

Women Break Loss Streak

St. Andrews' women's basketball team, struggling along with a 1-8 record, hosts St. Mary's College at 7:00 tonight. This will be the final home game of the season for the Knights.

SA picked up its first win Tuesday night, downing a weak Pembroke five, 43-35. Hattie Woods with 16 points and Trish Bodle with 11 paced the Knights, as they broke the 40 point mark for the first time St. Andrews led from the outset and the issue was never really in doubt.

The team consists of Hattie Woods, Glen Kennedy, Trish Bodle, Cindi Williams, Corlis Reynolds, Brenda Howard, Jo Bradbury, and Linda Carson. The return of Glen Kennedy, who was away Winter Term, has improved the teams

rebounding. However, the loss of Evelyn Kinney and Wanda Patterson, both of whom graduated following the January Term, has hurt Coach Jo Ann Williams' cagers.

Coach Williams sees inability to shoot as her team's primary problem. The SA team has been hitting only about one out of three shots from the floor. Their foul shooting has also been below 50%. Hattie Woods, who leads the Knights with 12 points per game, has been fairly effective from the 10 foot range, and shoots free throws well. Last year's best outside shooters, Cindi Williams and Trish Bodle, have been very inconsistent this season. Kennedy's return should allow the Knights' offense to go inside more.

Coach Williams has been satisfied with the Knights' defensive performances throughout most of the season, even though the team has given up a lot of short jump shots. SA has also not been aggressive on the boards, and often the Knights give up two or three shots before pulling down rebounds. The loss of big Mallory Davis, who transferred, hurt SA badly in this respect.

Here are the women's basketball results to date:

Pembroke, 34, SA 29
Campbell 51, SA 23
Atlantic Christian 56, SA 33
St. Mary's 44, SA 35
Peace 55, SA 35
Sandhills 59, SA 31
Francis Marion 72, SA 27
Sandhills 46, SA 28
SA 43, Pembroke 35

Knights Finish Here Sat.

St. Andrews raised its record to 6-14 Tuesday night with a 68-58 triumph at UNC-Greensboro. SA raced off to an early lead, and held a 40-23 advantage at halftime. After the Spartans cut the SA lead to 49-45 with 6:18 remaining, Tom Whiteley's squad went into a four corners offense, and outscored UNC-G 19-13 the rest of the way. The Knights controlled the boards, with Raymond Andrews pulling down 13 rebounds, Alvin Leath 12, and Al Bonds 10. Scoring was evenly distributed, as Bonds had 15, Leath 12, Roberts 12, Haddix 10, and Andrews 9. Whiteley expressed special pleasure with the patience displayed by his team.

The Knights close out regular season action against N.C. Wesleyan Saturday night here. The Knights defeated the Bishops earlier in the season at Rocky Mount, and a repeat performance would insure SA sixth place in the conference.

The win broke a seven game losing streak for the Knights. The plunge started with a loss at Greensboro and

continued through a three-night, three-state, three-game trip over the break following Winter Term. The Knights then lost three home games, to league-leading Methodist 81-72, Virginia Wesleyan 86-72, and Lynchburg 82-72.

The Knights played very well against Methodist, cutting a 17 point deficit to one, 71-70 on Al Bonds' jumper with 2:15 left. Craig Knight's free throw game the Monarchs a two point lead. Greg Smith of SA then hurried a bad shot, and Methodist's Garry Porter, who scored 15 points in the second half, hit a free throw. A fast break off a rebound gave the Monarchs a 75-70 lead, which they stretched out to 81-72. Al Bonds, who hit 9 of 16 from the field and 8 of 8 from the line, led SA with 26 points.

Lynchburg jumped out to leads of 6-0 and 22-10 before the Knights could get untracked here Saturday night, but SA fought back, closing the gap to 39-35 on Bond's pretty three-point play just before half-time. Leath's short jump shot early in the second half gave SA its only

lead, 43-42.

The large Lynchburg team then began to go to Bobby Layne, who scored all of his 19 points in the second half, and pulled away to a ten point lead, which it maintained until the end. Lynchburg won the game on the offensive boards, pulling down 20 offensive rebounds. SA could manage only eight.

Bowlers Open Slowly

Despite a mediocre effort, SA bowlers managed a second place finish in their opening match Feb. 1 at Fayetteville. Under a new scoring system this season, Methodist led with 33 out of a possible 36 points, with the Knights at 24½ and Lynchburg third, one point behind SA.

Shooting only two 800's in two 2-game sets against Greensboro College and Lynchburg, SA picked up many of its points, beating Greensboro College twice. Points are scored from 1-6 in order of highest team score in each game and the total pinfall of both games. Jim Herring shot 764 in four games to top the Knights. He rolled a 214, SA's only 200 game. Many splits hampered the Knights in this match.

