

## Sports

# Baseball Team Expected to Contend Under Swanson

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The grand old game of baseball has been alive and well at St. Andrews since the arrival of coach Gary Swanson four years ago. The Knights come into the 1989-90 season looking to improve on last year's 32-12 record. The Knights came within one game of making the Carolina's Conference district playoffs last year, and this year's squad is well aware that close doesn't count in baseball.

After a great recruiting year, this year's team appears to have all the ingredients for a successful season. Likelast year's team, the new faces arrive from all over the map: Canada, South Africa, Iowa, Las Vegas, and Minnesota. Many of the recruits have come from winning high school and junior college programs.

Players expected to contribute to this year's team include Todd Rodriguez, a junior transfer from Tampa Bay, Florida, who played on a team which won the Junior College World Series in 1988. Other new faces include: Cory Larson, a freshman from Newton, Iowa; Lee Gogol, a freshman from Saskatoon, Canada; and Jim Glaskow and Brett Katz, both Juniors from Las Vegas, Nevada.

Returning players include: Pete Balke, a senior from Chicago; Chad Lindaman, a senior from Windom, Minnesota; Ronnie Roy, a junior from Fayetteville, N.C.; and Dave Owens, a sophomore from Martinez, Georgia.

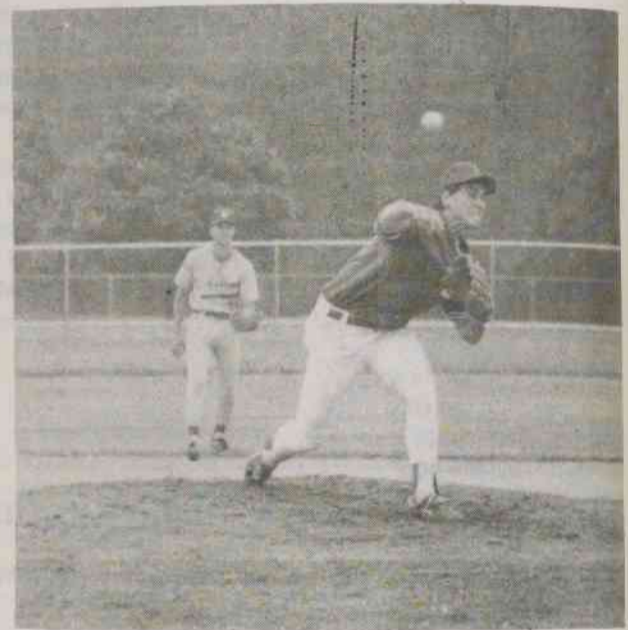
The Knights hope to blend speed and power this year, to go along with a solid pitching staff, anchored by Roy, Balke, and Scott Peder-

son. Expected to contribute this year's squad are Dane Gordon, Chip Hodges, Jim Isenhart, Dave Owens, Dave Wise, Sheldon Swastisky, and Brian Hinson.

The Knights are 5-2 thus far in the Fall, which is a warm-up for the actual season, which begins in February. The depth of this year's team had already paid huge dividends, with many players contributing in victories over Methodist College and Pembroke State.

Coach Swanson is taking a low key approach to this year. "If we stay away from injuries and work hard, we should have a good year. We have a lot of talent this year, and hopefully our experience will help us improve over last year."

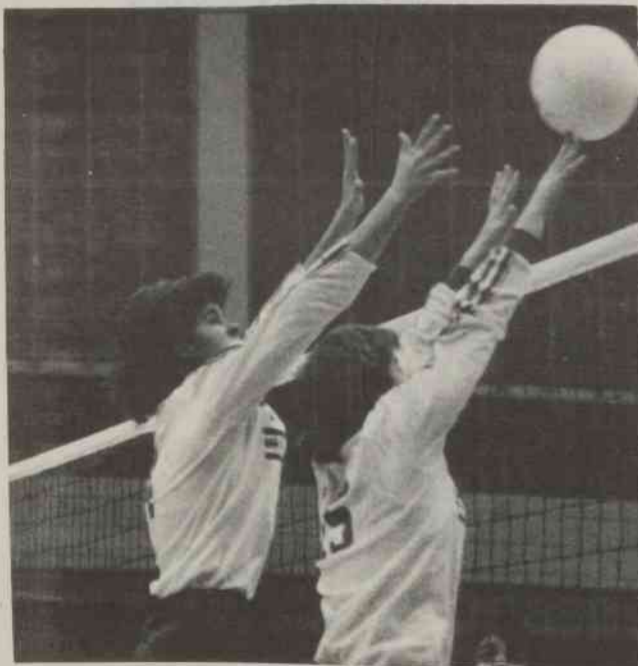
The St. Andrews baseball program produced its first player chosen in the annual



The Knights will field a strong pitching staff.

draft last June, when Iowa native Tim Wilson was picked in the tenth round by the Milwaukee Brewers. Wilson, a right-handed

pitcher, recently finished his first year in the minors, going 3-4 for the Brewers' minor league team from Mount Helena, Montana.



## Coots Finish Second

Michael Roberts

The St. Andrews Volleyball team finished its season on a high note by making it to the finals of the CIAC Conference Tournament. The tournament was dedicated to the memory of the late JoAnn Williams, and coach Laurel Smith believes that this was a factor in the team's inspired performance. She also stated that heading into the tournament, the team was beginning to show more consistency.

Smith credits the slow,

inconsistent start to the use of different combinations, and the injury in preseason to Senior Lorna Biagioli. "We had a good nucleus of solid players, but Lorna is definitely a key ingredient," said Smith.

Smith stated that she was pleased with the team's performance in the tournament, since that was what had been stressed throughout the season.

Smith gives credit to Senior Kristin Mosher and first

year player Rinni Dumile for leading the team in Biagioli's absence. "Kristin was called on to do a lot of things, and responded well," said Smith. Smith added that she looked forward to future years coaching here, and though Williams' shoes are hard to fill, things will get easier.

Mosher and Biagioli earned CIAC All-Conference honors for this year's effort. They were also on the All-tournament team.