

Sports

And in This Corner...

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The Rugby team is enjoying its fourth season as a team, and its third consecutive winning season. The Rhinos finished their season with a successful record of 5-3, and this past weekend's 16-6 win over Davidson gives St. Andrews its first N.C. Rugby Union division II championship.

The season began with a five-hour road trip to Western Carolina University (W.C.U.). This was the Rhinos' first meeting with W.C.U., and it will be one the Rhinos will soon want to forget. The Rhinos were trounced 33-0 in their first Division II match.

The Rhinos returned to Laurinburg to begin their successful five-game home stand, in which they were able to surmount a 4-1 record. The team was able to defeat two division foes, Belmont Abbey 22-0, and Wake Forest University in a 18-12 thriller.

The following week, the Rhinos faced the up-and-coming side from Sandhills Community College, and easily defeated them 22-0. The group suffered their only home defeat to the Duke University Blue Devils. The 33-0 non-divisional loss made the series 2-1 in favor of the Rhinos.

This spirited rivalry began when the Rhinos chalked-up their first victory ever at 'Ganza '90. Duke has pledged to even-up the series this spring in a rematch during 'Ganza weekend '92. The Rhinos' bounced back from this humiliating defeat with a big win over the Marines from Cherry Point Air Base. This 22-0 victory was the result of excellent team play and the large crowd which was on hand to inspire the team.

The next match was against Guilford College in Greensboro. The Rhinos were defeated 33-6 on a cold, wet November Saturday which brought the Rhinos' record to 2-1 in division play, and 4-3 overall. The Rhinos finished their season with a road trip to Davidson College. The 16-6 win gives St. Andrews a 4-2 margin in this heated rivalry as the last four victories are in favor of the Rhinos.

This season the Rhinos were visited by Mr. Kingsley Went, former Rhodesian rugby star, who is currently a Rugby World Cup official, and father of Robin Went, a St. Andrews exchange student from Zimbabwe. Mr. Went, who had just come from the Rugby World Cup that took place in Great Britain, spent the week conducting a coaching clinic for the St. Andrews team, and then refereed the match between St. Andrews and Sandhills. The St. Andrews community was fortunate and honored to have Mr. Went as its guest, and look forward to his return.

Although this season has just ended, the Rhinos are already preparing for the spring season and are looking towards the annual N. C. Rugby Union's Spring Tournament and the annual 'Ganza game which will hopefully feature Duke as our opponent.

Lady Knights Finish a Remarkable Season

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Berry College used first-half goals by Samantha Griffiths and Karyn Dierking and tough defense to defeat St. Andrews College 2-0 Nov. 16 in the championship match of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) South Regional Women's Soccer Tournament.

Berry, the defending NAIA national champion and top seed in the regional, went ahead 1-0 when Griffiths pulled a shot into the upper right-hand corner of the net with 17:58 gone. Dierking's goal came at the 40:00 mark.

The Lady Fury out shot St. Andrews 16-7.

St. Andrews ends its season with a 15-4-1 overall record. Berry improves to 17-4-0 and will advance to the six-team NAIA national tournament Nov. 25-29 at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla.



St. Andrews' Hayley Ladell heads goalward against Berry.

Both St. Andrews and Berry had four players named to the all-tournament team along with two players from the two teams that lost in Friday's first round, Erskine College of Due West, S.C., and Huntingdon College of Montgomery, Ala. All-tournament players for the Lady Knights were Lori Nicholson, Adrienne Atkins, Amy Blaser and Cathy Feeley. Berry's representatives were

Tammy Scott, Michelle Kelmer, Samantha Griffiths and tournament MVP Kris Mayo. Monica Remahl and Traci Westmoreland of Erskine were selected, as were Huntingdon's Stacey Collins and Stacey Lilly.

St. Andrews advanced to the championship match by beating Huntingdon College 3-0 on Nov. 15. Berry defeated Erskine College in the first round.

St. Andrews Women's Basketball Team Is Looking Forward to '91-'92 Season

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After a disappointing 1990-1991 season, the St. Andrews College women's basketball team is looking forward to a more competitive 1991-1992 season.

The Lady Knights managed only one win last season and on paper it looked like they had a very unsuccessful year. Maybe so in terms of wins and losses, but head coach Nancy Swain said the team showed improvement by the end of the season.

"We improved immensely near the end of the season," Swain said. If we continue to improve that much this year, we will be a competitive team in the conference."

Due to the fact that many of the players on the St. Andrews women's basketball team have been involved with other sports this fall, the start of full was delayed until this week. Three basketball members were on the volleyball team, one is on the soccer team, and one other played tennis. Swain does not see this as a negative because many of the women's basketball teams in the Carolinas Conference are in the same situation.

"High Point and Mount Olive have similar situations," she said. "We all have to deal with these circumstances."

One positive for the Lady Knights is that last years starting guards are returning this season. Debbie Jones from Jamestown N.C., and Cheryl McNair from Fayetteville, N.C., give the team leadership in the back court. Jones was the Lady Knights' leading rebounder a year ago. She also lead their team in assists and was fourth best in per game scoring average. As a freshman, McNair finishes the 1990-1991 season as her teams leading scorer with a 10.875 average.

Rogersville, Tenn.-resident Riki Point, one of the team captains, returns as one of the Lady Knights' forwards. Point came on strong at the end of the 1990-1991 season and ended up with a 8.133 scoring average.

Swain added 6 foot 1 freshman Amy Blaser of Green Bay, Wis., and hopes Blaser will be able to use her height effectively on both offense and defense.

The Lady Knights will be practicing hard in preparation for a scrimmage with Fayetteville State University on Nov. 11 at 6

p.m. That does not leave them much time, but the coach is confident the will be ready.

"We may not be up to our full potential at that time, but we will be ready to play," Swain said.

One advantage St. Andrews has over last year is that the team only plays one conference game before the Christmas break. The one pre-Christmas CIAC game is the Lady Knights' season opener on Nov. 19 at home against Coker College. That will give the Lady Knights more time to prepare for what should be a very competitive conference schedule.

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