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THE LANCE

THE Wild Corner

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In an effort to stimulate more interest among fans during playoff time, new systems to find more contenders got a look and see this season in both the National Basketball Association and the National Hockey League. The NBA decided to place a wild-card team from each conference in the playoffs in addition to the top two finishers. The NHL split into four divisions with the first three teams in each qualifying for the playoff berths. In both leagues the first-round contests were to be bet two out of three matches, and in both leagues' play there turned up a few surprises.

The New York Knicks, decimated by the retirement of both Dave DeBusschere and star center Willis Reed, had to rely heavily on the talent and experience of back court men Frazier and Monroe and a lot of pride too in order to squeeze into a wild card spot against Houston. The Texas squad, the league's best offensive team but one just learning to play defense, was sparked by forward Rudy Tomranovich and 5'9" Calvin Murphy to make their home court advantage stand the test as they routed the Knicks by 32 points in the deciding game.

In the Western Conference the home court advantage again held up as the Seattle Supersonics rode the brilliant performances of All-American Spencer Haywood, guard Freddie Braun and former NC state star Tommy Burleson to 13 and 7 point wins over the Detroit Pistons. The Pistons, who had been expected to finish higher than

they did this year, managed to grab the wild card berth three games behind Seattle's 43-39 record. Detroit just didn't get their offense rolling outside of Bob Lanier's in games one and three as Ray Scott's charges ended a bitterly disappointing season marred by injuries and dissension.

In NHL play, the Toronto Maple Leafs were the major surprise of the Stanley Cup's first round of competition, dumping the Los Angeles Kings two games to one. Toronto only made it to the Stanleys because they were in a division which included the weak California teams, but made the most of it.

Another surprise occurred at the Chicago Black Hawks dispatched the Boston Bruins in three games. The New York Islanders climaxed the upset ridden first rounds by whipping Denver.

How will the 2 of 3 winners fare in the final competition? In the NBA East, Houston showed fair to the incumbent champs, the Boston Celtics. In the West, if superstars Haywood and Barry neutralize each other. Seattle stands a good chance of beating the Golden State Warriors.

In hockey, the Maple Leafs will have to redouble their performance if they are to take the Stanley Cup, and in both sports the key element seems to be youth beating the establishment. While in the long haul the underdogs will probably lose out, it is nice to see the new teams prospering.

Lance Sportswriter Richard Hudson dazzled the judges last weekend as he easily captured the Annual Philadelphia Weightlifting Meet's light heavyweight championship.

One of the six competition classes, the light heavyweight division included contestants weighing 165 1/4 to 187 1/2 pounds. Hudson, who weighed in at 167, lifted 300 pounds to defeat his nearest rival by a 110 pound margin.

Knights Knick Nets 3-1

Bob Latshaw psyched up at the right time registered a hat trick carrying the Winter Soccer team to a very important 3-1 road victory over the powerful Fayetteville Nets on April 13. The leading scorer from the 1974 Varsity team pushed the Laurinburgers into a first half deadlock at 1-1. Fayetteville had broken into the lead early in the game on their first shot of the day.

Latshaw iced the game with two second half scores which took all the starch out of the Fayetteville Club. Fine defensive play on the part of the Laurinburg Club along with a well patterned and hard-hitting offense brought the team to an important victory.

As a result of the win the Laurinburgers have an excellent chance to advance to the State playoffs on May 3 and 4 in Chapel Hill. Fayetteville still must face Campbell and Goldsboro, while the Laurinburg Club has only one match left against Campbell to be played at the St. Andrews field on Sunday, April 27 at 2:00 P.M.

A big crowd is expected for the last home match. The team has been doing well recently and deserves the school's support. Many of the players will be seeking revenge for a loss to Campbell earlier in the season. The Campbell team sports many of its varsity players. The mental aspect of this last game will be extremely important and Coach Quillen knows his forces must control the action for the full 90 minutes in order to reap the benefits of victory.

The action begins Sunday April 27 at 2:00 P.M. on the SA field, so go out and support the team in their final home match.

SA Student Attends Symposium

Bill Wilmot was St. Andrews' representative at the sixth annual National Student Symposium on the Presidency April 11-13 in Reston, Va. The symposium was sponsored by the Center for the Study of the Presidency, a non-partisan, non-profit research and study organization founded during the Eisenhower Administration. The symposium, in accordance with the primary objective of the Center, attempted to examine the trends and the specifics of the changing American governmental structure.

Wilmot explained that the purpose of the symposium, as articulated by its director, Dr. R. Gordon Hoxie, was to "build better bridges between the campuses and the government." To this end, students representing over 250 institutions heard almost 40 speakers and participated in extended question-and-answer sessions.

The theme of the conference was "Leadership and National Priorities." Senator Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., delivered the keynote address in the Senate Caucus Room in Washington. "His thesis was that our first national priority

is freedom," Wilmot recalled. "He said, 'Unless we are free people, it doesn't matter what problems we solve.' Goldwater also said that he sees the trend toward government intervention into the privacy of the citizens as a danger greater than communism or Fascism. He stated specifically, 'Unless we stop this trend toward centralized government, our days as a free nation could well be numbered.'"

After the excursion to Washington for Goldwater's address, the delegates returned to the Sheraton Inn in nearby Reston for the remainder of the symposium. This consisted primarily of five "Round Tables" which, explained Wilmot, "were speeches by eight panelists, after which the floor was opened for questions."

The topics of the Round Tables were as follows:

1. The Presidency and the Congress
2. National Security Policy
3. Economic Policy at Home and Abroad
4. Women in American Political Leadership
5. The Government and the Media.

TENNIS

Women's

Men's

The women's tennis team continued their winning this week with victories over Queens and Sandhills. The lady Knights won the Queens match by a 6-3 count, and knocked off Sandhills last Tuesday by a 7-2 score.

St. Andrews tennis team continues to reel from loss to loss, its most recent defeats being at the hands of conference favorite NC Wesleyan and '74 champion UNC-Greensboro.

Freshman Page Linton continued her outstanding play during the week and extended her victory string to three. She defeated Sendel of Queens, 6-0, 6-2, and Lewis of Sandhills, 7-5, 6-2.

Lee Morgan, Ju Ju Murphy, and Karin Clarke also won both of their matches this week while Colby Gordon and Eve Phelps split their contests with both losing at Queens.

The doubles team of Linton and Murphy suffered their first defeat of the season against Sandhills after capturing a 6-2, 2-6, 6-1 victory at Queens. The team of Morgan and Gordon won both of their matches. The number three doubles team lost on both occasions.

Coach Williams expressed satisfaction with the team's victory and pleasure at their 3-0 season mark. She also stated that the team will have a tough match coming up against Campbell. The next match will be an exhibition against the Laurinburg women tonight.

Coach Tom Whitely told The Lance that Wesleyan's Bishops are the best team in the conference "down the line", and the match results seem to bear this assessment out. Tom Gaines knocked out Kim Johnson, 6-2, 6-3 for the number one spot, and Ed Stiller blew Bob Latshaw off the court in four games. Positions three through six suffered as they have all season, as Jeff Beales lost 6-4, 6-1, Scott Poole lost 6-3, 6-1, Williams lost 6-1, 6-2, and Menius, who had just assumed the number six berth, lost 6-2, 6-0. The doubles teams bit the dust without much of a contest.

Three days later the scene was much the same. "They really aren't that much better than we are," Coach Whitely remarked. "If we can draw one of their men in the tournament we might be able to pull off an upset."

Facing the netmen yet is a road tour during which a crucial match will be played against Virginia Wesleyan. The results there will determine the team's seating in tournament play.

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