



John Catmur kicks goalie Bryan Murphy in the SA-Belmont Abbey game. The action occurred on a corner kick. Max Sampson and Mackey Asbury are the other Knights pictured.

Knights Fight Back to Tie

The St. Andrews Knights picked themselves up off the ground Tuesday and battled back from a 2-0 second-half deficit to tie tough Belmont Abbey 2-2. The Knights, after looking somewhat confused and hesitant in the first half, showed a sudden burst of enthusiastic confidence midway through the second half and registered two quick goals.

Belmont Abbey took control from the outset, skimming the top of the net with a shot only two minutes into the game. Three minutes later, a speedy Crusader, Randy Shambad, broke past the SA defenders and bore down on SA goalie John Bush. Bush failed to come out to challenge the shooter, and Shambad hit the back left corner. The Knights respected the visitors' speed from that point on, and neither the defensive backs nor Bush made a serious mistake thereafter.

The Knights threatened to tie it up when Mike Dunn hit Prem Thoontkapalin with a perfect pass five yards in front of Abbey's goal, but the Knights' co-captain couldn't get it in.

Almost 15 minutes into the second half, St. Andrews' left forward John Catmur brought the ball up the left side. Left open in front of the goal, Cat made a couple of nice fakes,

but Abbey goalkeeper Bryan Murphy managed a save.

The Crusaders then marched down the field, and Ale Kozak took a shot from far out. John Bush moved to his right to stop the shot, but the ball deflected off SA fullback Mackey Asbury into the right corner of the net. It was very much a freak goal, but Abbey had a 2-0 lead.

Then the SA Knights turned the game around. Coach Kinne attributed the sudden upsurge mainly to increasing confidence of his players at their new positions and increasing familiarity with the new system of movement the Knights have adopted. Several players said that anger was a factor in SA's revival. They were incensed by Mousadak Soussi's finger-pointing, ridiculing dance around Asbury after the deflected goal, and by the Crusaders' overall rough play.

Whatever the reason, the Knights caught fire. With 21 minutes left, an Abbey player was caught pushing in the penalty area, and Mr. Reliable, hustling halfback Tommy Dux, came up to attempt the penalty kick. Dux wasted no time in left-footing it high into the left part of the goal. The ball hit the cross-bar and dropped inside the goal.

One minute later, John Catmur came down the left side,

took a pass from Zahir Noorani, faked beautifully, and rolled the ball past Murphy for the goal. The game ended with Abbey mounting a sustained attack, but unable to penetrate the SA defense for a good shot.

Coach Kinne was very pleased with his team's play, especially in the second half. "This was a good test," he said. "We proved we have what it takes to come back... We really needed an experience like this." He called the Crusaders "better than Lynchburg, except at goalie."

Leadership on this team seems to be coming from the halfback positions, where Rick Judge and Tommy Dux excelled in Tuesday's game. If this hustling comes to be the rule and not the exception, the Knights should whip Methodist here Saturday.

Cross Country

Pembroke's cross country layout harried an extremely inexperienced SA team Saturday in the Pembroke Invitational. The Knights managed a sixth place finish among seven schools competing, topping only Guilford. Despite hot weather, the Braves Victor Elk negotiated the winding 5-mile course in just over 26 minutes, heading Pembroke's charge toward the team title.

No one for the Knights ran well. Banning Ingram finished first among SA ar-rivers, clocking 33:19, well above his capacity. Joe Roberts came in next at 36:15.

Coach Blackwell cited the fact that some of the boys wanted to run with Elk, a three year veteran with a best time of under 25:00, as a major problem. He also said some members had never run before and those who had did not have much experience.

Blackwell vows a better showing against Methodist and Virginia Wesleyan here Saturday.

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The New York Mets' incredible come-from-behind victory in the N.L. East pennant race brought down the curtain on another long regular season of major league baseball. The Mets' last-day clinching in the N.L. East was a fitting climax to a season filled with great individual accomplishments.

The 1973 Mets' victory is even more remarkable than that of their 1969 counterparts. This year no Met had a truly great season. Rusty Staub and Felix Millan, now the two best Mets' hitters, were injured most much of the year, along with Bud Harrelson, Willie Mays, Jon Matlack, and other lesser stars. With all these injuries, the Mets lay in last place in early July.

