

Knight games

SAINT ANDREWS SPORTS



Knights Ranked Seventh

The Seniors Are The Glue

By RICK HANNA

This year's Knight baseball team has been touted as one of the best to ever take Clark Field. One major reason for the squad's success has been the irreplaceable contribution of its six seniors. The team is a contender for the conference championship and with the season rapidly closing, these six individuals were asked to reflect on their playing careers at St. Andrews:

Gary Brinker (Knight catcher who was last year's leading hitter. Hometown: St. Petersburg, Florida) - "I've only been here for two years," stated Brinker, who transferred from a junior college, "But they have been very enjoyable ones." "Winning is making this season especially enjoyable for us. I think the team is into this season because we have a chance for an NCAA bid and no team from St. Andrews has ever been there." Gary came to St. Andrews on an academic scholarship and hopes to use his business degree in finding a job next year. He said, "I hope to go into business, but I want to stay close to baseball. Maybe I'll coach little league in order to help the kids."

Joe Cornelius-(Pitcher, currently 6-0 for the Knights. Hometown: Fort Lauderdale, Florida)-"when I came in as a freshman I wasn't serious about baseball. My pitching control was bad, but over the last two years I learned a couple of new pitches and gained a lot of control, which has improved my game. I think that all of the seniors are really close, like a small family. The seniors have gotten even closer because we want to win the conference this year and we have a good chance of doing it. I think that my last two years have been the most enjoyable ever."

When Joe hangs up his glove after this season, he hopes to find a teaching job in Florida. He said, "I would like to coach or at least stay close to athletics somehow."

Garret Orr (Knight center-fielder. Hometown: Charlotte, North

St. Andrews have been quite an experience. This year I think we possess a lot of talent and we are doing things well. We are playing as a cohesive unit. My last two years have been by far my most enjoyable. Here at St. Andrews I think my defense and hitting have definitely improved."

When Orr graduates he plans to use his history/politics degree in some branch of state or local government. Garret's closing remarks were, "Basically I love baseball. I've been playing since I was about eight years old and have played on a lot of quality teams."



Brinker blocks plate against Wesleyan.

Mike Ortiz (Infielder, making the transition from second base to third. Hometown: Tampa, Florida)-"This year's team is the most capable of winning the conference ever. Personally, I'm looking forward to winning the conference and moving into the NCAAs'." When asked about his play, Ortiz said, "I've been stable since coming to St. Andrews. I've enjoyed my years here and have especially enjoyed this year at third base. I volunteered for the job and feel like I've done a good job."

When Mike puts away his cleats, he hopes to find a job in some aspect of marketing. He also hopes to remain close to baseball.

Marty Eichner (Another of the senior members on the pitching staff. Hometown: Wellsburg, New York)-"I've been here for three years and feel a lot better because of the experience I've gained. I played for one year at a

junior college and my coach there told me about St. Andrews. I think next year's team will have some big shoes to fill, but it can be done with some recruiting."

When asked about graduation, Marty replied, "I hope to go into marketing development for a large corporation. I want to stay close to baseball even if it means going out on Sunday afternoon just to hit and throw a few."

Doug Pierson (Pierson rounds out the seniors on the pitching staff. Hometown: Milford, Delaware)-"This year has been the most fun

for me playing and I think winning has helped everyone's attitude. I came in and played soccer and baseball and finally made my decision to stick with baseball because my ankles were very weak. I think I have been throwing well this year, but I've run into some very tough breaks." Doug doubles as a pinch runner and has enjoyed that aspect of the game also.

When asked about the future, Pierson replied, "I'm going to grad school for recreational therapy and hope to get into a scholastic program. I'd also like to stay close to baseball and maybe I'll play softball."

A common sentiment among the seniors appeared to be that the baseball program was definitely on the upswing. Through good recruiting and good player attitudes, St. Andrews baseball appears headed for a bright future on Clark Field.

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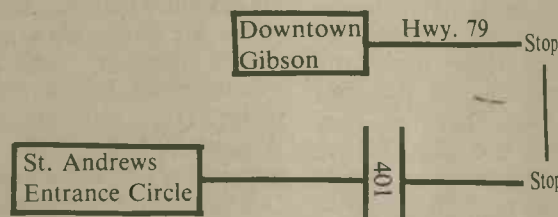
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Salem, Wilmington, Meck Clinch Titles

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For the past few weeks, one may have noticed a lot of activity in the gymnasium on Tuesday and Thursday nights. What was all the commotion about? It was the intramural basketball season. The men were divided into two leagues and for the first time there was an intramural program for women.

The men's A-league consisted of teams representing Mecklenburg, Orange, Granville, Winston-Salem and the Faculty. At the end of the regular season, Mecklenburg and Orange were tied for first place with records of 6-2. Mecklenburg won the coin toss and was seeded first in the tournament. The league's top two teams advanced to the championship finale with Meck securing the title, 55-43.

Prentice Armstrong led the winners with 16 points, while Paul Wagner paced Orange with 17 points. Other scoring leaders were Proctor Freeman (11), Dwayne Snowden (10) and Darryl Smith (10) for Mecklenburg. Dick Giblert and Steve Steppe had 14 and 6, respectively, for Orange.

In B-league action, Winston Salem captured the

regular season title with a 5-1 mark. The B-league was represented by teams from Winston-Salem, Mecklenburg, Orange and the Wahoos, an independent squad. In the semi-finals, Winston-Salem defeated the Wahoos, while Mecklenburg narrowly escaped a loss at the hands of the Orangemen.

Salem polished off Mecklenburg 47-37 to claim the tournament crown. Winner Wright scored a game-high 33 points for the champions. Tom Wilson and Rick Levy added eight and six points respectively. Bob Shelley led the runners-up with 16 points and Bob Schmitt added 13 despite a broken thumb suffered early in the first half.

The only team to record an undefeated season were the women from Wilmington (6;0). Other teams competing in the league were Concord (4-2), Concord II and Granville. Members of the Wilmington squad included Amy Avery, Kelly Aker, Annie Steele, Gwen Hinton, Beth Talbert, Marsha Sanders and Rita Phillips.

The intramural season was planned and run under student supervision. Be sure to keep an eye out for the next intramural sport--volleyball.