

## SA Linksmen 4th in DIAC

St. Andrews' golf team, which had seemed to be advancing toward its peak form going into the conference tournament last week, finished a disappointing fourth in the event, behind Greensboro College, UNC-G, and Methodist. Homestanding Atlantic Christian won the NAIA District 29 tournament,

which was held simultaneously on the tough par-71 Wison course. St. Andrews finished eighth in that competition.

SA Coach Bill Morgan admitted, "We didn't live up to our own expectations." He expressed disappointment especially at the failure to finish ahead of Methodist,

which SA had beaten twice in head-to-head regular season competition. The players and

coach agreed that the course was extremely difficult. Morgan explained that the Wilson layout is extremely tight because of ditches around the fairways. Also, "the greens were awfully hard and were not holding the shots." The Knights couldn't adjust their games to the hard greens, and this was a major factor in their mediocre showing.

Greensboro's two day total was 826, only two shots better than that of their crosstown rivals. Methodist's total was 842, St. Andrews' 867, Virginia Wesleyan's 900, and N.C. Wesleyan's 907.

Jim Barrick was the Knights' medalist, shooting a cool 82-83-165. Dave Cox, who played in the number one position for St. Andrews throughout the year, recorded an 85-81-166. John Givens with 82-91-173, Dixon Williams with 91-88-179, and Stu Hunt with 98-87-185, completed the team's scoring. Bob Latshaw came in with a 99-90-189. Carey Pittman of Atlantic Christian was the district medalist with a 150 total, eight over par.

Barrick, Givens, and Williams are the Knights' graduating seniors.

### !!Reminder!!

Please check in all physical education clothing to the P. E. Center by May 16.

The Physical Education Program would appreciate student cooperation in this matter.

### Watkins And Philbeck -

### We Want You

Tom "Lefty" Hicks says the SA basketball team is on the upswing as exemplified by the second place Dixie Conference tournament finish. If a couple of the big recruits that Coach Whiteley and Hicks are working on, such as Melvin Watkins and Danny Philbeck, come through to combine with four returning starters the Knights could definitely be championship contenders next season.



ST. ANDREWS bowlers Jim Barrick and Ed McDonald.

## Trackmen Improve

Jimmy Thwaite, Billy Parker and Tom Dux all produced their best performances of the season in the NAIA District 29 track meet at Pembroke.

Thwaite finished fourth in the javelin with a 167'9" mark in an event in which many throws carried well beyond 185'. Parker upped his top triple jump to 41'3" although the jump did not take him to the final. Included in the junior's series was a scratch well over 42'. A legal jump would have brought the school record back into Parker's hands as the gritty little competitor had leaped 41'4½ inches as a freshman. Dux continued to knock time off his 220 standard, crossing the line in 23.8, four tenths better than his time last Friday at Camp-

bell.

Dux' 24.3 led the Knight performances at Buies Creek. He took third place. Parker jumped 40'4" and Thwaite threw the javelin 163', also good for third.

Coach Kinne expressed pleasure over the fact that these men improved their marks throughout the season but the trio did not do as well as hoped in improving personal goals. He praised Thwaite for beating Lynchburg's star Alan Decot for the first time in three tries.

Parker ended a season of great misfortune as things did just not turn out well at the right times for him.

Dux often ran against much better sprinters, which aided his progression.

## Netters Cap 13-3 Season

After shutting out a very weak Methodist squad for the second time last Monday, the SA netters experienced a post-tournament letdown Wednesday, bowing to Pembroke 5-4 at home.

All nine positions proceeded in very short order to outclass the visiting Monarchs. Gray Fox, Tom Ager, Steve Barber, and John Bush headed the workmanlike display, all winning with little problem. Fox took a 6-0, 6-1 victory, Ager and Bush scored 6-1, 6-1, and Barber ran through a love second set in gaining a 6-2, 6-0 triumph. Team captain Paul Finger notched a 6-4, 6-1 win. Bruce Taylor stepped in at no. 3 and took a tough 6-4 second set which followed a 6-0 first set. In doubles, Finger-Fox breezed to a 6-0, 6-1 win as did the no. 2 duo, Steve McAlister and Barber. Bush-Taylor who scored SA's only point against Atlantic Christian, upheld the no. 3 slot very well, scoring a 6-3, 6-1 decision.

Pembroke's Braves used victories at no. 3 and 5 singles to capture a surprise win 5-4. The match came down to the no. 1 doubles, in which the tough luck pair of Finger-Fox dropped a third set tiebreaker 5-3 after winning one in the second set. This followed triumphs by the no. 2 and 3 doubles combo, Ager-Barber 6-2, 7-6 and the very consistent Gillingham-McAlister team 6-0, 6-1. However, these efforts plus points by Fox at no. 4 and Gillingham at no. 6 fell just short. A drained Mitchell who has been suffering with a cold for the last week,

put up a game try before losing 6-1, 1-6, 6-0.

Barber played his worst match of the season in a 6-1, 6-2 defeat. Pembroke got its expected points at one and two as Doug Eller beat Ager 6-3, 6-0 and Mark Boyles defeated Finger 6-2, 7-5.

The disappointing loss left SA at 13-3 for the season including setbacks against powerful Atlantic Christian and N.C. Wesleyan. Four seniors played their last regular season match against Pembroke. They are Finger, Mitchell, Barber and McAlister. Reserves Bush and Taylor are both seniors. Fox will graduate in December and forego defense of his no. 4 title next year. These men should merit much congratulation for their contributions to SA tennis, notably a conference championship in 1972 and a co-championship in 1973. Despite a third place finish in this year's tournament, the 13-3 regular season mark is a very commendable achievement considering the changes the program underwent through the year.

