

Tennis Team 7-2

Tennis action before and after the break saw the Knights capture four wins and drop one match to a fine N.C. Wesleyan squad.

SA avenged a 6-3 loss to UNC-G's Spartans last year, edging them 5-4 March 22 at home. Albert Khanlarian and Jim Costa made the going tough for SA, winning one and two singles and number one doubles with ease. However the Knights showed their strength in the lower singles, losing only one set. Ager and Mitchell lost number two doubles, but John Gillingham and Steve McAlister combined to play just well enough to take the decisive third doubles match in three sets.

Luck did not rest with the Knights in their journey to

Rocky Mount. The Bishops continued their long history of plaguing the SA team, this recording a 9-0 shutout. This match, between the schools that shared the DIAC tennis crown last year, was never in doubt as only number 2 doubles went to three sets. Finger dropped two tiebreakers and Mitch Mitchell one in the team's best singles play.

UNC-W came to Laurinburg and absorbed a second pasting by the Knights. Tom Ager and John Gillingham led this triumph. The visitors took only no. 2 doubles in losing 8-1.

Saturday the Knights showed the effects from a trip to Lynchburg and posted a 7-2 win. Finger, Gray Fox, Steve Barber and Gillingham took singles wins and all three

doubles combinations picked up the pace.

Back home SA overpowered Francis Marion 7-2 Tuesday. Number 3-6 singles and the doubles trio once again performed very admirably.

Parker Shines

Three SA trackmen competed in a meet Saturday at Campbell. Billy Parker, a triple jumper, managed the highest Knight finish, getting second place with a leap of 40'6" after overcoming a slow start. Jimmy Thwaite made a fine tab at a javelin win, taking fourth with a throw of 155 feet. This is a very fine effort for Thwaite's (and St. Andrews') first competition of the year. Thwaite should get better as the season progresses and will undoubtedly improve upon his best marks of last year. Tom Dux covered the 220 in 25.4 seconds to take fifth place.

GLANCING AT SPORTS

BILL WILMOT

Two members of St. Andrews' soccer team, Mackay Asbury and John Averell, participated in regional qualifying tryouts for the U.S. Olympic team in Baltimore last weekend. After playing only one game against extremely tough competition, neither was chosen to attend the final tryouts for the national team. Of the 120 players at the tryout, only 14 advanced to the nationals.

Asbury was nominated by Coach Kinne for the tryout. Averell, who hardly played last year as a junior, asked the selection committee for a tryout; the Committee was willing to give a tryout to anyone who requested one (obviously). Clearly, Averell was going just to be able to say he'd been. Asbury, the Knights' two-time All-South fullback, certainly deserved serious consideration for advancement to the final tryout. Whether he got it or not is a question which must go unanswered. Asbury's team was superior offensively to its opponent (they won 5-1), and its fullbacks didn't get much action. This, along with the politics involved in the selection committee and the reputations of some other All-District and All-American players, made it extremely difficult for a relative unknown to be selected.

The tryout was held at Baltimore's Catonsville Community College on a single field, which Asbury called "the worst field this side of Campbell." Rain shortened the competition so that each player could play in only one game, thus making the selection of the best 14 very arbitrary. The rain also messed up the field badly. All in all, it was a shoddily planned tryout. The U.S. has never been noted for Olympic soccer excellence, and apparently doesn't want to be.

The reason why there's no women's tennis article on this page is that the team has not played yet. It's first two matches were rained out. Coach Jo Ann Williams's squad will try to get under way today at Coker. First home match is Thursday, April 18, against Campbell. Miss Williams has named Lee Morgan, Beth Bransford, Missy Springs, JuJu Murphy, Trish Bodle and Shawn Lynch as her six starters, with Morgan-Springs, Bransford-Murphy, and Bodle-Lynch teaming for doubles competition.

Golf Team Settling Down?

St. Andrews has been playing very steady golf since Spring Break, with three players--Dave Cox, John Givens, and Dixon Williams--shooting consistently in the low 80's and high 70's. Nevertheless, the team lost three of four matches against non-conference competition last week.

Tuesday, April 2, at Scotch Meadows, the team split two matches, shooting a 430 against U. N. C.-Wilmington's 410 and Methodist's 439. The win against Methodist raised the Knights' Conference record to 3-0. Previously, Lynchburg and N. C. Wesleyan had fallen to St. Andrews. In the match against U. N. C.-W. and Methodist, Dave Cox was low man for the Knights, coming in with a fine 81. Givens shot 83, Williams 84, Jim Barrick 87, and Bob Latshaw 95.

