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## Sports

## Men's soccer winds down

by Melissa Collins

With an overall record of 3-10-1, the men's soccer team may not be the most successful of the fall teams. However, they have shown a lot of potential this season. The last five games have seen four losses with a win near the end. What does this tell about our team?

The losses are not excessive ones. They lost to Wingate 5-10 on October 10. That score is not actually that bad, especially considering that Wingate had a 6-3-1 record when they played our Knights. The loss to Mt. Olive on October 16 was a bit more frustrating. The knights were up 2-1 at the half on goals by Warren Roca and Tom Cimalore.

Those goals had SAPC up 2-0 but a late goal by Matthew Dudley on an assist by Jeff Phillips Turned the momentum. The momentum swing carried into the second half, with Mt. Olive scoring three more goals to win 4-2. It was an unfortunate loss for the team, but they did show how well they could play as a team in the first half.

That ability carried them into the next game, where they recorded a 2-0 victory against Pfeiffer on October 18. The goals were scored by David Hartman and Jon Hendrickson. Several players and fans hoped that would be the turn around needed to end the season on a winning streak. However, on Oct. 22,

a 4-1 loss to Belmont Abbey stopped the streak at one. Roca scored the only SAPC goal in that match. However, an injury to team captain and goalie David Getman 15 minutes into the game hurt team morale.

With the season winding down, there is some feeling that the team needs a win to end the season on a positive note. This would be helpful, but not completely necessary. The key now is to finish the season with a show of improvement as a team unit. That may be just showing the ability to communicate on the field. No matter what, the season has shown a lot of positive things about this young team.

## Volleyball loses to Barton

by Melissa Collins

On October 22, the volleyball team took on Barton. It was their second game in the small gym. Students, faculty and staff lined the wall to support their St. Andrews team. Yet despite all the spirit, it was not enough to counteract the enthusiasm and skill of Barton.

Game one saw Barton up quickly 6-1. After the score reached 13-2, SAPC got themselves together to mount a rally. They got as close as 14-11 before Barton wrapped up with a game point served by Jennifer Mills. Game two was a more balanced contest initially. Yasuko Wada stopped Barton's 3-0 lead with a pow-

erful hit over. It was enough to start a rally that would tie the score at 3. Kim Robeson made a nice dig to keep the volley which resulted in the third SAPC point. The enthusiasm began to surface in the SAPC players, but it was quickly put out by Barton. The final score, despite some skilled plays by Jodi Devereux and Jamie Barone, was 15-4 in favor of Barton.

Game three turned into the most exciting battle of the war. SAPC jumped out to a 3-0 lead. Plays by Wada, Devereux and Andrea Cinanni made key contributions to the SAPC cause. The volleys in this game were fast and furi-

ous. On a single volley, Kim Robertson, Barone, Cinanni, and Helen Holden all made digs to save the volley. Unfortunately, that particular volley was won by Barton to tie the score at 10. From then on, Barton picked up the enthusiasm to maintain a lead. The final score was 15-11.

The SAPC team has been struggling with injury and fatigue. Had this match taken place earlier, the results might have been different. They still communicated well and worked together as a team. It was simply that Barton's team had the energy to make the points to win.

## Women's soccer runs out of steam

by Melissa Collins

The Women's team has hit a rough time. They have played well, but have made just enough mistakes to come up on the losing end of the score. On October 8 against Wingate, the team suffered a 5-2 loss. Rachel Vickers and Sammy McGee scored for St. Andrews. The key mistakes came in confusion on defense and some general miscommunication. Overall, the team stayed together, even with a slight loss of focus.

When the women faced the Barton Bulldogs on October 23, they played with fire and passion. They got good pressure downfield in the early goings.

Jill Kappus and McGee both made key steals on defense to keep things under control. While nobody dominated the first half, the score was 1-0 in favor of Barton at the half. But things changed at 39:03 in the second half as Barton scored another goal. Yet despite impressive drives toward the goal by Mary-Kathleen Daley, Nicole Saffer and Vickers, the team failed to score.

While SAPC lost by a final score of 3-0, a more devastating loss took place on the field. A major collision occurred between Alicia Johnson and a player

from Barton. Alicia fractured her elbow in the collision and will miss the remaining games of the season.

With the season coming to an end, a look back is necessary. While the season started off very well, the last few weeks have seen a much less impressive series of outcomes. But the outcome is determined by more than just the score. The women have such a sense of team working on and off the field that it is difficult not to notice. And that may be enough to put them on a positive track for next season.

## Sports Briefs

by Melissa Collins

On Saturday, Oct. 19, the baseball team faced a team of alumni. This annual event was attended by several students and many alumni fans who made their presence known. The game, while not without errors, was well played and a good testing ground for the SA team. The team did enough to win 3-2. It was the first time the team beat the alumni in four years.

The Midnight Madness Queen of the Knights competition got a lot of attention, with six coaches vying for the title that only one could win. And that one was Sensous Sandy, known to most as Rob Perron. The contest and the party around it were sponsored by the Lady Knights basketball team.

The equestrian teams have been doing very well this season. There are currently three teams competing, Varsity, JV and Intercollegiate. Next semester, a fourth team known as ANRC will join the ranks. In the first two intercollegiate shows, all riders placed in their class and both saw one of the SA riders ranked as the high point rider for the day. That is an impressive distinction as it requires that a person place first in both of the original classes in which a rider competes and then to win a third class as well.

I would like to thank Heather Walter for her contribution of the equestrian team information. This leads me to another point. As you might have noticed, I am the only sportswriter for the Lance at this time. While, I enjoy the position, it is impossible for me to cover all the events that I wish to report on. I would like to have more sports writers on staff. I would even like to have just an occasional piece from an athlete or an observer like myself. I think it would provide a more diverse view of SAPC sports in general. If you are interested, please contact me via e-mail. My address is collinml. Thank you.