Individual Knights amassed the following regular season records: Fox 14-2, Barber 13-3, Mitchell 11-4, Gillingham 10-2, McAlister 5-1. Ager and Finger faced the opposition's top performers throughout the season and their records reflect this. All 3 doubles teams played admirably with the no. 3 team, Gillingham-McAlister, usually winning very impressively earnings a 12-2 slate. The substitute no. 3 pair, Bush-Taylor, recorded

two victories. Finger and Fox hit their stride in midseason and did very well the rest of the way despite losing a hard-fought tournament semifinal match.

However, one tournament still remains on the schedule. SA will host the District 29 competition May 10-11. Outstanding players expected to attend are ACC's Taylor and Kent, Stiles and Long of N.C. Wesleyan, Eller and Boyles of Pembroke, Adeleke of Campbell and Fox of St. Andrews.

### Intramurals

In coed racquetball, Mackay Asbury and Sue Travathan advanced into the winners' bracket finals by besting Tom Dux and Pam Miller.

In men's intramural bowling, Prem Thoonkapbalin of Meck sets the pace in all events with a 1615. Joe Roberts (0-G) follows with 1602 and Floyd Blackwell (Faculty) is third at 1541. Blackwell and Gary Giffen (F) head doubles with a 494-541-1035 total. Geoff Hall rolled a 543 to help Hall-Thoonkapbalin into second place at 1000. In singles Blackwell rolled 582, Roberts 517, Thoonkapbalin 515, Bill Wilmot (Meck) 490 and Eric Gregory (0-G) 489. All participants should bowl three games each in singles and doubles.

Women's softball intramurals will be played Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00. If not enough dorm spirit is shown, pick up games will be played.

## GLANCING AT SPORTS

BILL WILMOT

Over a year ago, right after the 1973 bowling season, Mark Podhorecny sat in the baseball bleachers and told me that, with nine of their top 10 bowlers back, SA would win the conference title in 1974, and might even go to the nationals. What seemed then a distant hope became a reality last month when the Knights put together some excellent bowling to upset Lynchburg and Methodist in the conference tournament here. The team was scheduled to leave campus at 5:30 Thursday morning for Kansas City, where it will compete Friday and Saturday against seven other schools for the NAIA national championship.

The bowling Knights are only the fourth team to represent the Dixie Conference in national playoffs. The first was SA's best soccer team, the 1967 squad. Lynchburg and Methodist have been to the bowling finals in 1972 and 1973 respectively. All three DICA entries have garnered seventh place finishes. "That's not bad, seventh in the nation, but we don't want to settle for that low," commented SA bowling coach Floyd Blackwell, who has recuperated nicely from serious surgery in March.

"We understand that there are some tough teams in this tournament," Blackwell stated, but pointed out that his team will take the attitude: "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." "We'll have to do some exceptional bowling. Every man will have to bowl above his average; that's what it boils down to. If one man fades a little bit, someone else will have to pick him up." The usual average game of the NAIA national champions is about 192, well above the Knights' averages, which are in the 170-180 range.

"The thing about my boys. . ." Blackwell continued, with obvious and justifiable pride, for he has molded them into a close-knit team on which each player encourages the others enthusiastically, "They seem to rise to the occasion; when they're bowling against tough teams, they bowl better." Blackwell's statement is empirically supported by the conference tourney results.

Blackwell saw his own role as very important: "I've got to make them realize that we can score on those lanes as well as we can score on any others. I've got to psyche 'em up when we get to the lanes." Blackie should be helped considerably by senior captain Wes Campbell, who coached the team to victory during Blackwell's illness.

Blackwell announced a tentative starting lineup Tuesday. Senior Jim Barrick will probably lead off. "Jim is accurate on spares. The leadoff spot is a very key spot. Men following will tend to do better if you have a good man in the leadoff spot." Mick Meisel, the conference singles champion, will bowl second, followed by another sophomore, Ed McDonald. Junior Rusty Pherson will occupy the fourth position. Mark Podhorecny, a gawkshaw from Connecticut, will man the crucial anchor position.

"We're really peaked right now. Every one of them is bowling real good. They aren't displaying much nervousness, except Wes and Russ who've never been on an airplane. I know the boys will give 100% effort in their attitude, their bowling, and their representation of the college always." Blackwell emphasized the importance of his bowlers' actions as representatives of the college, pointing out that they will wear coats and ties in public at all times. "We're going there with the idea of doing our best and if it's good enough, fine, and if it's not good enough, fine. If they don't bowl good they can still make a good impression for the college, with appearances and gentleman features. Second we hope that our bowling will stimulate that knowledge of St. Andrews on the map." Blackwell emphasized the secondary nature of the team's bowling success. He also confided, however, "I love our chances!"

One thing working against the Knights is inexperience in this type of high pressure competition. Five of the eight teams, including champion College of Great Falls (Mont.) return from last year's finals. Besides Great Falls and St. Andrews, the entrants are Harding College (Ark.) which won in 1970, 1971, and 1972, Orgeon College of Education, Southwest Baptist College (Mo), University of Wisconsin at LaCrosse, Clarion (Pa.) State, and Bryant College of Rhode Island.

Whatever the results of the tournament, this trip to the nationals marks the biggest thing that has happened to St. Andrews sports in a long time. The team will arrive back on campus late Sunday afternoon.