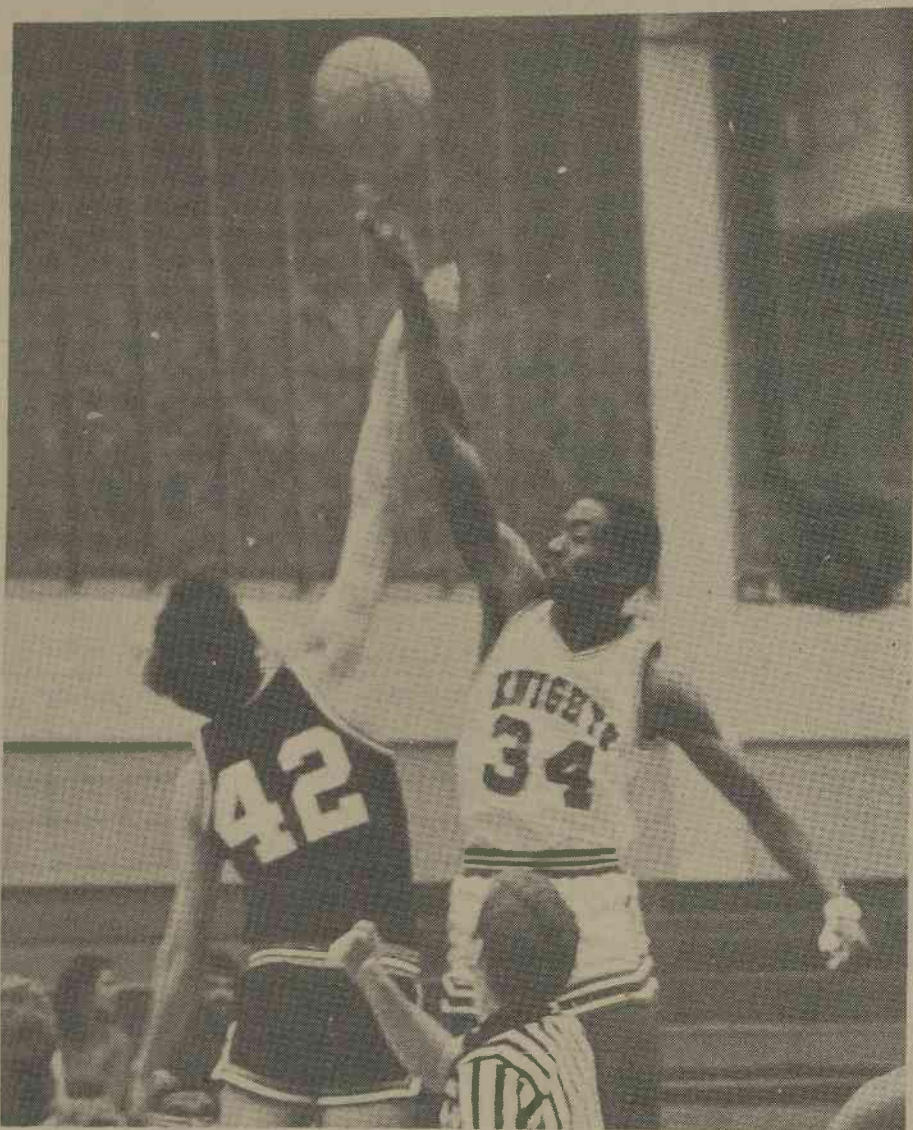


Knight games

SAINT ANDREWS SPORTS



Undefeated and Unpeaked



Center Jackie Amos, 6'6 Senior, led the Knights in a victory over Belmont Abbey, 83-73.

By RICK HANNA

When one watches the men's basketball team play, it may appear as if they are only practicing. The squad has compiled an impressive 6-0 record, and no team has come close to adding a figure in the loss column.

The team plays incredible offense and very intense defense. Coach Riley said, "The defensive intensity is the key to our team. The men have taken instruction well, anytime you can hold a team to 50 or 60 points you're doing a heck of a job."

Coach Riley also points out that senior leadership has been an important factor with this year's squad. He said, "Leadership from Jackie (Amos) and Clayton (White) has been tremendous. A team is only as good as its senior leadership and ours has been fantastic."

Will Petersen, the team's leading scorer, has done a terrific job, but Coach Riley stated, "Pee Wee can play better. He has a jammed finger, and when it heals you can expect to see more from him."

Coach Riley has been very pleased with the team's performance as a whole, too. "They have played consistent at times, and their inconsistency has been spotty.

That's good. The team has meshed well as a unit. They're a great group to coach, and it's been a real pleasure."

Coach Riley added, "We have no internal conflicts, we have enough scorers, and we need to stress roles. Roles are stressed in practices, which are enthusiastic. The team works hard in practice, which is where adjustments are made. Game night is a reflection of practice."

The squad's bench strength was also cited by Coach Riley as a definite factor in their performance. "You're only as good as your bench, without a good bench you're in trouble. We are blessed with an extraordinary bench," says Coach Riley. Bert Joseph, T.C. McCullum, Chris Whittington, Martin Jones were all cited as adding to the team's strong bench.

"We haven't peaked. We haven't put it all together yet. I hope the team will peak in January," were Coach Riley's closing comments.

Considering how well the team has done before peaking, it will be interesting to see how much better they become. It looks as if there is little room for improvement.

Men's Basketball Team

Pictured are: (First row) Will Petersen, Andre Webb, Chris Whittington, Clayton White, (Second row) Martin Jones, Lionel Gumbs, James Sutton, Eric Miller, Al Gibbs, (Third row) Pat Donovan, William McCollum, Jackie Amos, Bart Joseph. Not pictured, Oliver Moore.