Last Thursday, the Knights journeyed to Pembroke and recorded their best team score of the season in the relatively easy course there. St. Andrews' 409 total was easily beaten by Francis Marion's 337 and Pembroke's 382. Dixon

Williams was St. Andrews' medalist in this round, with a 79. This was Dixon's first competitive round under 80 in his St. Andrews career. Givens followed with 80, Cox 81, Barrick 82, and Stu Hunt, 87.

SA didn't fare nearly as well in the N. C. Collegiate Tournament Monday and Tuesday in Charlotte. The

Knights finished 14th among 16 teams, after encountering great difficulties with miserable weather and the tough, hilly Forest Pawtucket course.

Dave Cox again led the team with 88-84-172. Williams was next with 87-88-175. John Givens shot 92-89-181, Jim Barrick 92-94-186, and Hunt 103-86-189.

Barnes Hurls Knights Past Hornets

St. Andrews rode the six-hit shutout pitching of left-hander Bill Barnes to a 4-0 victory over defending conference champion, Lynchburg, in the first game of a doubleheader here Saturday. The Knights dropped the second game 5-0 as Lynchburg's Owen pitched a one-hit shutout. Coach Julian Smith commented, "Both games were about as well as we've played. We played real well in the second game, except for one inning. But that kid (Owen) pitched a beautiful game." Owen struck out 12 in the seven-inning game and gave up only a scratch single to Jay Xanthos

in the first inning. He retired the last 20 Knights batters, as S. A. could knock only two balls out of the infield.

The big story, though, was S. A.'s win, it's first after eight losses. "We played like we have to play to win," said Smith. "That is, we didn't make any mistakes in the field. Of course the key was Bill (who) just did a real fine job. He kept the ball down. He kept them popping the ball up and hitting it in the dirt." Barnes does not have an exceptionally strong arm and must rely on his control. Against Lynchburg, Barnes walked two, hit a batter, and

didn't strike out a man. He was helped immensely by a tight defense which reeled off two double plays and committed only one error. One double play came with runners of first and second nobody out in the fourth inning.

Lynchburg rapped two hits in each of the last two innings, but Barnes managed to get out of each inning. A double and a single put men on first and third with two outs in the sixth. First-baseman Bob Latshaw then made a diving stop on a hard-hit ground ball and ran to the bag for the third out. In the seventh, the first two batters reached on singles, but failed to advance as Barnes enticed three Hornets to ground out.

S. A. scored three runs in the bottom of the second with the benefit of three Hornet errors. With one out, Andy Crowell and John Hendrickson reached on infield miscues. After Tom Barker struck out, Joe Roberts singled down the first base line, scoring Crowell and sending Hendrickson to third. Roberts stole second, and when the shortstop dropped the throw, Hendrickson scored St. Andrews' second run. Barnes helped his own cause with a hard single, scoring Roberts. Barnes was picked off rounding first to retire the side.

The Knights added a run in the sixth when Crowell walked, advanced to third on a single by Barker, and scored

on a squeeze bunt laid down by Joe Roberts.

In previous action, S. A. was bombed by Coker, 15-5, April 4. Coker knocked out 16 hits against Knight hurlers Ray Andrews and Richard Massey (who pitched extremely well in the second Lynchburg game). The visitors took a 4-0 lead in the first inning on a triple, singles, a walk, two more singles sandwiched around two passed balls and three stolen bases. S. A. scored in the first, Andrews sacrificing as Xanthos crossed the plate. They pulled to within 4-3 with two third-inning tallies. Shortstop Mackay Asbury singled and Jay Xanthos walked, Jim Haddix doubled, scoring Asbury. Andrews walked to load the bases, but Crowell grounded to third base, with Xanthos being forced out at homeplate. Haddix scored on John Hendrickson's sacrifice.

Coker padded its lead with two runs in the fourth on a monstrous home run over the 400-foot sign in center field by Brockington. They added four in the sixth on four hits and sloppy S. A. defensive play. The Knights committed five errors in the game.

The Knights were soundly beaten by Campbell College under the lights of Buies Creek Tuesday. The score was 10-1. Jay Xanthos pitched fairly well for St. Andrews but was hurt by inept fielding. St. Andrews lost several balls in the lights and allowed them to drop for cheap base hits.

St. Andrews scored on a walk to Haddix, Andrews' single, and Crowell's RBI hit.

The team collected only four hits in the contest, compared to 14 for the Camels.

The Knights play twice at Va. Wesleyan Saturday, then return home to take on N. C. Wesleyan in a Wednesday doubleheader (1:00 p.m.)

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