G's number one player, Albert Khamlarian "the best player ever to play in the conference. And their No. 2 player, Jim Costa, is about the third best ever to play in the conference." These two stars led the Spartans to a 6-3 victory over the Knights Khamlarian blanked Miller 6-0, 6-0, while Costa bombarded Richey Robinson 6-0, 6-1, UNC-G swept all three doubles matches.

Coach Chaiken evaluated his team as it begins to tune up for the DIAC tournament: "The number one's this year are real good for our conference all over. So are the number two's. If we have any strength, it comes in the 3

through 6 spots. Tom Ager is a real strong No. 3, and Paul Finger is a strong number 4. Mitch Mitchell (5) hasn't played very well, but potentially he's a real strong player. He had a great freshman year. Steve Barber should take the conference title in number six. I think he could probably win it in number five. He's won all his conference singles matches.

Richey Robinson is traditionally a slow starter, but comes around at tournament time. With a guy like that, it's hard to predict." Robinson has captured two singles and two doubles titles in his career t SA.

SA's tennis match with UNC-W was rained out yesterday and was rescheduled for this Friday afternoon at Wilmington.

SA Baseball Struggling; Record Now Stands 0-5

St. Andrews' struggling baseball team will take an 0-5 record into this week's four game homestand. The team's two most recent losses came at the hands of Francis Marion. The Knights were out-slugged 22-8 at Florence before coming home to take an 8-1 drubbing.

The first game was a seven inning affair, but nevertheless St. Andrews hurlers Ray Andrews, Max Sampson and Bill Barnes gave up 22 runs on 17 hits. Hard-hitting outfielder Steve Fowler belted two homers, a triple and a single, driving in six runs to lead the Patriot's attack. On the day the Patriots knocked five pitches out of the park, S.A. contributed eight errors to the Francis Marion cause.

SA had its biggest day of the season at bat, with eight runs on nine hits. The Knights took a 4-0 lead in the first, as Jimmy Haddix lofted a two run homer, the first of his career. Jim Lynch drove in a run with a single, and the fourth run scored on a passed ball. SA tallied single unearned runs in the third and fourth innings. Riley Erwin closed out the Knights' scoring with a two run homer in the sixth. Ray Andrews also had a good day at the plate, with three hits and a walk.

The Knights' bats were much quieter in the game

here, a FMC took an easy 8-1 decision. The Patriots took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first and were never threatened. The Knights scored in the ninth, as Bob Latshaw walked, went to second on an error, and scored on pitcher Riley Erwin's single.

The Knights received another blow when catcher Mick Meisel returned from spring break with an injured knee. He could be out for the rest of the season. Tom Barker will now handle the catching, with Jim Haddix in reserve. This injury further depletes the Knights' woefully thin bench, just as the team moves into the heavy part of the schedule. Seventeen games are scheduled for April, including a makeup doubleheader with N.C. Wesleyan today. Home games with Wofford Friday and UNC-Wilmington Saturday are scheduled.



The Knight Bowling Team, which placed second in DIAC action. Kneeling (from l.-r.) are Jim Barrick, Ed McDonald, and Mark Podhorecny. Standing are Phil Rech, Dave Kelly, Wes Campbell, Rusty Pherson, Jim Herring, and Bam Granville. Not Pictured is Mike Fletcher.

Bowlers Place Second In DIAC Tournament

Lynchburg's Hornets roared from behind to win the Dixie Conference bowling championship, nosing out St. Andrews in the final round of the tournament at Lynchburg Mar. 17-18. The Knights had taken a surprising lead in the round-robin portion of the tournament by defeating every other competing team. However, under a new format this year, this only allowed them to roll in the championship bracket of the "position round." This final round match against Lynchburg decided the championship, and the Hornets bowled strongly, winning the round to total 6192 pins on the tournament. SA finished with 5621, followed by N.C. Wesleyan 5522, Methodist 5487, UNC-G 5033, and Greensboro College 4705.

The Knights fared well in individual singles competition, as six men finished in the top 17, out of 48 bowlers competing. Ed McDonald rolled a 598 for fourth place, Bam Granville took fifth with a 591,

Jim Barrick seventh with 556, Rusty Pherson tied eleventh, Mark Podhorecny 15th, and Dave Kelly 17th. Marc Gordon of Lynchburg won the singles competition with a fine 635.

Wes Campbell, who was named to the all-conference team on the basis of his excellent regular season average, teamed with Granville to finish third in doubles competition. Bobby Ayers and Steve Edwards of Methodist won the event with 1115. Phi Rech, the Knights' only graduating senior, and Dave Kelly teamed to finish ninth.

The Knights displayed amazing consistency in the tourney, as all five starters averaged between 169 and 174 pins per game over twelve games. Floyd Blackwell was quite pleased with his team's showing. "Our boys all made great showings," he said. "This was a very close knit team. They worked hard to improve their bowling." He paid special tribute to Campbell, the only player on the all-conference team not from Lynchburg.

LaGuardia, Hayden Lead Trackmen In Opening Win

BY KIM PHILLIPS

On a raw, March 23 afternoon, the Knight trackmen warmed to the occasion, dominating the field events en route to an 88-57 pasting of Methodist's Monarchs in their opening meet. In the field events S. A. outscored the visitors 53-10.

Leading the onslaught were record breakers John LaGuardia and Andy Crowell. LaGuardia, a senior, bettered his own shot put mark with a toss of 45 feet, 6 1/4 inches. "Beef" also added discuss and javelin victories. He flung the platter 117' 41/2" and threw the spear 144' 4 1/2". Crowell, a freshman, shattered the ancient pole vault record of 12' as he sailed 13 feet.

Not to be denied his points, however, versatile ace Ron Hayden bagged four individual triumphs. In addition to winning both hurdles events, Hayden staved off close competition to take the 100 yard

dash and the long jump. Hayden ran on the victorious 440 relay unit for another first place.

Jimmy chwaite also stood out for SA finishing the afternoon with two second and two third place finishes.

As warmer weather arrives all performances should vastly improve. This is reason enough to deserve your support April 14th, when St. Andrews hosts the DIAC championships.

The St. Andrews College Choir, under the direction of Dr. James Cobb, head of the St. Andrews music program, will present a concert on Friday in the Avinger Auditorium at 8 p.m.

The choir recently returned from a successful tour which took the 30-member group to Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md.; Richmond, Va.; and several points in North Carolina.

- Friday, April 6
- Baseball - Wofford (H)
- Golf - Greensboro (H)
- Tennis-UNC-Wilmington (A)
- Saturday
- Baseball - UNC-W (H)
- Tennis - Lynchburg (H)
- Women's Tennis UNC T D (H)
- Monday, April 9
- Tennis - NC Wesleyan (H)
- Tuesday, April 10
- Baseball - Atlantic C (H)
- Golf - Pembroke (A)
- Wednesday, April 11
- Tennis - UNC-C (A)
- Women's Tennis - Pembroke
- Thursday, April 12
- Tennis - Greensboro (H)

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