

Tennis

In last Thursday's match against Pembroke State University, Rory Daniel and Stewart Dansby were trailing in a tie-breaker by the score of 4 to 2. The number two doubles team had managed to come from a set behind to tie the score at the end of two sets. With the score tied 6 to 6, the two opponents battled for the deciding game of the match. The Daniels-Dansby proceeded to win three straight points under intense pressure and secure SA's victory over rival Pembroke, by the score of five to four. The day's events rested on the outcome of the tie breaker and the young players came through.

In Saturday's match against a fair Virginia Wesleyan team, the Netters polished off their opponents and won the match by the score of 7 to 2. Only Kim Johnson and Dansby failed to beat their opponents.

On Tuesday morning, the team traveled to Wilmington to face UNC-W in a match hampered by high winds and bright sunshine. The Knights were handed an 8 to 1 loss by the Division III school. Tom Ager was the only victor of the day as he defeated his opponent 7-5, 6-3. Rory Daniel had a chance to win his match as did the Doubles team of Ager-Johnson but neither were successful.

On the year the team is carrying a three win two loss record. Ager leads the team in winning percentage with a 4 and 1 record while the doubles teams of Poole-Lowery and Ager Johnson are 3 and 2. In talking with coach Tom Whitley, there was concern over the condition of Faison Hester, formally the team's number two player. At present, Hester's absence has not caused too much problem whether he was there or not."

"The fact that each member of the team has had to move up a step on the ladder has not hurt us too badly yet. We probably would have lost at Wilmington regardless."

His return should strengthen the team. Inexperienced players on the squad have been given the chance to play tougher competition while not having to suffer a sufficient number of team losses. The team will return to action after spring break with an away match against Methodist College, a team they have already beaten once this season.

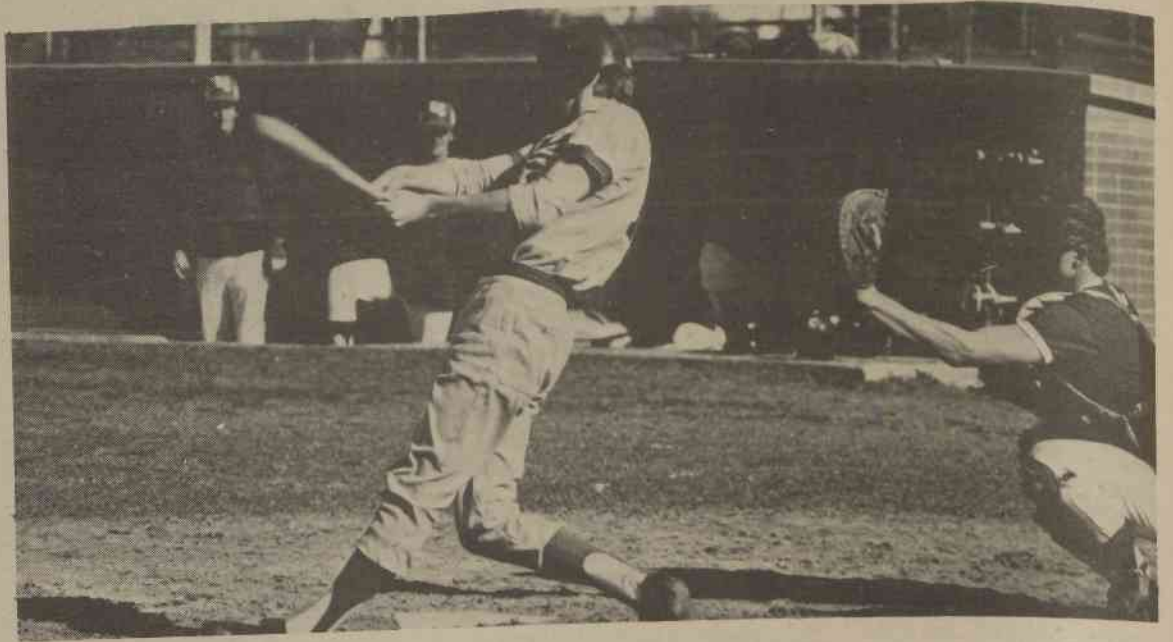
The St. Andrews Women's Tennis Team opened the 1976 season on March 22nd by defeating Francis Marion College by the score of 6 to 3. In the singles competition SA's number one player, Colby Gordon, handily defeated Francis Marion's Lynn Turner 6-1, 6-1. Lee Morgan, the number two player, also produced an impressive victory as she defeated Meg Scarborough 6-1, 6-0. In the third position SA's Liz Bowline was handed a 6-4, 6-2 defeat by D. J. Hubbard.

Karen Clarke, playing in the fourth slot for SA and facing Anna Davis, fought a hard battle before losing a tiebreaker in the third set to make the final score 1-6, 7-6, 6-7. Salley Samuelson and Barbara Whittier, the number five and six SA players respectively, each defeated their opponents to give SA a 4 to 2 lead heading into the doubles competition.

