

New Coach Stresses

"I have a tough act to follow. It will be impossible to fill Coach Kinne's shoes." These were the words of new SA Soccer Coach Sandy Quillen as he prepares his team for this season's schedule. An offensively inconsistent and injury-prone Knight eleven went 8-3-2 in '73, but missed the playoffs.

Quillen hopes his squad will be mentally prepared for each and every game, hopefully realizing its outstanding potential, as well as physically sharp.

Quillen graduated from Springfield College in 1972. He played club soccer because the varsity had its usual strong team. He served as a graduate assistant at Missouri in '73. Quillen attended high school in Illinois just outside Chicago, where he gained all-state honors in wrestling. He will work with the handicapped in the Adaptive P. E. program at St. Andrews, as well as coaching the soccer team.

Running, which is ninety percent of soccer, according to Quillen has taken a leading role in pre-season practice. He states, "My players have to be in shape, but they have responded well to this program. Being out of shape can lead to injuries."

This senior-laden group should assert themselves as leaders this year. "This is their last year," said Quillen, "and they should give it their utmost." However, they are a

long way from being a soccer team, although he adds that the potential is there.

Another new face on the scene is Skip Fedak former Pembroke All-American. He has great soccer savvy; he knows the game well and will be an invaluable asset to the program.

The Knights will use an offense called the 4-4 powerhouse, which will be designed to create scoring opportunities for more men and therefore show team balance. Attacking points may be somewhat varied in this offense. Quillen believes it should fit his personnel nicely and give them strength up the middle. The toughest part lies in the players' adaptation to their positions. Defensively, Defensively, the team is behind the offense at this juncture.

Among the returning seniors, all-south selections, Prem Thoonkapalin and Mackay Asbury lead the way. Other seniors in line for post-season honors are John Catmur, and Bob Latshaw. "Cat" and Asbury have been named the co-captains. Mike Dunn

and Zahir Noorani with a year of experience should also help the Knights jell offensively. Prem will play an "inside" and Asbury a back halfback, as S. A. seeks more punch.

Freshman fullbacks and reserves back up Asbury and probably Jeff Beales in goal.

Fullback David Miller did not return to school and his loss is a big one defensively.

Debbie Coffin and Ann McCoy from Montreal and Hopkinsville, Kentucky, respectively, have been working out with the team and if the opportunity arises they might see some action, as will the reserves.

Two scrimmages are slated this week: UNC, at Chapel Hill and Francis Marion here Friday. These scrimmages should help denote the squad's progress at this time.

Quillen is not looking past the Sept. 18 road opener against Greensboro College and tough Belmont Abbey on the twenty-first. "We will take them one at a time." SA opens its home season against improving Pfeiffer College on Sept. 24.

Knight soccer has always been well-received here in the past and Coach Quillen asks the student body to continue its loyal support at all matches this season.

Ping-pong Intramurals start Tuesday, Sept. 17.

Carolina Tag Football: practice games, Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 4:00. Round-robin games, 20 minutes against each other dorm. Regular season starts Monday, Sept. 23.

Conditioning



Coach Sandy Quillen does some serious explaining on ball control to Debbie Coffin and Ann McCoy.

Women Given Equal Opportunity In S.A. Sports

St. Andrews Presbyterian College, proud of its reputation for pioneering in academic areas, may be moving into a new role in college athletics. Three young women, first-year students at the Laurinburg college, have turned out for the varsity soccer and cross-country squads.

Debbie Coffin and Ann McCoy were among freshmen reporting to a surprised Sandy Quillen, soccer coach. Kathy Taylor's appearance as a cross-country candidate, however, was no surprise to Coach Floyd Blackwell. Cathy, a petite five feet and 88 pounds, had visited St. Andrews this summer to inquire about her status as a distance runner, delighting Blackwell when she and her mother told of Kathy's first place AAU ranking in the two-mile run for girls 16-18.

Debbie, now from Montreal, Canada, and Ann, from Hopkinsville, Kentucky, caused

a bit more surprise with their inquiry about trying out for the soccer team, for St. Andrews has three varsity inter-collegiate teams for women: volleyball, basketball, and tennis. But in a few minutes' discussion they convinced Quillen and Athletic Director Julian Smith of their earnestness, drew uniforms, and with other freshmen, began conditioning work to catch up with returning squad members already several days into pre-season work.

"Debbie and I both played soccer at Margaret Hall School in Versailles, Kentucky," said Ann, explaining that field hockey was the fall sport at the girls' school, but soccer was a regular spring sport. A third student from the Hall School, Cathy Bell of Versailles, considered going out for soccer but a history of knee trouble led her to settle for the assistant manager's job.

S.A. Athletics Now Part Of NCAA

After ten years of competition with colleges which issue athletic grants, St. Andrews and the other seven Dixie Conference schools have changed their NAIA affiliations and are now members of the NCAA, Division 3 for small colleges. The switch became effective this fall.

Athletic Director Julian Smith said that SA wanted to remain in competition with colleges which gave athletic grants on the basis of financial

need, rather than with those having established scholarship programs for athletic ability. Smith commented, "Assistance for Division 3 schools could not exceed the student's financial need, excepting academic awards." He added, "We would not have made this move if the other conference members had not agreed to the plan."

Smith emphasized the strengthening of the Dixie conference and games with other

conference teams are most significant in this venture. He hopes the Dixie Conference will have a major say in future Division 3 rules and regulations for the NCAA.

Under the division setup, some division championships will be held during this school year. In the event SA qualifies a team in a sport whose championship does not begin until '75-76, it may apply for the Division 2 championships, with schools of another area.

Blackwell Sees Knight Cross-Country Improving

Cross-country mentor, Floyd Blackwell hopes to turn his program around in '74 following a 2-9 season. There was a time last season when five runners could not show up for a meet. Now the situation has changed. Blackwell has enough runners to participate in every meet and the squad boasts fine young talent.

Sophomore Jacob Hogue returns as he attempts to break the school record. His 28:54 in the district meet is a good example of Hogue's progress last year, and he has been in training during the summer-mandatory for a successful cross-country runner. Although probably not this year, tiny freshman runner-Kathy Taylor, may eclipse the SA record. She has clipped off

a time of nearly 30 minutes for 5 miles. Blackwell expects these two to wage a hot battle for number one position, both dipping under the thirty minutes mark early in the season. 6'6" Cliff Summers, a hot basketball prospect, and Senior Joe Roberts should be close to the 32 minute times by the first meet against Pembroke State Sept. 18. One of the freshmen, or veteran Bill Fragaszy will probably be the Knight fifth man. Interest in cross-country has risen, and as far as potential runners are concerned, Blackwell thinks his team is a DIAC title contender.

Cross-Country: Monday, Sept. 16 at 4:00 p. m. at Student Center, 3-mile course.

