

Women's Basketball defeats Mt. Olive

by Mel Collins

The Lady Knights' basketball season has picked up of late. They ended a nineteen-game losing streak with a victory against Mt. Olive on February 5. The victory was also significant as it came against a CVAC opponent.

The game against the Lady Trojans started off well with Cristie Patterson winning the tip and Mary Kate McGowan scoring the first two of her sixteen points. Patterson, Beth Larson, Tonia Zehr, Freda Schlaman and Farah Allen put strong defensive pressure on the Lady Trojans for the first several minutes of the game. Jennifer Franklin aided the offensive effort with a three-point basket immediately before

McGowan converted a three-point play. At the first time-out, the Lady Knights held a nine point advantage over Mt. Olive. Despite a strongly balanced attack after that, the lead dwindled to a mere point at the half.

Schlaman restarted the team in the second half. She got the defensive rebound, assisted an Allen basket and added two points to her scoring total. Larson quickly joined the fray with back-to-back threes, sandwiched between four points from the foul line. Each member of the team continued to work hard to get the job done, but a last-second basket by Mt. Olive pushed the game into overtime.

Patterson won the tip again, and McGowan added the first two baskets. A strong series of defensive plays kept the Lady Knights ahead by one. But they were dealt a severe blow when Patterson jumped for the ball and fell to the court in agony. The injury was diagnosed as a tear in her anterior cruciate ligament, and she was assisted off the court to the applause of the crowd and her teammates. The remaining scoring for the team came from free throws by Larson and Emily Rogers. As time ran out, the Lady Knights met near midcourt and celebrated their 72-69 victory.

The Barton Lady Bulldogs ar-

rived on February 9 to do battle. Schlaman won the tip, and Larson added the first basket. Rogers and Franklin each had a pair of threes in the half. Contributions in scoring came from everyone, but the Lady Knights were down 33-26 at the half. Schlaman opened the second half scoring and Larson followed with two baskets of her own. Larson added a three to compliment the two hit by Franklin. McGowan, Franklin, and Rogers added steals to a strong defensive effort. Unfortunately the combination was not enough, as the Lady Knights fell to the Lady Bulldogs by a final score of 70-56.

Men's Basketball also defeats Mt. Olive

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The Knights have continued their dominant play in CVAC, posting a 9-4 conference record and a 15-6 record overall. The recent games have been high scoring affairs, but the excitement has remained.

The men faced off against the Trojans of Mt. Olive on February 5. A win would secure first place in the conference. The crowd was still buzzing from the women's overtime victory as the men took the court. Ken Evans began the game by blocking a shot, and Anthony Rollins had three defensive rebounds before scoring the Knights' first points. The team,

seeming just a little off their game, found themselves behind quickly. Despite steals by Steve McCorkle, Joe Jessen, Ryan Alexander, Nick Mitchell, Brian McCollum, Deon Wingfield and Evans, the Trojans managed to maintain their lead. The Knights' offense was not silent and let off a series of threes by Wingfield, Alexander, Evans, Mitchell and McCollum. Yet at half-time, the Trojans were still ahead 43-36.

Being down by seven is not a big problem at half-time, but the Knights were concerned after coming off a one point loss to Queens. They returned in the second half ready to prevent consecutive losses.

McCollum started the half with the third of his four steals. Rollins scored two possessions later to get the offensive game back on track. Mitchell, Evans, and McCollum scattered threes around some more traditional scoring. With a strong team effort, the Knights pulled off a 90-81 victory over Mt. Olive.

The game against the Barton Bulldogs on the ninth was significant for several reasons. Team pride in avenging an earlier season loss, first place in CVAC on the line, and facing the former coach were all motivating factors. Rollins opened the scoring with the first of his nine points. Evans then got the first of his four steals for the

evening. McCorkle, McCollum and Alexander each added threes in the half to aid the offensive effort. Evans, while not hitting a three in the half, seemed to be hitting from everywhere else on his way to a twenty-seven point effort. The team forged a 47-39 lead at the half.

Mitchell started the second half scoring, and the Knights found a groove. Wingfield, Alexander and Evans each hit threes to contribute. In perhaps the best series of the game, Evans stole the ball and got it to Jessen. Jessen then completed an over-the-head-no-look pass to Evans for the

dunk. That was the beginning of the end of the Bulldogs. The Knights never let up, even sending a baseball-length-pass on an in-bounds to an open McCollum, who put the ball in for two. Moments later, Rollins added a monster slam, which so upset Bulldog's coach Ron Lievensen, that he was called for a technical. Jessen converted the free throws to increase the SA lead. The crowd was fired-up and pleased to see Larry Yon and Fred McGhee each add a basket to the score. As the teams left the court, the scoreboard had the home team victorious, 93-81.

Correction

The women's basketball article in the last issue of the *Lance* was inadvertently cut off in the middle.

The final score of the game was 60-53, with St. Andrews losing to Pembroke.

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