Francis Marion shortened the lead in the number one doubles match as Turner and Scarborough defeated Gordon and Bowline in two straight sets 3-6, 6-7. Morgan and Clarke sealed the victory for St. Andrews, however, by handily defeating Hubbard and Davis 6-4, 6-2 in the number two slot. Samuelson and Whittier, playing in the number three position, boosted the final score to 6 to 3 by handing Dingles and Overton a 6-4, 6-2 loss.

Coach Jo Ann Williams stated that she was pleased with the team's performance and that she felt that they had played an overall good match. She cited Gordon and Morgan for their impressive showings.

The team will return to action 2:30 on Tuesday, April 6th, when they face Wingate College in a home match. They will travel to Campbell College on Thursday, April 8th for their first away match of the season.



RELIEF pitcher Tom Stoecker shows his form at the plate against Salisbury St. earlier this month. (Photo By Lisa Wollman)

Baseball Team Tops Coker For First Win In Two Years

By Kim Phillips

On the baseball diamond last week the SA Knights cruised to an easy 6-1 victory over Coker. The victory was the first in two years for SA.

The Knights exhibited the type of baseball that brings about wins; brilliant pitching, good hitting and fine defense. Five runs on three hits and four walks in the first inning decided the outcome. With one out, Duane Dosal and Rick Bland slammed back to back doubles to start things off. Coker starter Dick Wells walked Arthur Bowman, Don Rookard, Tom Stoecker and Jim Thwaite in succession, forcing in three runs. Butch Keller singled in the other two runs. SA provided winning hurler Jon Barber some insurance in the fourth when Bland drove in Dosal.

Barber lost his shutout in the sixth on Baker's double down the right field line and scoring on Ware's single. Otherwise, he assumed complete control over the visitors, striking out fourteen. Every starter except for Bowman and Thwaite hit safely but they contributed by Bowman scoring and Thwaite having an RBI. The Knights rapped out eight safeties.

The Knights dropped a tough 7-1 decision to Pembroke in another of those what might have been a victory contests. The two squads battled on even terms for six innings. Bland got Sawyer home with a fly ball to left field for the tying run as Pembroke had gone ahead in the top of the inning as Maxey Such sent a 0-2 pitch over the right field barrier. After Massey threw a wild pitch with the bases loaded in the seventh to put the Braves ahead, Coach Smith somewhat surprisingly pulled his starter. Reliever Tom Stoecker got a potential DP grounder from the next hitter but SA failed to execute the play and the score mounted to 4-1. The Braves battered Stoecker for their final three runs in the eighth. Pembroke starter Donnie Oxendine and Mike Coleman permitted only singles by Dosal, Keller, and Bland. Ken Hobbs and Ted Craig had three hits apiece for Pembroke. To explain Coach Smith's decision to pull

Massey it was felt that he was tiring and he was not getting the ball across the plate.

The Knights made six hits count for three runs in the first game against ACC Saturday but came out on the shortend 9-3. Jim Thwaite and Butch Keller blasted home runs to high-light the Knight's attack. Keller's shot, with Bowman on base, briefly knotted the game in the fourth. ACC bounced right back with four runs to seal the verdict at the expense of loser Stoecker.

Duane Dosal lasted less than two innings on the mound in the nightcap, absorbing a 6-1 loss. Robbin Rose and Bobby Stratten contributed greatly to Dosal's demise, leading the Bulldog's to a 5-1 advantage. Richard Massey did a creditable job in relief only giving up one run. Again SA did not hit the ball well, winding up with just four hits.

Two conference doubleheaders are scheduled before spring break. Coach Smith is concerned with the team's lack of timely hitting. "We are not hitting well with men on base. We did hit the ball better against ACC (thirteen strikeouts in two games compared with twelve against Pembroke). The kids do have a good attitude and are working hard. We'll win some more games if we don't have bad innings and quit giving the opposition runs. Our pitchers must be able to help themselves, they've got to get some people out on their own."

Final scores from Tuesday's doubleheader at Methodist are 8-2 and 4-1 in favor of Methodist. Thursday's home doubleheader pits SA against N.C. Wesleyan at 1 p.m.

Sports In Brief

Ed McDonald and Steve Turner filled two open positions on the SA bowling squad this past week entitling them to travel to Atlanta, Georgia April 4th to compete in the Conference roll-off. Seniors Mark Podhorency, Mick Meisel, John Porter and Cheryl Roeder were all ready assured spots on the squad due to regular season performances.

Last night's intramural basketball final saw Granville Dorm upset Winston Salem 58-45. Bob Carter paced Winston Salem with 26 points as Granville had several players in double figures including Benny Cox with 12, Steve Allgood with 12, and Bill Allen also netted 14. Most players and fans enjoyed the season which saw many talented athletes and some exciting basketball play.

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