Fans and newspapers were calling for manager Yogi Berra's dismissal. But then the Mets healed and caught up and surpassed the rest of the league. They finished a whopping three games over .500 and Berra is a New York (if not national) hero.

Despite the Mets' second coming, this has been a year characterized mostly by great individual performances. One must start, of course, with Henry Aaron. The 39-year-old wonder managed 40 homers, 90 RBIs, and a remarkable .301 batting average. This left him only one short of the greatest record in all of sports, Babe Ruth's 714 career homers. While there are other baseball records that will never be broken, Ruth's stands alone in the public's minds as a hallmark of baseball. Aaron, bearing up well under the tremendous media pressure, hit his 713th Saturday night against Houston, then tried for the record Sunday at Atlanta Stadium before 15,000 empty seats. You begin to see why Sherman burned that city.

Nolan Ryan had a fabulous year, pitching two no-hitters and setting a major league strikeout record. Ryan broke Sandy Koufax's mark of 382 by whiffing the Twins' Rich Reese, the last batter he faced this season. The Angel righthander's feat is made all the more remarkable because of the designated hitter rule. He struck out no weak-hitting pitchers all season.

Bobby Bonds of the Giants also had a superb season, becoming the second player (following Willie Mays) to twice steal over 30 bases and hit over 30 home runs in a season. He fell two homers short of becoming the first member of the 40-40 club. Bonds' combination of speed and power, RBI prowess and run-scoring capability, and leadership capabilities, should earn him the N.L. MVP award.

N.L. batting champ Pete Rose bashed out 230 hits, a record for a switch hitter, to lift his lifetime total over 2150. Now 31, Rose seems a cinch to reach the 3000 hit plateau within the next five years.

It's been a great season, and if history tells us anything, the best is yet to come. Jimmy the Greek picks Oakland and Cincinnati to win their respective playoffs, while WSAP's Bob Latshaw goes with Baltimore and New York. I don't know about Bob, but the Greek's record speaks for itself. Very, very meekly.

This column picks Baltimore in five games, Cincinnati in four. The Birds' clutch hitting and superior defense should be enough to offset Oakland's free-swinging attack. Oakland has three 20-game winners and bullpen ace Rollie Fingers, but the Orioles' Jim Palmer and Mike Cuellar can hold their own.

Cincinnati probably has too much talent for New York: Rose, Morgan, Driessen, Perez, and Bench for starters. Jack Billingham and Don Gullett had excellent years pitching, and the Reds' bullpen is deep and experienced in playoff competition. The Mets' chances lie in the pitching arms of Seaver, Jerry Koosman, Jon Matlack, and Tug McGraw.

SA Girls 3-1

The St. Andrews women's volleyball team gained a split of two matches last night, downing High Point 12-15, 15-8, 15-9 before losing to Elon College 15-11, 15-9. The split left the Knights' record at 3-1.

The SA women opened their season in convincing style with straight set victories over Pembroke and Francis Marion last Thursday in the auxiliary gym. The Knights had no real trouble in disposing of their disorganized opponents, both of which were fielding varsity teams for the first time.

Glenn Kennedy shone in the Knights' 15-9, 15-12 decision over Francis Marion. She served nine of the 15 SA points in the opener, seven in the second game. Other girls were

more responsible for some of these points, but Kennedy was keeping her serves in the court and mixing them up well.

The Knights trounced PSU 15-4, 15-9 with Susan Andrews serving eight points in the first game. Mary Solomon came back to serve nine winning points as the Knights roared from behind to take the finale.

There will be a meeting of all handicapped students interested in intramurals next Thursday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. in P.E. 104. Gary Giffen, in P.E. 104, Gary Giffen, who will co-ordinate the wheelchair intramurals, promises exciting and enjoyable competitions.

Intramurals

Football results:

W-S 46	Kings Mountain 0
Orange 25	Meck 19
W-S 19	Meck 6
Orange 37	Kings Mountain 0
Men's Wrestling:	
Ralph Daugherty (W-S)	beat Jim Barrick (W-S)
Jim Haddix (KM)	beat Doelan Anderson (M)
Losers' bracket matches	

are scheduled tonight, with Women's intramural volleyball opened Tuesday night in the auxiliary gym with Albemarle winning a forfeit over Faculty and Concord winning by forfeit over Wilmington. Games are scheduled every Tuesday and Thursday night.