Last Friday at Greensboro, Mark Podhorecny paced the Knights to another second place finish. "Pod", still not as sharp as in earlier practice, averaged 175 and had the Knights' high individual game at 180. However, the usually inconsistent starting five, Campbell, Barrick, Herring, Pherson and "Pod" again rolled consistently low scores.

Bobby Ayres helped Methodist to another 33 points, giving the Monarchs a hefty 18½ point lead over the Knights, who stand at 47½. N. C. Wesleyan rates third with 38.

SA hopes to get untracked Friday at N.C. Wesleyan.

Coach Floyd Blackwell noted these opening matches were bowled on Brunswick lanes, which score much lower than AMF alleys that St. Andrews will see the remainder of the season. Blackwell is pleased with the squad's present position considering the way his team has bowled. The team, psyched out for the most part so far, believes things will change quickly.

GLANCING AT SPORTS

BILL WILMOT

Chronic inconsistency—on offense, on defense, and on the boards—has been the major reason for St. Andrews' disappointing basketball record thus far. The 6-14 mark, while numerically superior to last year's embarrassing 2-23 performance, is well below the ten win barrier which Coach Tom Whiteley hoped to crack this season. The Knights certainly had the talent to achieve that goal, but inconsistency and mental errors late in several games have cost them possible wins.

Early in the season, SA lost at Lynchburg and against Greensboro College here, despite being in position to win in the final three minutes of each encounter. Those losses could be attributed, with some imagination, to early season jitters and incohesiveness. The recent homestand against Methodist, Virginia Wesleyan, and Lynchburg seemed to prove, once and for all, that the Knights are just not able to win close games. Against Methodist, SA had pulled to within 72-70 with about 2:15 left. Instead of working for a good shot to tie the score, Greg Smith drove toward the basket and threw up a running, over-the-head layup which had little chance of going in. Trailing by three, the Knights regained the ball. They missed their shot and failed to get back on defense, and the Monarchs' fast break resulted in a safe 75-70 lead. After playing superbly to erase a 17 point lead, the Knights fell into their old habits of careless, thoughtless play when the game got close.

Against Lynchburg, the Knights played a good first half and took a 43-42 lead shortly after intermission. After that, the team simply fell apart, committing turnovers, making defensive mistakes, and forcing low percentage shots. Al Bonds, who apparently knows that he must score for the team to win, was especially guilty of the latter, and ended up hitting only 7 of 19 shots.

The Knights have won six games this year, but have yet to beat a team which they weren't favored against. Three of the wins (one against Averett and two against Coker) came against teams which most high schools could beat. Defeating such teams can have a temporary morale-boosting effect, but in the long run can give them no feeling of accomplishment. The need to schedule such teams illustrate the sinking status of the SA basketball program.

Many people, including several players, tend to blame the inadequacy of the basketball program on Coach Whiteley, pointing to his three year record (12-57) here. Certainly Whiteley will never be compared with John Wooden as a basketball tactician or with Vince Lombardi as a leader of men, but his main deficiency this season has been his inability to instill a winning attitude in his players. The players seem to know if the game is close they're going to lose it. Perhaps part of this attitude comes from a lack of discipline. It is generally known that several players don't always hustle in practice. Coach Whiteley, if he does nothing else, should demand total effort from his players at all times.

Blaming a coach for a player's bad attitude is unfair. Blaming him for continuing to play such a player is something else entirely.

Lest all the blame for the disappointments of the season be placed on players' attitudes and Whiteley's lax coaching methods, it would be pointed out that SA has the smallest team in the Dixie Conference. The Knights' main problem is the lack of a big man who can grab 12-14 rebounds per game. "We have to play exceptionally to win (because of our lack of size)" Whiteley said. "We can't just play the average game...Usually we'll have a spurt where we play real good defense. The key to how well we play is how we play defense. When we play good defense, we're in the ballgame."

Although obviously disappointed with the season, Whiteley said, "We have good guys. They don't have any doubt that they're getting better. Things are headed in the right direction."

Maybe so, but I don't see how anyone can be too pleased with a team that doesn't play up to its potential.

Intramurals

Men's intramural basketball began Monday with Winston-Salem trouncing Orange-Granville 70-50 and Meck winning by forfeit over Kings Mountain. A League games are scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:45.

Current point standings show Rock Williams of W-S

leading with 46 participation points. He is followed by Meck's Matt Wood, (44) and Winton-Salem's Charlie Dailey (43), Paul Finger (41), and Jim Barrick (39).

Billiards and handball are scheduled within the next week. Signup sheets are posted in the P.E. Center.

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