

Sports

Knights Drop Dixie Final

Eric Shelton scored 18 points to lead St. Andrews in a losing effort, as fifth-seeded Christopher Newport College upset the third-seeded Knights, 69-67 in overtime, to win the Dixie Conference Men's Basketball Tournament Saturday night.

St. Andrews advanced to the championship by defeating second-seeded N.C. Wesleyan College 67-57 on Friday afternoon. Christopher Newport upset both No. 4 Greensboro College and No. 1 UNC-Greensboro to earn the right for the championship game.

In the N.C. Wesleyan game, freshman St. Andrews center John Davis led all scorers with 17 points. David Simons added 14 points and 13 rebounds, while Mark English had 13 points.

In the overtime loss to Christopher Newport, both St. Andrews and the Captains shot only 39 percent from the floor. The Knights outrebounded Christopher Newport 49-35, led by an amazing 17 rebounds from David Simons.

The Knights had three players scoring in double figures: Eric Shelton, 18; Mark English 16 and John Davis 12. The Captains were paced by a 21-point effort from Tournament MVP Lamont Strothers and 18 from center Carl Haynes.

St. Andrews fell victim to a torrid Christopher Newport defense for most of the first half, but made eight 3-point shots to keep the offense alive. The Captains had nine steals and four blocked shots to the Knights' six steals and two blocked shots.

St. Andrews turned the ball over 15 times, while the Captains had 12 turnovers.

Teddy Holloway fouled out for the Knights, and Todd Sperling fouled out for the Captains.

After the game was over, both David Simons and Eric Shelton were named to the All-Tournament team. The Knights conclude their season with a 16-12 record. The Captains will advance to the NCAA Division III regionals with a 15-13 record.

Simons Named Co-Coach of the Year

St. Andrews Presbyterian College's coach Mark Simons has been named co-Coach of the Year for the conference.

In addition, his 30 year-old brother David, who is the Knights leading scorer and rebounder, has been named to the All-Dixie Conference (2nd) team. The 6'7" junior forward, who's scoring over 13 points per game and averaging 12 rebounds per game, was also chosen to the 2nd team of the All-NCAA Division III South team.

Teammate Eric Shelton, a 6'3" freshman guard from Durham, N.C., was also named to the All-Dixie Conference (2nd) team. Shelton is scoring over 11 points per game for the Knights.

"It's exciting to be honored in this way," said David Simons. "I haven't gotten that much better than I was last year, but I've got some great players working with me."

"It brings out the best of what anybody can do, when you have eight solid players playing with you."

Mark Simons has taken the Knights from a 4-10, 7-19 (seventh place in the Dixie Conference), to a third place seeding going into the DIAC Tournament and a 9-5, 14-11 record. He was honored, along with top-ranked UNC-Greensboro coach Bob McEvoy, by the Dixie Confer-

ence coaches.

For the St. Andrews women's basketball team, center Malinda Edmonds was an honorable mention All-Dixie Conference selection. She led the Lady Knights in scoring (15.4 points per game) and in rebounding (9.5 rebounds per game).

Booters Win Indoor Tourney

St. Andrews Presbyterian College's men's soccer team won their own indoor tournament last weekend, defeating Coker College 1-0 in three overtimes.

Eleven teams participated in the all-day tournament, including: Pembroke State University, Francis Marion College, Wingate College and USC-Aiken.

St. Andrews, Coker, Francis Marion and Wingate advanced to the final round. Coker upset Wingate 3-1, while the Knights beat Francis Marion 2-0 to advance off of goals from Glenn Garrison and David Southwood-Smith.

Chris Kosco scored the only goal for the Knights in the championship game after two overtimes of scoreless action.

Knights' Baseball Ready for Tough Schedule

They're all fierce competitors. Like their coach.

St. Andrews Presbyterian College's baseball coach and team are preparing for a powerful schedule. First year coach Gary Swanson is making no predictions, but is putting a lot of pride in his hard working squad.

The 25-member team represents 10 states and two provinces of Canada. That's up from 11 players last year.

Swanson, who coached NCAA Division I Northern Iowa last year to a 26-21 record, comes from a program that led the nation in hitting. The UNI Panthers hit .354 as a team, including 46 homeruns and 283 RBI's, under Swanson.

But at Division III St. Andrews, he's saying the Knights will not be a power hitting crew this year.

"We're really improving in our hitting, though," said Swanson. "We should be able to hit for average and bunt."

On the mound, Swanson brought three pitchers with him from Northern Iowa, who in addition to St. Andrews returner Sean Hassell, may prove to a

powerful pitching staff.

Mike Gerlach, a 6'2" junior righthander from Bellevue, Iowa, was 2-0 at Northern Iowa with five saves. He was third in the nation at Division I for strikeouts per inning last year.

Sophomore Hassell, a 6'0" righthander from Troy, N.C., was St. Andrews top pitcher last year, with a 7-5 record and an ERA of 3.02.

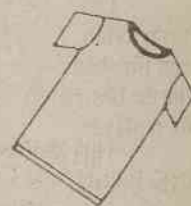
Other members of the pitching staff include: Bill Halliburton, a 6'1" sophomore righthander from Tucson, Ariz., who was 3-3 last year at Northern Iowa; Tim Wilson, a sophomore 6'5" righthander from Colfax, Iowa, who was 3-2 last year at Northern Iowa; and freshman lefthander 6'0" Tim Whitson from Osceola, Ind.

"We don't have enough pitchers for me," said Swanson. "But we're still going to be a tough, but young, group."

Two St. Andrews outfield positions should be held by Canadians Tony Fazzari and Kent Smith. Fazzari is a 5'9" junior from Thunder Bay, Ontario and



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