

## Knights Whip Pembroke

The St. Andrews track team is on the go for another strong season, stronger than it has been in several years. Opening against Methodist on March 22, the Knights dealt their opponents a humiliating defeat. The 90½ - 26½ margin indicates the caliber of talent with which St. Andrews will contend in this year's conference.

In the rain-shortened Methodist meet, weather hampered both times and distances, but not team strong men Jimmy Thwaite and Hampton Peele. Thwaite threw the javelin 118'5" to capture first place and finish second to Peele's 98'5" fling in the shot put competition. Peele also edged Rob Holmes in the pole vault, clearing the nine foot mark, and team mate Cliff Summers placed

third in the javelin and shot as well.

In one of the two events the Knights swept, Mike Jones won the triple jump, covering 31'8". He also hit 5'10" in the high jump and ran the 440 in 56.9 seconds. Greg McCain came in third in three events, Eric Clark won the high jump with a 6'6", and "Doctor" Cyril Spann edged Methodist's Smith in the quarter mile, clocking in at 56.8.

Coach Sandy Quillen reports that the Wheelchair Olympics meet to be held here on April 26, is in need of additional volunteers to serve as field officials. These officials are needed to supervise the conduct of the various events which comprise the Olympics schedule. Further information can be obtained by calling Mr. Quillen at extension 207.

Jacobs ran a 2.32 half mile and Bill Owens beat Shekh Jagne by a tenth of a second in the 100-yard dash.

Smith, Larry Robinson, and John Young scored the majority of Methodist's points, all of which came before the heavy showers washed out the intermediate hurdles, the 220, the three mile, and the mile relay.

The Knights depth paid off handsomely, enabling them to pick up a host of seconds and thirds. Both of the coaches are very pleased with the renewed interest this year has brought in track. Coach Floyd Blackwell, acting as team spokesman, said "We have a great deal of new talent—only two people are back from last year's squad. If we can keep these new people and build on them we will be in very good shape indeed."

## THE Wild Corner

BY KIM PHILLIPS

It would be well for all of those who belittle the coaching staff at St. Andrews to consider what Coach Julian Smith has been through as his baseball team dissolved before his very eyes two weeks ago.

To his credit, Smith did the best he could to make his team a respectable ball club. Working under considerable duress, he firmly stood his ground during the first eight games of the season. Could many others—the St. Andrews student body included—have stood up to the situation Smith faced?

When three of the team's players decided to give up the ghost, Smith and his team reviewed their options and came to the only decision available to them—hang up the gloves for this season. Even though enough players remained to constitute a team, the Knights would have had no depth whatsoever, and the remaining schedule was cancelled. Competitiveness

cannot be substituted for talent. There was just no reason for the team to remain on a dead horse.

In answering my earlier comments, try to picture yourself as the coach of a consistently bad team. Coach Smith probably aged considerably in the first eight games this season. All you armchair coaches out there who think coaching is easy might well think again. A note of warning—be prepared for anything. Your audience will expect you to have a plan for every eventually. True men and true coaches survive; Coach Smith has. Could you make it without a severe breakdown? The average person gets a better break than most coaches. He stays at his job longer and works harder for less than just a bout anyone. Think these things over before you decide you could do better in the same circumstances than the people who have now. You probably couldn't.

## Women's Tennis Wins, 9-0

The college's women's tennis squad began their season, with a decisive win over Pembroke, 9-0. Coach Jo Ann Williams called the home victory an excellent performance for the Knights. "It was a good chance for our players, especially our freshmen, to gain needed experience. We were especially pleased with our doubles performance," she said, noting that an overlong singles match made a last minute reshuffling of the doubles players necessary.

Top seed for the Knights is freshman Page Linton of Winter Park, Florida. Five years on the women's sixteen and under circuit served her well as she dispatched Pembroke's Chaus in two sets, 6-0, 6-1. Following Linton in the lineup was JuJu Murphy. Lee Morgan, Cooly Gordon, Eve Phelps and Karen Clarke.

