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Coots To Host The Dixie Conference Tournament

By Kim Wallace

"Let's go Coots" echoes once again through the gymnasium as the 1985 Women's Volleyball team works their way towards this year's Dixie Conference Title. The Coots have already begun impressively as they boast an 11-7 record going into their fourth week of play.

Coach JoAnn Williams is very pleased with the team's performance thus far, as the Coots share a tie for first place in the conference. While she feels the team's offensive attack has room for improvement, she feels that defensively, the team is very solid.

This year's lineup boasts five returning players which include senior captains Chris Devos and Debbie Egan. Other returns include Lori Hughes, Dianna Jones, and Lori Stroud. Aiding them in their attack are five new players. Sophomores Judy Baxter and Margaret Fuller are out for their first season with the Coots. The final three players include Tammy Riggin and Dawn Langley, transfer students, and Christie Kluegel, a freshman.

St. Andrews volleyball team will also be hosting this year's Dixie Conference tournament on November 1-2. Come out and support the Coots!

Coots Vie For Seeding In Dixie Conference Tournament

By Kim Wallace

After a restful break, the Coots are looking forward to maintaining their winning ways as they enter their final half of season play. The team has worked hard their first half as they have competed on the road every weekend since the beginning of the season as well as competed during the week. Their efforts have proven fruitful as they boast a share in the tie for the second place in their division with a 6-2 record as of October 11th.

Coach JoAnn Williams is proud of the team's performance, but stresses that the team needs to maintain if not better their efforts, especially offensively, if they wish to obtain a respectable seeding position for the Dixie Conference Tournament.

St. Andrews faced tough competition the week prior to break, yet came out ahead on all but one match against UNC-Greensboro - the game which they wanted the most. The Coots defeated Averett 15-3, 15-7, 15-3; North Carolina Wesleyan 15-6, 5-10, 15-7; and Meredith College 15-5, 4-15, 15-3. They lost a heartbreaking match against UNC-Greensboro 10-15, 15-8, 15-12, and 16-14.

Commenting on that last match, Coach Williams said,

"We had a problem on our crunch points. We just could not pull the ball down for a winner."

Williams also feels that the team needs to work more on execution and winning three games in a row. "We come in strong and then fall the second game, which shakes us up a bit, so we can go on to win the last one. We need to be more consistent."

"On the whole, the girls have really improved and continue to work hard. I think the break will prove to be a big help," stated Coach Williams.

The Coots also boast an impressive record for digs, as six of their starting lineup are in the top fifteen in the conference, each with impressive averages. The six include Chris Devos - 3.36, Kristi Kluegel - 2.93, Lori Hughes - 2.34, Debbie Egan - 2.30, Lori Stroud - 1.91, and Dawn Langley - 1.54. Chris Devos, Kristi Kluegel, and Dawn Langley also lead the conference in blocking with averages of 6.83, 5.89 and 3.89 respectively.

As before mentioned the Coots will host this year's Dixie Conference Tournament - so if you have not yet seen them play, this will be a golden opportunity to come support them.

A Struggle With Defeat

By Paul Dinkin

Under the direction of new head coach Lorenzo Channacis, the Knights' soccer team is facing a year of tough knocks as they try to rebuild their last year's disappointing 0-15 record. Channacis faces the task of regrouping twelve returning players as well as breaking in seven very promising freshmen.

The 1985 St. Andrews' soccer season began with an exciting match against Warren Wilson on September 14th. A large enthusiastic crowd gathered to support their home game effort. The Knights played a hard fought battle, although they fell 2-1. Joey Costello scored the Knights' only goal after a superb crossing assist by Matt Wilson.

The following game against Wingate College proved to be another heartbreaker as the Knights lost 1-0 on the road. The Knights' faced more tough competition against their next three opponents as they lost consecutively against Christopher Newport 8-0, Virginia Wesleyan 5-1, and UNC Greensboro 12-0.

On the weekend of September 28-29, St. Andrews travelled to Pembroke for the Carolina Classic Tournament. In their first match against Frances Marion, the Knights lost 3-0 despite an outstanding effort by Chris Deal, playing sweeperback. The following day proved to be an intense one as St. Andrews face Coker in what was considered a "grudge match".

This consolation match between them resulted in two ten minute overtimes and a North American Soccer League shoot out. Sophomore David Perkinson suffered a broken leg ten minutes into the game. The Knights' only goal came when Rob McLean scored on a rifle shot after an easy pass from John Stone, which tied the game 1-1. Regular starting goalkeeper Guy Albergo was switched to striker, and freshman Walker Klaus played in the nets. Both performed marvelously throughout the game. Guy Albergo was unfortunately red carded in the middle of the second half, but an outstanding play from Rob McLean and Steve Abplanalp kept the entire game a close contest. Both Rob and Steve were named to the All-Tournament team.

The Knights will be looking forward to the rest of the season with hopes of breaking their losing streak and bringing home a win.

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Injuries Hinder Knights Soccer Hopes

By Kim Wallace

As the Knights face the final four games of the season, they are still in search of "the answer" to obtaining a win. It has been a difficult season for

the Knights, as it is every season since they compete with many fine teams within their division. Coach Lorenzo

Canalis has not let that aspect of the games hinder his young team, as their practices this end of the season are more demanding and full of change.

The Knights' performance this year has also been plagued by injuries to several of its key players. Sophomore David Perkinson is suffering a broken leg which he received during consolation play of the Pem-

broke Invitations the latter part of September. Starting goalkeeper Guy Albergo has been suffering from an injured shoulder and has been playing the field while Walter Krauss has been filling in his shoes. However, an injury sustained in practice has resulted in another change of players as

sophomore Rik Tozzi will be filling in for the injured Krauss. Matt Wilson has been out of several games as the result of a pulled ligament in his knee. Rob McLean, who has also been out with injuries and will resume to play at the next game.

As the Knights have lost two consecutive games on the road to Pembroke University 1-0, and Pfeiffer College, they are looking forward to playing three of their next four games at home. The Knights face a

make-up match with Methodist College on October 24th and then will make their final trip on the road to North Carolina Wesleyan on October 26th. The

remaining two games will be played against Greensboro College and Francis Marion College respectively. The season ends November 1st during Parent's Weekend.