



St. Andrews Sports Update

Cross Country

After getting no respect from the CVAC pre-season pollsters (men ranked 5th and women ranked 6th), the Knights Cross-Country runners have shown they will not be taken lightly. The "ghosts" from last year are clearly visible on opponents' radar screens, after the men's team won their first two meets and scored three additional 2nd place finishes in their first 6 meets while the women won one and placed in the top 10 in 4 meets out of 6 total.

Freshman Chris Miller won his first collegiate event, taking first at the Gamecock Invitational with a Division-II meet record time of 19:50.3 seconds. He led 5 Knights in the top 10 in the Division-II meet, with sophomore Tim Bourke coming in 2nd, Steve Arazia in 4th, Adam Vick in 7th, and Matt Bourke in 10th. Miller was named CVAC runner of the week for the first week as well. In the second meet, which the Knights also won, four of our runners finished in the top 10, as Miller again led the way with a 4th place finish, followed by senior Charles Rivers in 7th, T. Bourke in 8th, and Arazia in 10th. The team's performance has turned some heads, as they have been ranked 3rd in the Southeast Region of Division-II for the last 5 weeks. In subsequent action, the Knights runners have had 4 runners in the top-30 in 3 of the last 4 races, including all 4 of those runners in the top-20 in the Great American Cross-Country Classic and all 5 scorers for the Knights placing

in the top-25 in the North Carolina Cross Country Championships.

The women have fared well as well thus far in the season. Junior Kelly Chaplin has continued her dominance of last year, winning her first two events, receiving CVAC runner of the week honors three times in the first month and a half of competition, and placing in the top 10 in all of her Division-II meets. All 5 Knight runners finished in the top 10 in their first event, the Gamecock invitational. First place winner Chaplin was followed by Veronica Gobeyn in 4th, Jessica Loud in 6th, Ronda Toner in 7th, Sara Pauciello in 8th, and Casey Kallenberg in 9th. The second race was not as solid, as Chaplin (1st) and Gobeyn (8th) were the only Knights to finish in the top 10. Since then, Gobeyn is the only woman runner to place in the top ten outside of Chaplin.

Up next for the Knights runners is the CVAC championships in Anderson, the NCAA regional meet at Wingate, and hopefully the NCAA national championships in Evansville, IN.

Volleyball

Following a tough season-opening tournament, the Knights Women's Volleyball team has bounced back to put themselves in a virtual dead heat for first place in the CVAC. The Knights were swept out of the Francis Marion tournament, coming out with a 0-4 record while facing tough opposition. However, playing against familiar CVAC opponents

led to 10 wins in 12 matches plus a 1-1 non-conference record, to pull their record to 11-7 including 10-2 in CVAC play.

The women have utterly dominated in their wins, losing a total of 5 games while sweeping Mount Olive (a team picked to finish ahead of the Knights in CVAC play) and Barton (who was ranked right behind the women in the preseason poll) as well as 4 other opponents in the last month. Freshman sensation Tirzah Armenta has led the setters with her sparkling play, contributing over 4.6 kills per game to rank 3rd in the CVAC, as well as a hitting percentage of 27.3%. Freshman Jessica Burkhart leads the team with over 4 digs per game, with Armenta and sophomores Kim Harper right behind averaging over 3 per game. Harper leads the team and is ranked 3rd in the conference with nearly 12 assists per game. The Knights rank in the top 4 in five of the six major offensive statistical categories as a team. The young Knights face a favorable schedule coming down the stretch, as 6 of their last 8 matches are here at St Andrews. Look for the team to continue to make some noise in conference play this year and defend home court as the CVAC tournament comes to Laurinburg in November.

Women's Soccer

The Lady Knights have had a solid but unspectacular start to their season. The women have played 13 games thus far, defeating a tough Queens team, easily dispatching North Greenville, and earning a

tie against Converse. Sophomore Crystal Olu-Taylor leads the Knights in scoring with 6 goals and 2 assists so far, including a hat trick (in a 12-minute span) against NGC and the game-winner against Queens. Six other Knights have scored a goal in 13 games this season, including the game winner by Megan Zarnowicz against NGC. Meredith Yager has been solid in goal, boasting a goals-against-average of 2.48, including one shutout and a great game against Queens' powerful offense, only giving up one goal on 5 saves off of 17 shots. The Knights have 3 home matches remaining in the regular season before the CVAC tournament the first week of November.

Men's Soccer

The Knights Men's soccer team flew out of the gates this season but has since cooled off, garnering a record of 3-9 including 1-5 in CVAC play. They won their first two matches over Mars Hill and North Greenville before running into some tough competition as they began CVAC play. Freshman Jerry Momoh has been on a tear, scoring 4 goals in his first collegiate match and leading the team in scoring overall with 6 goals in 12 games. The Knights have two players with 3 goals and three players with 2 goals each, and goalie Neil Hastie has a goals-against-average of 2.49. The Knights are literally coming down the home stretch, with 3 of their last 4 matches on the St Andrews pitch as they gear up for a run in the CVAC tournament.

SAPC Golfers Swing Into Action

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As their fall season begins, the men's and women's golf teams are hard at work. They spend numerous hours perfecting their games and doing what they feel is necessary to make sure that their swings are smooth and precise.

"I've been very pleased so far with the way the season has started. I feel everyone is progressing very well. I am also very pleased with our new recruits as well as our upperclassmen, who have all worked very hard to improve over last year," Coach Josh Nahm stated. Of the 21 players on the team, eight are freshmen recruits. Coach Nahm commented on the freshmen, "I'm very happy with the class we've brought in. They're not only great golfers, but they're also a lot of fun to be around. I have a blast every day at practice because the freshmen keep the mood light."

The team consists of players from across the United States and beyond. This makes the team interesting in that the teammates can learn new things about people from different walks of life. There are players from Hong Kong, Vancouver, Toronto, Indiana, Louisiana, New York, Minnesota, and more locally, North Carolina.

Some returning key players from last year include Alvin Yeung, Nathan Young, and Andrea Johnston. Alvin was the CVAC freshman of the year and first team all-conference player. He is continuing his low-score trend this season and is a great asset to the team. Nathan Young is the men's team captain. He is a great golfer, but his best quality is his positivity and leadership skills. The women's team captain is Andrea Johnston. Like Nathan, she has admirable

leadership skills and is very easy to get along with. She was the leading scorer last year, and has improved even more to become an amazing contributor to the women's team.

Both teams have a competitive golf schedule in the fall and the spring. They travel to courses near and far and try their hardest to bring back a victory for St. Andrews. The tournaments are two days each, with the team playing 18 holes each day. There is a practice round the day before the tournament begins in order for the team members to familiarize themselves with the course. The girls' favorite tournaments are the Kiawah Island and Myrtle Beach tournaments. In Myrtle Beach, the team stays in ocean-front condos, making the stay very enjoyable. The guys will be playing in some interesting places, as well; among which is a trip to Hollywood, Florida, which will be a fun time for them.

Although Coach Nahm always hopes for a victory, he does not fear defeat. "It's important to always learn something after defeat. If we can learn from our mistakes and improve on what we did wrong, it wasn't really a defeat. I believe this will help us be successful in the next tournament," he stated.

The golf team will host the St. Andrews Fall Invitational on September 27-28 at Deercroft Golf Club. Come out and support the linksters as they work to dominate the other teams on their home turf!