

Knights Have Ups, But Mainly Downs

On October 9, the Knights travelled up to N.C. Wesleyan and gained their second victory of the season after a hard-fought battle with the score ending 1-0 on a Mike Dunn goal with 54 seconds left in double overtime. The only unpleasant aspect of the game was when starting half-back Mike McOwen severely sprained his right ankle. Coach Betts indicated that

"Mike has an instinct for the ball which will be difficult to replace during his convalescence."

That same evening the soccer squad travelled to Virginia Beach to face Virginia Wesleyan the next day; a team ranked highly among Virginia schools and carrying a 6-1 record. The Knights suffered an 8-2 loss from a superior ball control

team, yet the SA booters had some highlights of their own as fullback-forward John Barron collected two hard shots on goal with assistance from Casey Middleditch and Mike Dunn.

Coach Betts cited the following people for helping to make the two day road trip less strenuous for the players; team manager Cathy Bell who did everything from cooking to washing uniforms, Captain and Mrs. Bill Vose and their step-daughters who hosted a team breakfast, and thanks to those SA fans who supported the Knights including Coach Betts' family and a former SA soccer player, Bobby Latshaw, '75.

tie after two 45 minutes halves and two periods of overtime. Greensboro collected the first goal with thirty minutes remaining in the first half, yet seven minutes later Shekh Jagne scored following a beautiful overhead chip pass from Casey Middleditch. Four minutes before halftime forward Mike Dunn scored with an assist by Shekh Jagne. The second half saw a see-saw battle which ended with Greensboro evening the score after two regular periods of play. In the first overtime period, SA collected their third goal with a direct shot from Shekh Jagne assisted by Mike Dunn. However, with two minutes remaining in the second overtime period Greensboro knot-

ted the score at 3 apiece by a direct penalty shot on goal. It was a disappointing effort for both the players and fans.

Campbell

On Tuesday, a highly disorganized SA squad was defeated by Campbell College by the score of 8-0. Passing was erratic as the Knights only had six shots on goal, five of them in the first half, compared with Campbell's 36 shots on goal. Obviously, it was a one sided effort meaning that the Knights must concentrate on passing, trapping, and communication on the field as the SA booters face Pembroke today at 4 p.m. on home ground.

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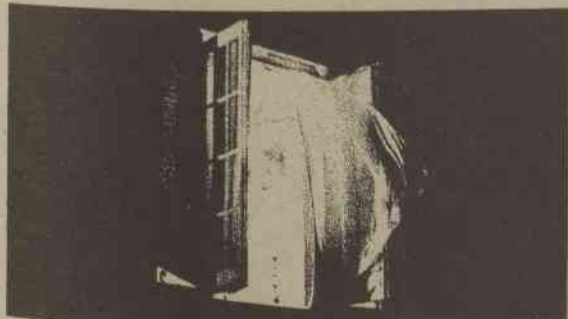


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UNC-Wilmington

Last Thursday the Knights opposed UNC Wilmington on home turf but were defeated again; the final score was 5-0. The losing effort was uplifted by the return to action of goalie Karl Jennings, having been sidelined several weeks by a broken thumb. He had 33 saves during the game and showed a quickness and versatility that obviously frustrated the Seahawk forwards.

UNC-Greensboro

An extremely frustrating effort is the best characterization of Saturday's game with UNC Greensboro as the Knights had to settle for a 3-3

JACOB HOUGE off to a strong start in Saturday's Cross Country meet, ran into cramp trouble along the way and had to drop out, hurting SA's hopes for a win. (Photo by Billy Howard).

Problems Hamper Harriers

Hills, despite the apparent contradiction in terms, are great levelers. If there is anything that can cut a runner down to size, it's a quick hill and a quarter mile of sand. Such was the case for many cross country runners this past Saturday afternoon as many runners ran poorer times that they are accustomed to. Thus, the results of the meet came as a mild surprise.

The SA harriers were favorites going into the race but the course combined with some serious injuries ended the Knights' hopes for a first place finish. Methodist College placed their top three runners, 1,2,3 and moved onto a relatively easy victory. Virginia Wesleyan finished 28 points behind the Monarchs to take second. SA wound up third, barely edging UNC-Greensboro by the one point. A weak team effort cost the Knights a better finish but the day was not without its bright spots. Freshman Steve Lowery placed first for the



Knights (fourth overall) with a time of 29:47. His time would have been better if not for the conditions of the slick course. Lowery is competing in his first cross country season ever and is already rated as one of the top freshmen runners in the area.

Bob Pelon was again below par due to illness, yet finished second for the Knights. Stomach and muscle cramps are greatly hampering Pelon's times. With better care, "Shrimp Boat" should be prepared for the final weeks of the season. Cyril Spann ran third for the Knights and over the weeks; his times have improved steadily. Both Spann and Cliff Summers have helped the team tremendously and shown gutsy improvement. Richard Durham ran an evenly paced race and finished fifth for the Knights but has yet to run close to his preseason times

Jacob Houge, the team's No. 1 ranked runner had a

miserable day. At the 2½ mile

mark he was right with the leaders, running at a record breaking pace. However, a touch of the flu caused a feeling of total exhaustion and drained his strength, causing him to drop from the race.

This situation killed the team's hopes of upsetting arch-rival Methodist for the second week in a row. Houge was visibly upset at his performance, but Jacob is a competitor and he will come back strong in the final weeks.

Coach Blackwell has designed a program for the next few weeks which will culminate with the DIAC meet in Lynchburg, Va. on November 1. The team's preparation is carefully designed to improve the runner's racing ability as well as the mental aspect of the sport. Much of the team's growing success will depend on these two factors.