

# SPORTS

## Simons Coach of the Year

By Michael Roberts  
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St. Andrews head basketball coach Mark Simons has been named the Carolinas Conference Coach of the Year, as voted on by the other coaches in the league. Picked by most to finish last in the conference, Simons coached the Knights to a 16-12 record, and a third place finish. The Knights managed to beat every team in the conference, and held on to first place late in the season.

Simons gives much credit to his assistant coach, Steve Hawkins. "I consider this a 'Coaches of the Year Award,'" said Simons. "Steve understands the game. He gets along great with the players, and he is a great communicator."

Simons also commented that he has been lucky to get the players that he had this year. "I just feel real fortunate to have the players we have," he said, "They work hard all the time, and they never give up. Each of them

knows their role, and plays that role really well."

Simons said that he is obviously disappointed at the tournament loss to Belmont Abbey, but still feels his team had a good year. "I said before the season, that if we got sixteen victories, it would be a successful year. And despite some really close losses and a lot of injuries, we managed to do it," said Simons.

Looking forward to next year, Simons says the future is bright. "Wendell (Staton) and Salt (David Saltman) will be hard to replace, but we have a good nucleus, and some good returning players," he said.

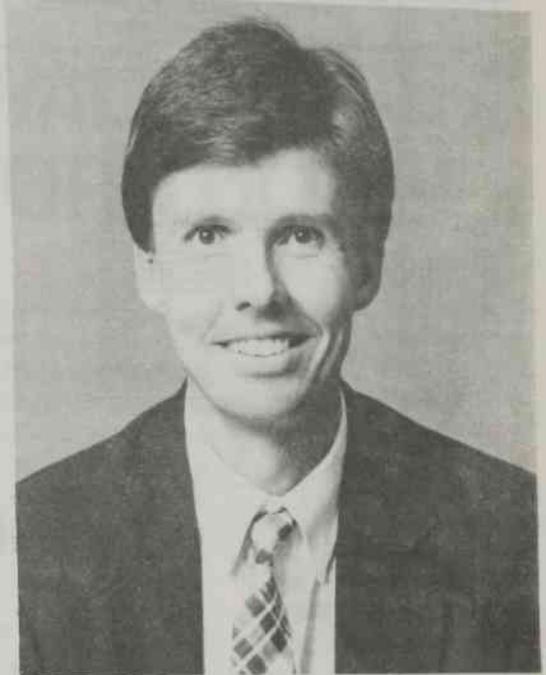
Staton and Saltman will graduate this year after spending three years in the program. "Wendell was the 'glue' of the team. He provided the leadership and the maturity. He always gave all he had," said Simons. "Salt was just a great shooter. He knew his role and played within himself. With any daylight at all, he could knock

it down. Salt is a product of hard work, and he's the best shooter I've ever coached," he said.

Starters Erik Shelton, Mark English, John Davis, and Shawn Colquiett will be returning next year, a prospect that has Simons smiling. "English is an extension of my coaching philosophy," said Simons. "He makes great decisions, and takes what is given. I want the ball in his hands at crunch time."

Simons added that he felt that the guard combination of English and Shelton was the best in the league. "Shelton is a great offensive player, and can be a great defensive player. I'm glad to have these two back for another year," he remarked.

"There are few players around as good as John Davis," said Simons, commenting on his junior center. "Coaches around the league recognize John's talent, and they set their defense to stop him." Simons added that with the expected improvement of Freshman



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Shawn Colquiett and the talent of Lawson Smith, the inside game also looks bright. "Shawn has shown a really good work ethic. Lawson is just a great player. With these two and the help of Joe Bell, it's going to be exciting," he said.

## Equestrians Host Show

By Pam Whitfield  
Contributing

St. Andrews Equestrian Team hosted a Region IV Intercollegiate Horse Show on Monday at Singing Wood Farm. St. Andrews riders won several classes, with Mary Tolle and Michele Devigne earning blue ribbons. Shea Rollins, Malinda Grice, and Suzi Riecke all placed second in their divisions, with the latter two riding over fences. Both Chrissie Sabia and Malinda Grice placed in Novice on the Flat to qualify them for the Regional Championships. Mary Tolle, Julia Padgett, and Suzi Riecke are also capable of regional qualification after the Rerum College Horse Show in April.

The show results for ear-

lier competitions at Virginia Intermont College on February 9 and then Southern Seminary College on February 16 are as follows, by division:

Suzi Riecke, Intermediate on the Flat 6th and 2nd; over Fences 4th and 3rd. Pam Whitfield, Novice on the Flat 5th and over Fences 6th. Patty Wheeler, Novice on the Flat 3rd. Malinda Grice, Novice on the Flat 2nd and 6th; over Fences 6th and 6th. Lee Henon, Novice on the Flat 5th and 6th. The remaining riders are all in the Walk/Trot/Canter division; Heather Signor, 4th and 5th. Helen Shamburger, 2nd and 3rd. Mary Tolle, 3rd. Shea Rollins, 1st. Lea Rach, 2nd and 2nd. Julia Padgett, 1st and 5th.

## All-Conference

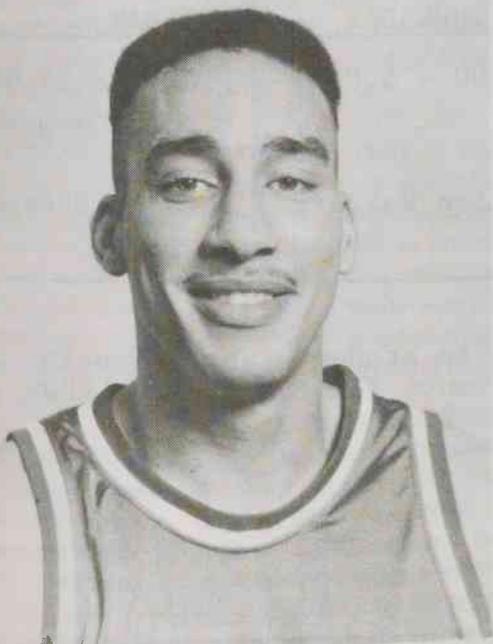
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Junior Guard Erik Shelton, of Durham, NC has been selected to the Carolinas Conference All-Conference Team.

Shelton averaged over 18 points per game to lead the Knights. He also lead the Knights in assists and was second in rebounding.

Shelton led the Knights in field goals attempted, field goals made, and shooting percentage.

Along with being a three-year starter, Shelton passed the 1,000 point milestone this season.



Erik Shelton