

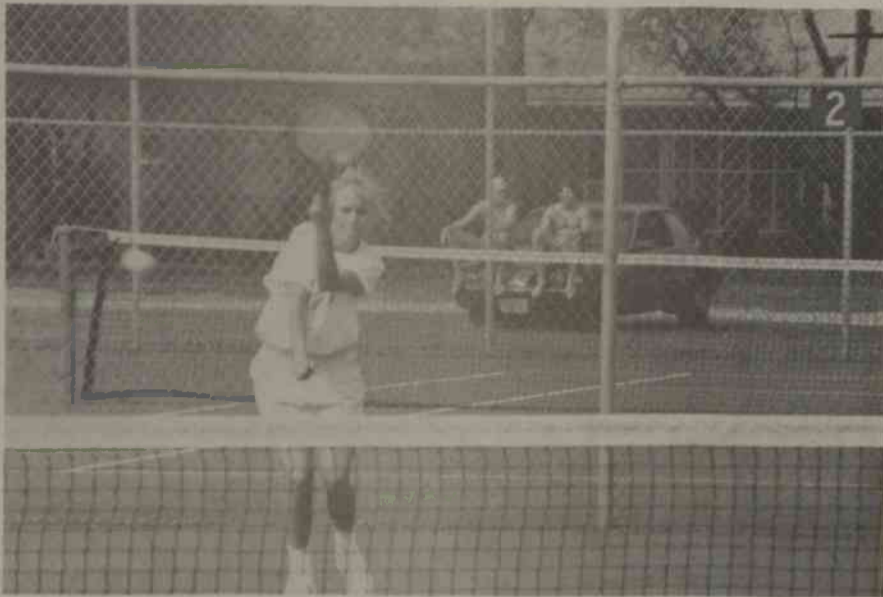
Women's Tennis Team Sees a Bright Future

By Eric Digons
Staff Writer

The St. Andrews women's tennis team finished up their season by placing fifth in the conference tournament, and having high hopes for next season.

Entering the season the girls had only two returning players from last year, sophomore Robyn Went and junior Kim Hallin. Having only two returnees, the outlook on the girls' season was a question mark. With the addition of Muffin Moyer, Beth King and pleasant surprise Megan Jones all freshman, and sophomore Laura Lumley, the girls doubled their win output from a season ago.

Junior Kim Hallin also believed the season was a success by saying, "the team made a big improvement over last year and next year we can only get better." Hallin felt that the reason for the turn around was due to the new people on the team. Coach Joanne Messick was very pleased with the girls efforts saying that, "last season it seemed as though we were out classed by other teams, but this season we either won the match or it was close, losing 4-5 or 3-6." According to Messick, the dedication of the team was instrumental in the improvement. The coach also said that some of the dedication shown by the team can be attributed to number one singles player Muffin Moyer, who the coach feels sometimes motivates the other players. Moyer struggled a little at her



Power Play - Robyn Went finished the season as the number two seed. The Lady Knights are looking forward to another successful season.

position but feels it was a learning experience. She said she knows what it will take to win at her position.

The team's record on the season was 5-8, but with the experience gained this year, and all six players returning, the future looks promising according to Moyer. Sophomore Laura Lumley felt the team's positive attitude was the key this year. "Even if the team lost the girls never got down or discouraged." The team was led by freshman Beth King, who finished the season with a team high ten wins at number four singles. Lumley was second with nine wins and an impressive 7-2 conference record. Hallin and Jones each finished with seven wins. Sophomore Robyn Went made a jump up to the number two position and felt

even though it was difficult competition this year, she still played good and can only improve. King and Lumley also were very successful in doubles play with a 9-6 record. Hallin and Jones were 7-6 and Moyer and Went had a very respectable 5-8 record at first doubles.

The season started off slow, but as it progressed the team started playing its best tennis. Coach Messick said that she enjoyed watching the team play this season and that they are a good group to work with. Moyer summed up the season by saying, "dedication is the only way to improve and if everyone practices over the summer, next season can be even more successful than this one."



Return From Nationals - The St. Andrews Equestrian Team returned from the national competition held in Richmond, Virginia. The team finished second overall out of eight teams. Pictured are team and individual riders. Front row Susan Yeaman (individual) and Tracie Berard (team member). Back Robin Williams (team member), Malinda Grice (individual), Tracey Kenworthy (individual), J.R. McCaulley (team member), and Suzi Riecke (individual).

Intramurals

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entire intramural season goes to Shawn Hunter who did a marvelous job with intramurals in the face of budgetary cuts. Honorable mention goes to all the referees who survived both the football and basketball season with only a few minor altercations. Other awards I am withholding from this article due to the negative nature of the letters I recieved from my last awards presentation. My sabbatical from this column begins next issue, and do hereby pass down the Intramural Article to Matt McElwee who so richly desires this honor.

Men's Tennis Serves Well in District Tournament

By Jason King
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St. Andrews finished seventh out of sixteen teams at the district tournament in Greensboro, NC. William Carter, Ken West, Chad Esposito and Jamie Humphries made up the St. Andrews team. Out of the seventy players in the tournament, 12th seeded Carter went the furthest, getting to the round of sixteen only to loose his final match to the 4th seeded player. Senior Chad Esposito was eliminated in a hard fought three set match during the

first round. Both senior Ken West and freshman Jamie Humphries advanced to the round of thirty-two, only to lose to the number one and five seeds, respectively.

Having only four players attend the tournament makes the seventh place finish that much more impressive. Most all of the other teams took an average of six players to compete.

St. Andrews looks to try to replace graduating seniors Ken West, Chad Esposito, and Shawn Coffman with a fine class of recruits.

Golf Team Gives Solid Performance

By Jason King
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St. Andrews sent five golfers to the district tournament at Deercroft Country Club in Wagram NC. Senior Rich Sinopoli led St. Andrews into the third round with scores of 81, 77, and 85, to finish 26th out of 80 golfers. Junior Dave Greene finished one shot behind Sinopoli scoring 74, 85, and 85 and 27th overall. Junior Dave Kaeli shot rounds of 82, 89, and 81. Mark Newton shot rounds of 86, 88, and.....97!! Freshman David Spruill scored 95, 93 and unfortunately became ill,

unable to compete in the third round. The team finished sixth out of sixteen teams after the first round of play. Unfortunately, due to the unfavorable weather conditions, the Knights dropped out of contention during the second and third rounds of play.

Coach Chandler was surprised and pleased with the solid first round performances, but the inconsistent play of the Knights again became its downfall.

The Knights bid farewell to seniors Dave Smith and Rich Sinopoli. Sinopoli will compete next fall, however he is scheduled to graduate in December.

Knights Stay Alive in District Play

By Jason King
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Fortunately for the St. Andrews baseball team, they have obtained a bid to the District Tournament. Having lost their first two games in the conference, their hopes for a District bid seemed dim.

Commenting on the conference tournament is senior Todd Rodriguez. "We all hit the ball well, but right at the opposing players. Ronnie Roy pitched an excellent game that deserved to be won, but we just could not get enough runs across the plate for him."

Roy himself said, "we were unlucky in the conference, but I feel that

we are ready for the Districts. Our bats have come around and our pitching is solid."

The Knights were granted the District bid due to a league rule that states: if the conference champion (which was Mount Olive) wins the conference tournament, then the team which finished second during the regular season gets a bid. Had Mount Olive lost the tournament, then St. Andrews would have been eliminated.

The team continues to keep busy playing quality teams such as Elon and Catawba to stay loose and focused for the District Tournament, which begins May 9 in Burlington NC.

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