

# Sports

1-0 in District

## Knights Down Wingate

Michael Roberts

Through the first three games of this season, the Knights showed that they could score. They showed that they could play hard defense. They showed that they had bench scoring. They showed that they could play against a Division I team. Monday night, they showed that they have character.

Under third-year coach Mark Simons, the St. Andrews Knights have started 1-0 in the District. Monday night, playing Wingate at home, the Knights managed to rally from a five point deficit, with less than thirty seconds to go, to send the game into overtime. A three-point bucket by Wendell Staton, and an off-balance, one-handed shot, darting through the lane, by Mark English gave the Knights a reprieve. The Knights were too much for Wingate in the overtime period, and they emerged victorious, 97-90.

After the victory, Coach Simons stated that his team showed a lot of class. "This was an important game, and it should boost our confidence," said Simons. Clutch free throws by David Saltman, who had a team high 25, helped ice the vic-

tory. "Salt played an outstanding game," said Simons. "He hit some really big free throws, and hit some great shots to keep us in the game." Four Knights scored in double figures, with Eric Shelton adding 19, John Davis with 18, and Mark English with 16.

The Knights can finally field a squad with experience, starting three juniors and a senior. Coach Simons stated that he feels the backcourt is the strength of the team. The loss of All-Conference performer Dave Simons is expected to be felt in the rebounding department. Simons stated that this means added responsibility for starting center John Davis. Simons added that although the backcourt is the strength of the team, John Davis is the heart, and it will be important to get him involved offensively in each game.

Senior David Saltman had added scoring from the bench, scoring over twenty points in two of the Knights' four contests. "It's good to have a man come off the bench who is instant offense," said Simons. "When Salt's in the game, we want him to shoot."

Rebounding support is

expected to come from Sophomore Scott Stipsits and newcomer Shawn Colquiett. "Stipsits is playing the role we need him to play, and Shawn can help us with scoring and rebounding," said Simons.

The Knights started the season with a victory over Coker College, with point guard Mark English hitting 22. Their record of 2-2 might easily be 4-0, but for an overtime loss to Queens College, and a narrow loss to Division I William and Mary. Against Queens College, the Knights saw a double figure lead disappear in the last seven minutes. Coach Simons felt that the Knights outplayed William and Mary, but could not convert the free-throws down the stretch to notch the victory.

The Knights have been picked to finish last in the conference this year. Last year they were also picked to finish last, and not only finished in the middle of the pack and attained a .500 record, but knocked off top ten ranked High Point College on their home court. So Coach Simons is not really paying much attention to what is being said about a team that he feels will be "definitely hard to beat."



Eric Shelton slams one home

## Trio Competes in Nationals



Becky Loffert



Dan Auman



Tripp Whitener

Michael Roberts

The St. Andrews Cross Country team sent three runners to the National Meet held in Wisconsin last weekend.

Tripp Whitener, Becky Loffert, and Dan Auman finished in the top twelve in the district to qualify for the national event.

The trio competed against more than three hundred runners from across the country. In Wisconsin, the

runners encountered cold weather and a hilly course which had a negative effect on the team, according to Dan Auman.

Becky Loffert suffered a stress fracture and was unable to complete the race.

Auman stated that they learned much from competing with the nation's best, and hope to use this experience to help them next year.