

## Soccer Season Starts Unevenly

Last Friday's scrimmage against UNC-Chapel Hill proved to be a "learning experience". The final score - Chapel Hill 8, St. Andrews 4 is misleading. The purpose of a scrimmage is (1) to find out a team's strengths and weaknesses and (2) to find the best possible combination of players. In other words, finding a unit of players who work well as a team.

SA relinquished two quick goals in the first ten minutes of play. Both scores could have easily been prevented. Surprisingly the team did not become flustered due to their weak start; instead, they held their own against a much more powerful, talent-laden team. The Knights fought back, scoring 3 goals, and narrowed the score to 4 to 3 early in the third period, thanks to Mike Dunn's two penalty kicks and a beautifully executed goal. Soon after, Chapel Hill took control of the game and broke it open.

Standouts included attacker Dunn along with sophomore Sheikh Jagne, who scored SA's only other goal on a perfect placement shot. Most impressive was "back-fullback" Scott Brouthers. His all-out effort and raw ability makes him an exciting prospect and gives some respect to the inexperienced defense.

There are, however, some weak links in the SA attack. The front line was only able to get off five shots on goal during the 88 minutes of play. The scoring percentage is excellent but will soon decline. The offence must be able to get more shots on goal if they expect to be victorious. Wing play was less than adequate and must improve. Halfback play was also weak, although Tim Rowe did a fair job as up fullback. The basic problem was that they could not clear the ball into our offensive zone. When they did manage to clear the ball to the wing, the wing would lose control. Defense will be the key to this year's success. The back line of Brouthers, freshman Tom Stoeker and Mike McOwen will improve with each day. Goalie Karl Jennings is quick, aggressive and has good hands while back-up goalie Richard Massey relinquished only one score coming on a penalty kick.

Newly elected Co-Captains Mike Dunn and Tim Griggs provide excellent leadership on the field. In an interview with THE LANCE, Tim stated that the team would have to really hustle to make up for the lack of experience and that the team must not make sloppy mistakes. Griggs remains optimistic about the season due to the positive attitudes

exhibited by the players. This positivism springs from Coach Betts' energetic approach and will remain so through the season. Betts is doing a remarkable job unifying his young team: there is not a speck of pessimism or negativism on his squad. More importantly, he has earned the players respect, rather than demanding it without giving cause for it.

### Team Drops Opener

Phiffer College, blessed with superior ball handling ability and teamwork, pounded the SA goal 11 times. They took 23 shots on goal in the first half alone compared to 17 for the Knights over the whole course of the game. Team captains Mike Dunn and Tim Griggs stated that team play was weak and that inexperience at the fullback position hurt tremendously. Hoopfully with the recovery of Griggs and the return of former letterman John Barron, defense problems will fade. The Knights one brightspot was Karl Jennings. Even though Pheiffer scored 11 goals, Jennings helped keep the score "down" with some remarkable saves. SA's lone goal was scored by Dunn with an assist from Jagne.

This Tuesday's home match against Greensboro College will be a real "tester" for this year's squad. According to the captains, "Good teams always come back." Let's hope for the best.

## T.F.'s Peer

Mick Meisel

"Competition is getting stronger within the Dixie Conference all the time. Students have the opportunity to become more dedicated to self-improvement and the opportunity to work with others as a unit, a team. Winning is important and everyone likes to win but the most important objective within the S. A. program is to give athletes the opportunity to be as good as he or she can be."

Julian Smith is in his fourth year as Athletic Director at St. Andrews. Over the four year span, Coach Smith has had his ups and downs. Last spring he received the most crushing blow of his career, that being the necessity to fold the baseball team due to the lack of personnel. This action deeply disturbed him but by no means is Dr. Smith a quitter. He worked hard all summer recruiting not only talented baseball prospects but other outstanding athletes as well. This is an extremely difficult job, considering that the majority of colleges and universities give complete athletic scholarships to student athletes. St. Andrews does not. It takes a very special kind of student athlete to come to a school like SA and participate at a less intense level. The result of not paying athletes to come to St. Andrews is that athletes come to SA and offer more than the ability to throw a baseball or shoot a basketball.

In the past, St. Andrews teams have fared well in the Dixie Conference, especially in soccer, basketball, bowling and even baseball. In effect, I'm saying that SA has the potential to be a strong competitor within the conference and in the NCAA Division III section of collegiate athletics.

I doubt seriously that St. Andrews College will become a household word within the athletic circles. However, we do have the opportunity to increase the recognition of the school within the southern states through our athletic teams. Good athletic competition not only enables the individual to grow as a person but it also gives the school as an institution the recognition it deserves. We owe it to ourselves to participate in athletics in some way, shape or form so that we can better ourselves mentally, physically and as a unit, a community.

Over the past three years, I have seen tremendous attitude changes within the St. Andrews community - not only attitudes towards athletics but educational attitudes.

1. Students have become extremely passive and apathetic

2. Individualism has decreased; the importance of being an individual is being overtaken by the desire to be accepted by certain "cliques" or "groupes".

People may or may not agree with these statements but the point I'm trying to make is that thorough our athletic program we can induce a "school spirit", a feeling of unity, which can give our community a desire to participate together as a whole; as individuals working within a society, rather than existing as socially oriented groups. Athletics is, indeed, a powerful tool within our society today. Everyone can participate in some way, shape or form - as a fan or as an athlete. The opportunity is there. Let's take advantage of it and make a strong effort to do what we can to help ourselves and this institution.

## Women's Volleyball Begins Practice

"Team Looks Good"

Says Coach Williams

Women's volleyball is in its fourth year of operation and this year's outlook is very exciting according to Coach Jo Ann Williams. Although practice has just recently begun, the outlook is bright. The nucleus of this year's squad are seniors, most of whom formed the squad four years ago. Mary Solomon and Glen Kennedy, last year's co-captains head the list of returning starters. Solomon is an excellent "setter" while Kennedy is "Queen of the Spike". Karen Hardison returns this year and is an exceptional all around player as is Junio. Joyce Dew. An important addition to this year's team is the return of Debbie Luckritz. Luckritz was a starter the last half of the 1973 season and is returning this year after a years absence. Her spiking ability should enhance the power of the team, along with even more experience. This leaves one starting position up for grabs. Libby Flowerree, Fran Newbold, Barbara Whitter, Cindi Williams along with senior newcomer Hatti Woods will all be trying to win a starting birth and press the established starters. Freshpersons Elizabeth Black, Beth Cleveland and Myra McGinnis

are all "eager to learn" according to Coach Williams.

Coach Williams feels there will be a definite improvement over last year's record of 11 wins and 10 losses. Williams feels that the core of the team is experienced, they will be more consistent and not "beat themselves due to the lack of experience". Last year's squad finished fourth in the North Carolina State "B" tournament and this year's team should fair better. However, winning might be easy to come by for the other teams in the conference have also improved. Francis Marian, Wilmington and Atlantic Christian College are tough rivals, and there is indeed, rivalry. "The skill of women has improved, as has the interest of the spectator", states Ms. Williams, "and rivalry has formed".

There are twenty regular season matches scheduled for this fall, along with the state tournament. All home matches start at 7:00 p.m. and take place in the main gym. This year's prospects look extremely good due to the excellent combination of talent and experience. Let's hope they exercise their potential to the best of their ability

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