



DON ROOKARD makes his move toward the basket. (Photo courtesy of The Laurinburg Exchange).

Knights Win Two, Lose One

The Knights ended their home basketball season last night with an impressive 92-74 over Averett College. Showing skill on all parts of the court the Knights controlled the game from start to finish.

In a well rounded attack, which saw four players shoot their way into double figures.

The Knights showed their home fans that they can play basketball, and play it well. At the outset, 11 players put points on the scoreboard for the St. Andrews team. Leading the way were Mike Cestrone with 30, Dave Horn and Art Bowman, both with 16. And Greg Smith with 10. The Knights travel next to N.C. Wesleyan in their last match of the regular season.

Last Thursday night, the Knights traveled to Hartsville, S.C., and came back as winners when they defeated Coker College, 65-62.

Laurinburg's Ron Cherry started for the first time this season and dominated the boards with 17 rebounds. The rebounding Cherry provided has been missing for the Knights' attack and was a major factor in several of the Knights' losses this year. Cherry also scored 10 points on five shots from the field.

Mike Cestrone lead the Knights with 19 points and Arthur Bowman also hit double figures with 13 points.

The Cobras and the Knights played nip and tuck throughout the entire contest and neither team could gain more than a four point advantage. Coker had a 35-32 halftime lead.

The Knights charged back halfway through the period and passed the Cobras, 49-48, on a Greg Smith shot. The score remained close until the final two minutes of play. Andy Jones provided the winning margin with just 50 seconds remaining. Arthur Bowman and Mike Cestrone scored the final points from the free line and just one second remained to be

played. Coach Thom Whitely called his team off the floor and the Coker five missed two uncontested shots in the final second.

On Monday the Knights dropped another close game as the Patriots of Francis Marion College won by three points, 68-65, as the Patriots came back late in the game.

Francis Marion jumped out to an early lead, but the Knights took charge and lead at the half, 35-29. Lead by Arthur Bowman and Don Rookard, St. Andrews stretched the lead to nine points early in the second half. But the Patriots were not yet out of the contest as Blume hit a

field goal to give Francis Marion their first lead, 57-56, since the opening minutes.

The Knights bounced back on a three-point play by Cliff Summers. But, Patriot Williamson tied the score at 59 the very next trip down-court. Blume then put the Patriots out in front to stay, 61-59.

Bowman and Rookard lead the Knights' scoring with 14 apiece. Laurinburg's Ron Cherry was the only other Knight to hit double figures with 12 points. Patriot Tom Barnhardt lead all scorers with 21 points.

Spring Soccer Takes First Match

Spring Soccer is alive and well this semester. This past Sunday the Knights travelled to Fayetteville to answer the challenge of the Fort Bragg United 76ers. The first 45 minutes of regulation play saw deadlocked action with the score tied 3-3.

In the second half, St. Andrews tightened their zone defense, and utilized their 4-2-4 system very well. Our attackers received excellent support from Mike Herculson, Randy Dinkins, and Jeff Walker. Wing Fullback, freshman Njefi Michael, was elected the games' MVP. Njefi quietly makes his whereabouts known. Another standout was Sheppard Harden. "She did a super job for us," Coach Dean Betts said. "Sheppard may very well see

some varsity action next year."

A highlight of the second half came when freshman Mike Herculson, an All-Dixie midfielder, scored directly from a corner kick. Other scoring throughout the contest came from upperclassmen Mike Dunn (2) and Sheikh Jagne (2). The final score was 5-3. "We made a good impression against an experienced soccer club," Betts said of the first match. "It was a good win for us."

The Knights next match is at home against the prominent Fayetteville Soccer Club on February 27th at 2:00 p.m. A nine game schedule is slated for the 21-person squad this Spring.

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Homosexuals are still the most oppressed minority in the country, including Blacks, he said. Homosexuals and Blacks are similarly oppressed both socially and personally. Homosexuals are oppressed by church, state, medical, civil service, and the army.

He ended the talk with his view that the citizen is governed by law but that sexual activity is not a matter for the state. The state should continue to protect society from sexual abuse and exploitation. Also, the church may find ways to deal with homosexuality.

What Happened? A Commentary

By Knight Chamberlain, Sports Editor

Watching the Homecoming basketball game between the Knights and the Patriots of Francis Marion, I felt a helpless sense of frustration as we were defeated 68-65. Earlier in the second half we had been up by as many as 9 points and seemed to be controlling the tempo of the game. Suddenly we were only up by 5, the Patriots had the ball and we fell apart at the seams. What happened, in those few minutes, when we lost our lead and eventually the ball game.

It wasn't for lack of skill. During the second half I saw outstanding moments of individual effort which led to turnovers and blocked shots, opportunities for the Knights to increase their lead. There were also moments of unselfish team play when the ball was worked into the "pit" for close, sure lay-ups and three point plays.

It wasn't for lack of experience. We have experience in the line-up as well as on the bench. Summers. Bowman. Rookard, Horne - the list is extensive. These players know the ropes well, the ins and outs of a sport where rules are always bent. In fact all but a very few of last years players are on this years team and I remember several games where the last shot made the decision in favor of the Knights. Experience? Pressure? The Knights wrote the book in it.

So what was the problem? Correct me if I'm wrong but somehow the Knights came to some internal conclusion that they couldn't play ball, the way they had been playing for the last five minutes of the game. Somehow it was decided that what worked for 35 minutes would work no more.

Our lead was cut to 3 and we had the ball. We took the ball down and set up a play but noone would run it. Suddenly everything slowed down. This happens to teams everywhere, regardless of skill, and it happened to us. As a former high school player I know. When you're used to playing at a certain tempo and things slow down you get shook. You pass the ball around waiting for a great shot when a good shot would go. You're shook, you make mistakes, the other team gains momentum and POW they run all over you.

If you're good, you have to know it and play like you know it all the way through. Only once have I seen it fail. When N. C. State beat U. C. L. A. (1974) in double overtime for the championship, Wooden played his game to the very end. He was up by three and his team had the ball but he ran his game and State won in true championship form. In 12 years, Wooden gambled 12 times and lost twice. His message is clear. It's been rough this year, Knights. Your record does not speak for your skill. But I predicted last November that you could win any game you pleased IF you played team ball 100 PERCENT OF THE TIME.

News From Across The Street!

WELL, WELCOME BACK TO THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE VACATIONING IN EXOTIC LANDS FOR WINTER TERM. WE WHO STAYED HERE FOR THE DURATION LEARNED MANY THINGS, INCLUDING THE FINE, SMOOTH TASTE OF PIELS & SCHAEFER BEERS. IF YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THESE FINE BREWS, I URGE YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MY INTRODUCTORY SPECIAL. MY NEXT ATTRACTION WILL BE SCHAEFER IN REGS AT A LOWER PRICE THAN ANY OF THE COMPETITORS, SO AS TO PLEASE YOUR POCKET AS WELL AS YOUR HEAD!

Come see us,

Dave