

Baseball Team Eyes Playoffs

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The St. Andrews baseball team has started its season with a 24-6 record, and is possibly headed toward a tournament entry. This is the best start in the Knights' history. The team earned a national ranking (25th among NAIA teams) during the first week of April.

Leading the way for Coach Gary Swanson's squad is Chad Lindeman, who has been very hot at the plate. A junior from Windom, Mn., he is currently batting .417, with 8 home runs, 27 runs-batted-in, and 28 stolen bases.

Other leading hitters for the Knights include sophomore Dave Owens (.425, 5 home runs, 23 rbi's), sophomore Dane Gordon (.424, 23 rbi's, 22 stolen bases), senior Fabian Schommer (.418, 21 rbi's), and freshman Tim Kro-

ecker (.400, 20 rbi's).

The Knights' pitching staff is also sparkling, with Jr. Pete Balke leading the staff with a 5-1 record, and a 2.75 earned run average. Balke also became only the third pitcher in St. Andrews history to pitch a no-hitter. The gem came against Betheny College on March 25. It was the first no-hitter for a Knight since 1981.

Other Knight pitchers enjoying success this year include junior Ronnie Roy (5-2, 1.90 e.r.a.), Jr. Tony LiCari (3-0, 3.48 e.r.a.), and senior Tim Wilson (3-0, 5 saves, .00 e.r.a.).

The Knights have been without 1988 standouts Kent Smith (Sr.) and Jim Isenhardt (So.), who are recovering from injuries. The depth of the team, which is much improved over last year, has turned out to be a key factor in the Knights' success. They are

currently 6-4 in Conference play, with wins over Wingate (twice), Catawba, Guilford, and High Point. In addition, the Knights knocked off NCAA Division I St. Bonaventure.

Coach Swanson said that overall he is pleased with this year's squad, and hopes the Knights can finish strong as well.



Ronnie Roy leads the pitching staff

Home Games for the Knights

April 19 Elon 7:00 pm, Scotland High
April 21 Atlantic Christian, 4 pm
April 24 Mount Olive, 7 pm, Scotland High

Equestrians Finish Season

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The St. Andrews Presbyterian College Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Team rode in their last horse show of the season on April 7, at Averett College Riding Center in Danville, Virginia. Eight riders represented the St. Andrews team, which fared well in stiff competition to finish in the middle of the Region IV standings for the year. Coach Jon Conyers said, "I have been very satisfied with their performance in the new and more competitive region." The team felt that Conyers was not only a very dedicated and supportive coach, but that he also lent enthusiasm to their efforts, and "always ate at nice restaurants after the show."

The Averett show results for St. Andrews riders were as follows: Susan Lennon, 1st in Intermediate Over Fences, 3rd Intermediate on the Flat; Erin Lane, 6th in Novice on the Flat. In the Advanced Walk/Trot/Canter classes, Mary Tolle was 1st; Kelly Faulkner won 3rd, as did Karen Faunt, and Heather Signor finished 6th. Colleen McAndrews won 5th place in Advanced Walk/Trot.

St. Andrews had three riders to qualify for the Region IV Championships by amassing points throughout the year. Mindy Denny qualified in Novice Over Fences. Kat Caridakis qualified in Intermediate Over Fences, and Karen Faunt qualified in Advanced Walk/Trot/Canter. These riders will represent the college on April 22 at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington.

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