

Knights Win and Lose in Conference Play

A glance at the schedule included such teams as 1979 NIT Champions Texas, VMI, an NCAA contender in the middle 70s' led by Ron Carter and William and Mary. Surprisingly this schedule didn't belong to a Division I school but it belonged to North Carolina Wesleyan, a Division III college.

The Battlin' Bishops had been ranked as high as fifth in the NCAA Division III and St. Andrews fans were expecting to see the Knights' first serious conference threat this year.

Instead, what Harris Courts spectators saw was a typical St. Andrews game consisting of an unstoppable Will Petersen (37 points),

Marchell Henry achieving double figures in points and rebounds and Chris Whittington and J.R. Sutton spearheading the Knight fast break.

Petersen and Whittington led the Knights to an early 18-5 lead. The Dillon sophomore scored five points in less than a minute and Petersen added a free throw and a jumper.

The Knights biggest lead ballooned to as many as 20

points in the first half as the team settled for a 41-23 halftime lead.

The Bishops pulled to within ten points at 83-73 at the 1:04 mark, due in part to poor free throw shooting by the Knights, but the game was never in doubt. SA 87, Wesleyan 75.

Henry finished with 16 points on eight for nine shooting from the floor and Whittington and Sutton each added 12.

On last Tuesday night the Knights travelled to Greensboro to face the tough UNC-Greensboro team. Going into the game both teams were undefeated in conference play.

The Knights jumped out to an early lead and led at the half by a score of 39-32. The second half was a struggle but the Knights still maintained a slim lead going into the final minutes. In the end some clutch free-throw shooting by the Greensboro team allowed them to catch

up and defeat the Knights by a score of 72-69.

Will Petersen led the Knights in scoring with 27 points, followed by Marchell Henry with 15 and J.R. Sutton with 11 points.

The victorious Spartans were led by Esker Tatum, 18 points, Kelvin Huggins, 17 points and William Powell, with 14 points.

The next home game for the Knights is on Saturday night versus Methodist College at 7:30.



Youthful Lady Knights Struggling

By CHRISTY WILLIAMS

It had been a weekend filled with fun and frivolity for most SA students. However, the Women's Basketball team was not a part of this. Instead it had been in Virginia playing hard, to no avail, against two of its toughest opponents this year.

The team which was predicted to finish second in the conference is finding it difficult to crack the .500 winning percentage mark.

"We still need to work harder as a team unit rather than five individual players," said captain Eva Pittman. "Although we have had a few losses they have only been by one and two points. We are young but very tough."

The team is predominately composed of freshmen (seven of ten players). At first, this was detrimental because the new girls lacked collegiate experience. Accord-

ing to Head Coach Betsy Graham, the amount of talent should overcome this inexperience.

"The team has a tremendous amount of talent, but we have not reached our potential by any means," said Coach Graham. "We still must learn to jell as a team."

"This is the common attitude on the team. But the players feel the realization of the problem is half the battle in solving it. Although we have not come on with all of our potential yet, we have made some strong individual as well as team goals," said Coach Graham.

Some of these goals are to finish in the top three in the conference, to win the conference tournament and to rank within the Top Twenty in the Division.

"Once we begin to work better as a team," said Coach Graham, "These goals will be achieved."

Henry Adjusts Well To Starting Role

By RICK HANNA

Anyone who follows St. Andrews Men's Basketball may have noticed something new about the squad. There is a new face on the frontline and that face belongs to 6'5" power forward Marchell Henry.

Henry hails from Virginia Beach, where he participated on the varsity squad for two years. Upon graduation he headed to Fredrick Military Academy, "I was able to concentrate on my basketball. I'm glad I went."

As a point guard in high school Henry averaged 17 points per game. "I was required to carry the load. At

Fredrick I adjusted to playing the forward position," said Henry.



As for the team Henry said, "We have the potential to win it all. We haven't jelled yet. We hope to jell by the conference tournament. Our defense needs some work but we have the offense."

Henry chose St. Andrews from several other offers because, "The academics are good. There is a good

psychology program here and the student-teacher ratio is great."

In years past, very few freshmen have broken into the Knight starting lineup. Henry joins Jackie Amos and J.R. Sutton as only the third freshman to start under Head Coach Doug Riley.

