



TIM GRIGGS, (above) seems to be the only person at last week's Atlantic Christian game here not bothered by the sun. Below, SA's volleyball team cheers their teammates on as Coach Williams sizes up the opposition. (Photos: Above: Annie Myers. Below: Billy Howard.)



Sports Briefs

Women's Volleyball concluded their regular season with a disappointing split in their last home match. As is the Bananas' custom, they fell behind quickly in their opening match against St. Augustine of Raleigh, and although they did catch up they fell to defeat. The second match, against Wingate College, was more successful in the winning effort. After winning their first five matches, the Bananas have played less than five hundred ball. Opposing teams seem to rise to the occasion and take advantage of the netters' mistakes. At present, the women's record is 11 wins and 8 losses. This Thursday night, they travel to Raleigh to compete in the state tournament. They are seeded number two in the event and, according to coach Jo Ann Williams, the team has a good chance to finish first.

Cross Country competed in the Conference meet at Lynchburg College this past Saturday and finished a somewhat disappointing third. Although official results are not available, the unofficial results indicated that both Lynchburg and arch rival Methodist finished ahead of the harriers. Encouraging is the fact that SA placed three runners in the top ten in a field of over all, just missing all-conference honors by twenty

seconds. Bob "Shrimp Boat" Pelon finished right behind Jacobs and took eight place in the standings while freshman Steve Lowery finished a very respectable tenth.

The SA bowling team held its first practice session this past Tuesday. The team's prospects are bright with six lettermen returning four all-conference keglers among the six. A total of fourteen persons attended the practice, all hoping to fill the two vacant positions on the squad. Coach Floyd Blackwell is confident the team will do well this year, even though they will face much tougher competition than in previous years.

Women's intramurals is in full swing with both ping-pong and racketball tournaments proceeding on schedule. Ping pong favorite Corlis Reynolds continues to win as she beat a very tough opponent in Janeen Taylor this past Tuesday evening. Jane Miller defeated top ranked Mo Newton and is now the one to beat in Racketball competition.

A reminder to all those interested in Co-ed volleyball: Action will start next week. On the men's intramural scene, top-ranked old Mecklenburg Dorm downed a stubborn opponent last week by the score of 30-25. Greg Smith and Donald Rockard led

Soccer Ends,

3-9-2

It was a bitter end to the SA soccer season as the Knights lost their final home game against Atlantic Christian College 4-1, and then fell to Lynchburg College 9-0.

Thursday's game against ACC proved to be an evenly matched struggle with the number of shots at goal being fairly even on both sides of the field. However, except for Sheikh Jagne's scoring boot assisted by Tim Griggs in the first half, the Knights could not capitalize on many scoring opportunities.

In the away game with Lynchburg, SA held the opponents scoreless nearly thirty minutes into the first half. Nevertheless, Lynchburg's superior ball control team finally managed to break through the SA defense for four goals in the last fifteen minutes of the first half. The SA booters fared worse in the second half as Lynchburg took twenty-five shots at goal while limiting the Knights to five.

Forward Sheikh Jagne attributed this year's soccer problems to lack of "ball control, accurate passing, charging the man with the ball, and talking on the field." He also commented that "the team will give a better effort next year as the underclassmen players gain more confidence."

SA soccer will certainly improve next year as there are no graduating seniors from the team thus enabling Coach Betts to work with a more experienced intact squad.

In the way in Meck's attack. Intramural coordinator Cliff Summers has scheduled a Billiards tournament for the upcoming weeks with "Shark" Bob Pelon as the early favorite. In the midst of the pool tournament, intramural soccer will commence sometime early next week.

T. F.'s Peer

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The 1975 soccer season—was it a disaster, a disappointment, or as much as could be expected? Their final record as 3-9-2, which is only a 25 percent winning percentage. Obviously it is nothing to write home to mother about. But was the season all that bad considering the circumstances? Only four returning lettermen were on the squad this year. Coach Dean Betts had never coached soccer before and was learning along with the other inexperienced players. Every team in the league was vastly improved over last year, making for much tougher competition. All these elements more than handicapped the team's performance this year.

Weaknesses Plagued Season

The most essential part of the team's problems were its weaknesses at certain positions, Mike Dunn and Shekh Jagne were the team's entire offense. Most of SA's scoring came on breakaways up the middle. Other teams were able to concentrate on both Dunn and Jagne's for it was obvious that SA wing men had a difficult time moving the ball down the field. Halfback play was inconsistent throughout the year, they found themselves playing more defense than offense, although Mike McOwen and Fred Lower showed much improvement over the beginning of the year. As for the defense, each game was long and energy consuming. With the lack of a potent offense the defense had a big burden on its shoulders. Opposing teams got off as many as fifty shots on goal in one game. When a team shoots that much, goals are bound to be scored. Each defensive man would take turns making a mental or physical error that would cost the Knights a score. "Rookie" mistakes cost the Knights dearly. Believe it or not, goal tending was SA's strongest attribute. Karl Jennings did an exceptional job in the goal and was exciting to watch. Richard Massey, the tall blonde headed, gangly goaly was so impressive in his starts that he was made DIAC player of the week.

Many Played Well

In a nutshell, I have given you a rundown of the team's strengths and weaknesses. This season can be looked at as a learning experience for all concerned. Coach Dean Betts did a remarkable job in his first year as coach. Last year Coach Sandy Quillen had a tough time handling his players and gaining their respect. There was much disension on last year's team, which led to a disappointing 7-7 mark even though talent was in great abundance. Coach Betts earned the respect of his players, but not through threats. The spirit he installed in the team was remarkable considering some of the poundings the team took this year. Leadership on the field was also impressive. Captains Dunn and Tim Griggs helped keep the team together during hard times. A special thanks should go out to John Barron. Barron, who was not intending to go out for the team this year, was the best all around performer on the squad this year. His hustle, leadership and talent kept the Knights from getting discouraged. Freshman Scott Brouthers was the lone bright spot as far as first year men are concerned. Although hampered by injuries much of the year, he did a commendable job. Second year man Casey Middleditch improved as the season went on and should be able to perform well for the Knights in the future.

Next Year - Improvements

What does all this mean? It means the Knights will not have another season similar to this one for years to come. The essentials of this year's team will all be returning next year. Hopefully, recruiting will bring in some experienced linemen and some good ball handlers to sew up some of the holes. Graduation will definitely hurt the other teams in the league while the Knights will be unaffected. With Lynchburg defecting out of the league the Knights have a solid shot at the top if they get the few needed necessary people. It was a long season for the SA booters, but well worth the effort.

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