Morgan, a junior letterwinner who played the top slot most of last year, defeated Griggs, 6-0, 6-1, while senior Murphy knocked off Conn, 6-0, 6-2. Colly Gordon, a freshman with three years of high school play under her belt, was pressed into a third set but

still came out on top over Taylor, 6-1, 6-7, 6-1. Sophomore Phelps also went three to topple Davis, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, and Clarke downed Miler, 6-1, 6-1 to complete the Knights singles sweep.

Linton and Murphy teamed up in the doubles competition to swamp Chaus and Griggs, 8-2. Gorgan and Morgan rhymed their way to an 8-0

shutout over Conn and Taylor, as Barbara Whittier and Liz Bowlin, who sat out the singles, won over Miller and Davis, 8-4.

Even in victory Coach Williams remained cautious, noting that tougher days lie ahead as the netters prepare to meet traditionally tough adversaries at Francis Marion and Queens in Charlotte.

## Golf Team Loses

The St. Andrews golf team continued its losing ways last week with a pair of painfully decisive defeats. The only real bright spot to emerge from the action was the play of first ranked Dave Cox, who scored rounds of 81 and 85.

Pembroke met the Knights at Scotch Meadows last Friday and left with a 34 stroke victory. Trailing Cox on the SA roster were Gardner with an 85, Pelon with a 92, Morton scoring a 96, and Eskridge and Williams bringing up the rear with 99's.

Cox missed a chance for medalist honors by scoring a double bogey on the final hole for an 81.

Taking to the road against Methodist on Monday last, the Knights were defeated by an appalling 62 strokes, 456-394. Backing up Cox's 85 were Morton's 88, Pelon's 91, Gardner's 95, Williams' 97 and Eskridge's 99.

Tomorrow finds the linksters at home against UNC-Wilmington and still seeking that elusive first victory.

## Wheelies Drop Last Last Match

St. Andrews' wheelchair basketball team lost the last match of its first season last week to the Palmetto Spinners of Greenville South Carolina 37-14.

In the early minutes of the game the Knights took a 6-5 lead and appeared headed for

a strong performance, but the Spinners cranked up a devastating full court press that proved fatal to the Knights' hopes. By halftime they were down 20-6, the victim of a 15 point shooting spree.

While the St. Andrews squad

reassessed its game plan during halftime the Spinners put on an impressive display of "wheelchair wrestling," football, and curb-hopping. Returning to the courts unaffected by the workout, the Spinners revved up the press again and handcuffed the Knights' scoring game for the rest of the evening. The Knights managed to pick up eight points in the second half, but could not offset the seventeen point barrage mounted by the visitors.

Although the Knights have suffered two lopsided losses this season to Carolinas Conference teams, they have come out of the effort with the experience they needed to get the hang of the new sport and expect to be able to mount a more serious challenge to the other teams in the conference next year.

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## Soccer Team On Comeback Trail

A strong second half rally earned the winter soccer team a hard earned victory over Pembroke last Sunday.

Pembroke's team scored a goal in the first fifteen minutes in play, rattling the Laurinburgers into a more combative approach to the game. Shekh Jagne sent in his own rebound for the Knight's first point of the match. With about fifteen minutes to go in the first half.

The Laurinburgers roared onto the field in the second half to break the scoring impasse under the expertise of Mike Dunn, who culminated a

brilliant effort with a dazzling left-footed shot. Flip Rodgers gave the winners some insurance by scoring the game's final goal off a corner kick. playing with the wind at its back, the Lurnburg team dominated play for the rest of the game.

Victories over Fayetteville next week and Campbell in the final home Coach contest April 20th would put St. Andrews in the state play-offs. Fayetteville goes into next week match with a 2-1 victory over St. Andrews in an earlier contest, but Sandy Quillen is confident that the team can meet the test.

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