

Knights Challenge For Dixie Hoop Crown

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One word that might best describe the Knights in 1984-85 this season is effort. The Knights are currently 15-10, but most importantly they finished 10-4 in the conference behind the leagues hot shooting Hornets of Greensboro College.

The Knights jumped off to a 4-0 early start and then lose 3 straight close games. The Knights season has been one of valleys and less peaks. The four loses in the conference have all totaled up to 8 points.

Senior guard Chris Whittington and Junior forward Craig Brehon have led the Knights in most categories this season. Whittington was 5th in the conference in scoring at 18.0 ppg, 1st on the team with 100 steals, and 12th in the conference at the foul line at 74 percent. Brehon led the conference at the charity stripe at 88 percent and was among the national leaders most of the season. He was 8th in the conference in scoring at 16.0 ppg, and 7th in field goal percentage at 53.1 percent. Both were named to the DIAC-Conference team. Other mainstays that have played well this season are Martin Jones 10.1 ppg and 3.9 assists and Bobby Thomas 13.8 ppg and 7.9 rpg. Freshman players Tony Gholson, Keith Long, Randy Baker, and Vernon Jacobs have played a lot and gained valuable experience. Other high-points of the season is Coach Riley's 150th win. He has almost averaged 20 wins a year since his arrival at St. Andrews College.

The Knights hosted Virginia Wesleyan in the first round of the DIAC tournament and defeated the marlins 74-66 on Harris Courts to advance into the semin-finals against North Carolina Wesleyan, whom they defeated 72-70 in double overtime.

In the contest for the championship, St. Andrews and favored Greensboro College played what may have been the best DIAC Tournament title game ever. The Knights lost a 4 overtime gruelling battle 85-81 to the hornets. The Knights ended the season at 17-11 and for the first time in 4 years did not receive a NCAA tournament bid.

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Freshman Tony Gholson attempts a basket against North Carolina Wesleyan on the way to a 72-70 double overtime win.



The team shows its spirit in the huddle.