"I'm excited. I've accomplished a lot but I need to work harder. There are people that will take my place and put me on the bench if I don't continue to work," said Henry.

So if you haven't noticed the new face in the lineup you need to take a closer look at Number 24 in the St. Andrews blue and white.

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10.2 rebounds this year. According to Riley, it has been Henry's play that has been one of the key factors in compensating for the loss of the two talented seniors.

"Marchell has made the transition to college ball quite well," Riley said. "What he lacks in experience is easily made-up for in talent."

Other statistical leaders include Whittington with 9.8 points per game and McCollum with 6.9 points and 7.6 rebounds per game. Together with Petersen and Henry, this crew of four has proven that the major of last year's 27-3 team is stronger than ever.

With an average margin of victory of 16.9 points, St. Andrews has claimed two tournament titles--the Ancient City Classic in St. Augustine, Fla., and the St. Andrews Tip-Off Tourney--and is the favored team in the Dixie Conference.

Now, almost mid-way

through the conference season, local fans are beginning to speculate how far the Knights can go. Most are betting all the way, but Riley is taking one game at a time.

"We play one game at a time. Each game is a goal for us," said Head Coach Doug Riley. "We get up for the big games like we did against Georgia State University." (St. Andrews defeated Georgia State, a Division I school 69-67).

The victory over Georgia State, a game in which the Knights built a ten point lead and held on in the closing seconds, proved that the team can pull together for the big game.

"It was a great win. Also, it proved that the 1982-83 team is for real and not riding on past successes."

"This team's personality is not as cohesive as last year's, but they do come together for the big games. They are maturing."

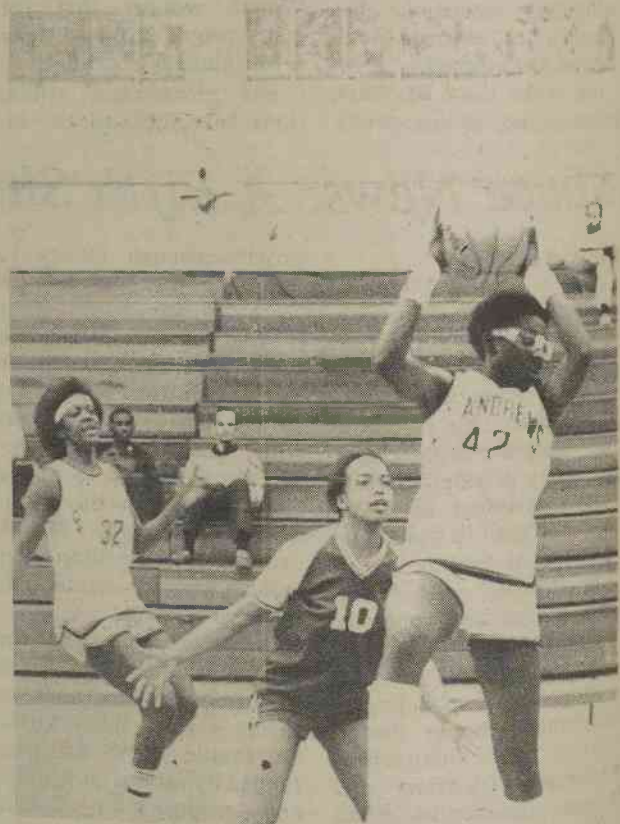
"With a sixth-place rank-

ing, our young men aren't feeling much pressure," he said. "This is allowing them to play well without getting uptight about what each game means."

"There's no denying that we have the talent to do it. We do. But so do several other teams. We're just going to play the best ball we can."

"The league is very well balanced this year. There are four or five teams that can beat each other any night of the week," said Riley. Down the stretch the league's toughest opponents should prove to be North Carolina Wesleyan, UNC-Greensboro and Greensboro College.

As a team Coach Riley feels that the Knights have not peaked yet. "We have not reached our potential yet. We've only played three games for the full forty minutes. We hope to peak later and carry that peak into post season play."



Despite the team's current record, players like Lisa Peterson (32) and Eva Pittman (42) believe that the Lady Knights can turn their season around.