

## Knights Improve, But Still Struggle

Despite Ray Andrews' improved hitting last week, the Knights' baseball squad dropped a contest with Atlantic Christian. AC's Bulldogs had throttled the Blue 10-0 March 11 and successfully continued the tradition with a 3-0 win. In Rocky Mount, financially wobbly N. C. Wesleyan stood on firm legs on the diamond,

beating SA 5-3, and 10-1.

In the first inning of the first game Andrews hit a home run with Jay Xanthos on first, courtesy of a walk. The 2-0 lead was cut down to size in the second, however, as Wesleyan turned three hits into three runs. The Knights blew a golden opportunity for a rally in the fifth, tripping up

over poor baserunning.

Andrews brought in Boyce Check for the Knights' final run in the seventh but the cause was lost by then.

"In the nightcap the Bishops quickly drove SA off the mound, and proceeded to rack up one in the second, two in the third and three in the sixth, again icing the victory.

"We didn't play at all well in the second game," Coach Smith later said. The Knights' shoddy defense failed to help Xanthos in his best-pitched game against Atlantic Christian. Errors alone handed the Bulldogs two opening runs, to which they tacked two in the third. They quickly upped their total with two hits and two errors in the fifth and four more runs in the sixth. AC's wild pitching handed SA eight walks but the Knights fell back just an inning later as Andrews clubbed his team's only dirt and two walks followed. Joe Roberts flew his hit deep into the outfield, ending the threat to the team.

In spite of the 10-0 score, pitcher Xanthos threw his best game to date, allowing only five earned runs.

Coach Julian Smith wished aloud that the area's interminably wet weather would go away. "The team is showing improvement but it stays so wet we can't practice as much as we need to," he said.

Smith noted the team will require a 100 percent output with their opponents this week: conference contender Methodist and baseball-feverish Pfeiffer. "They are two of the best teams in the area," he asserted.

## Linksters Seek Improvement

The 1975 version of the St. Andrews Golf team can do well in the conference according to Dr. Bill Morgan, but inexperience may become a stumbling block. The key to the team's success appears to hinge on the maturing of the able but inexperienced talent that is present in abundance.

The bottom three slots of the Knights linksters are held down by seniors, but they have minimal previous competition on the collegiate level. Bill Morton, Lamar Williams and Carl Eskridge play the 4th, 5th, and 6th positions respectively, and Dr. Morgan feels that their performance will improve as they gain a feel for competition.

The number two and three spots were held down in the last match by a pair of freshmen, Bob Pelon (3) and Steve Gardner (2). Dr. Morgan cites their ability as supporting his hopes of becoming a strong team by the end of the season.

Most of the team's hopes ride with senior Dave Cox. Cox was last year's captain, and returns to that post again

this season. In the Knights' last competition Cox finished one stroke away from medallist with a 77. Dr. Morgan feels that Cox has an excellent chance to do well individually in the conference as well as to help the team to have a fine year.

The team was hurt by the loss of Bill Gaither after the season's first match. Gaither was medallist in a losing cause against Methodist and Francis Marion in Florence. The younger players will have to take up the slack left by Gaither's absence. Additionally, senior Joe Havin and Sophomore Rob Holmes are pressing for a berth in the top six.

In their last match at Fayetteville's Cypress Lakes course against Francis Marion, Lynchburg, Methodist and Christopher Newport, the Knights finished in a last place tie with Newport. Francis Marion's superior college golf program was a runaway victor in the Lynchburg tallied a 376, followed by Methodist with 417 and St. Andrews in a tie for last with 448.

## THE Wild Corner

BY KIM PHILLIPS

St. Andrews' number one golfer, Dave Cox, said recently, "The most important thing about golf is to enjoy the game." Cox obviously enjoys the game or he might not have stuck out four years on the Knights' squad. He seems to bear well the mental stress the game imposes, feeling that for every bad day on the course there will be a better one later on. However, bad golf days seem rare this season for the Belmont, N. C. senior, who normally shoots in the mid-70's.

Cox began his collegiate career in the number three slot but moved to the top his sophomore season and has remained there ever since. He recalls that year as his best, as he ended up seventh in the conference with a 76-77 average. He slumped last year to a near 80 mark, but began this season with a slow improvement that picked up in the second match. In that contest Dave nailed down second place with a 77. All things not being equal in golf, one must consider this rather high score

in light of the length and difficulty of such courses as Cypress Lakes (Fayetteville), the Country Club of South Carolina (Florence), and Sea Scape at Kitty Hawk. Discussing the Knights' home course, Scotch Meadows, Dave called it "one of the better courses we meet in the season. The par threes and fives play very well and the overall layout is good. The bumpiness of the greens gives me trouble, though."

"My long irons are in good shape," he said; "and my sand game has improved a great deal." Practice time is usually devoted to his short shots.

Cox follows Laurinburg professional Len Thompson's performance on the PGA tour closely, and would like to join the pro circuit himself. At the present time, however, the economics/business major doesn't plan on it.

The future not withstanding, one can look for the relaxed linkster to use his skills to the utmost this season as he aims for an all-conference selection.

## Winter Soccer Loses Third

Soccer Coach Sandy Quillen's absence from the Campbell meet last week apparently jinxed the team, as the Laurinburgers dropped their third contest, 3-1. The league-leading Camels broke up a tight duel with two second-half goals, both of which could have easily been prevented. Bob Latshaw

scored the lone goal for the Laurinburgers, and later said that with just eleven men playing Sunday the team wore out in the second half against the more numerous Campbell kickers. Next action for the team comes April 6 at Pembroke and is rated a "must win" game if the team is to qualify for the state playoffs.

## Senate Action

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at St. Andrews.

Coming hot on the heels of the Health Services request, the NPF letter was received with mixed emotions. The Senate declined to approve the request, asking the NPF to submit a new proposal for funding the Olympics but not the Washington meeting.

After disposing of the funding requests, the Senate turned to a proposed judicial system drawn up by the Student Life Committee for inclusion in the new student constitution.

Examination of the proposal's eight sections turned into a microscopic scrutiny, led by Orange Hall's Skip Carson. A host of amendments were proposed, roughly one third of which were adopted. The proposal, as amended, was then earmarked for reconsideration by the SLC.

Senate President Keith Gribble said the entire Constitution would be presented to the student body for approval this spring.

Just prior to adjourning, the Senate approved the Cabinets' nomination of Terry Clark, Marti Newbold, Karen Hadison, Bob Haley, Sabrina Willis, and Earle Roberts for the 1975 Freshmen Orientation Committee.

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