

Bishop Hurlers Open Season

"Defense Shaping Up"

Untested hurlers and catchers are causing North Carolina Wesleyan Coach Moe Bauer a lot of pre-season baseball headaches.

"Pitching and catching are 90 per cent of the game," commented Bauer, "and right now all our pitchers and catchers are untested. Experience is the only answer so it may take us a while to get on our feet. However, there is some talent at those positions."

On the other hand, all is not gloomy in the Wesleyan camp. Defense and speed have looked good in pre-season practice, and Bauer is also counting on a Wesleyan club that can score some runs.

"We have a few holes, but overall our defense is shaping up," noted the school's athletic director. "And we have pretty good speed and some boys who can hit the ball. Also, several freshmen, especially Jon Schultz, have been impressive."

Heading the list of fine lettermen returnees are outfielders Rusty Lancaster and Joe Williams, and third baseman Ronnie Ragsdale. Denny Seybert who played two years ago, is back at shortstop and letterman Arthur (Butch) Ferguson will again handle first base.

Top-notched newcomers are Schultz, a swift ballhawk who may do some pitching, C. B. Daughtride, a speedy catcher-infielder, and Al Horne, another catcher-infielder prospect.

Sophomores Nat Raley and Marty Sarra, both promising right-handers, are the only returning moundmen. It will take time to see what they can do.

Pushing Sarra and Raley for pitching assignments will be Berry Buck, Bob Lowry, John Carson and Gerald Williams, all right-handers. Joe Williams, a junior, is the club's only south-paw hurler and may do some pitching in addition to chasing flies. Right-hander Schultz could be a mound surprise.

Catching duties will either go to Daughtride or Horne. If Horne catches then Daughtride will be moved to third, while Horne will play second if he doesn't work behind the plate. Sophomore John Morgan and Steve Gordon are catcher reserves.

Left-hander Ferguson will be stationed at first. The lanky 6-2 athlete handles a very slick glove but needs to improve with the bat.

Seybert, a talented junior, could be the hitting star of the club. He's also got power and handles himself well in the field.

Ragsdale, a senior veteran, is probably the club's steady performer.

He is adequate both with the bat and glove and has proven himself a capable third sacker. He may be moved to second if Horne gets the catching job. Freshman Bill Bradshaw is an infield hopeful.

In the outfield, Lancaster will be stationed in center, with Williams in right and Schultz in left. All have speed and adequate bats. Sophomore Kris O'Connor and freshman Butch Harvey are outfield reserves.



Second baseman Kris O'Connor and outfielder Denny Seybert warm up in preparation for the opening Baseball Season.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

March 24—College of South Jersey
 March 29—at R.P.I.
 March 31—New Bedford (doubleheader)
 April 4—Lynchburg College
 April 16—Campbell College
 April 21—at Pembroke College (night)
 April 23—at St. Andrews Presbyterian College
 April 26—at Wilmington (night)
 April 30—Pembroke College
 May 3—at Campbell College (night)
 May 5—R.P.I.
 May 7—Wilmington College
 May 10—at Lynchburg College
 May 14—St. Andrews Presbyterian College

GOLF SCHEDULE

March 25—at Campbell College
 March 31—away against Methodist College and Atlantic Christian College
 April 4—at the College of Charleston
 April 5—away against St. Andrews College and UNC at Charlotte
 April 18—at home against Charleston, Lynchburg and Methodist
 April 21—at home against UNC at Charlotte and St. Andrews College
 April 26—Campbell College
 April 29-30, May 1—at Wilson Tournament against Atlantic Christian College
 May 2—at Lynchburg College
 May 5—away at Dixie Conference Tournament

TENNIS SCHEDULE

March 25—Lynchburg College
 March 30—at Methodist College
 April 2—UNC at Charlotte
 April 4—at the College of Charleston
 April 5—at St. Andrews Presbyterian College
 April 15—at UNC at Charlotte
 April 18—Methodist College
 April 21—St. Andrews Presbyterian College
 April 23—the College of Charleston
 April 30—at Lynchburg College
 May 2—at Campbell College
 May 6—at Dixie Conference Tournament

Looking On

By: David Lamm

Spring sports are in the midst of getting underway, and yet memories of a championship North Carolina Wesleyan basketball team are still fresh on campus. The Dixie Conference title was the first ever for a Bishop athletic group. Wesleyan fans may have a very short wait in getting to cheer on another bunch of championship performers. The 1966 Wesleyan golf team has that title-glow about it.

Coach Don Scalf, who also coached the Bishop basketballers, has seven good reasons for smiling—Lee Ball, Buzz Barker, Buck Roney, Jimmy Thornes, Phil Harrell, Mike Hux and Tony DeMuth.

The golf team began its season today at Campbell College.

Ball, a heavy-set junior who is not eligible for conference matches, is on the golf course what Don Hines was on the basketball court. The Rocky Mount lad can drive, use the irons and putt. He consistently breaks par and is one of the school's finest athletes. His addition to the Bishop swingers makes them a serious threat in the Dixie Conference. "Lee does it all well," says his coach.

Barker, a senior, and junior Buck Roney are returnees from last year's third-place Bishops. Both ranked among the best in the conference in 1965. Freshman Jimmy Thornes, a star golfer at Rocky Mount High last year, gives Wesleyan four fine golfers—all who rarely slip over 80.

"Buzz handles his irons real well," commented Scalf. "And Buck is consistent. Thornes is young, but he has a lot of power and probably hits the ball harder and farther than anyone else on the team."

Junior Hux, Freshman Harrell and sophomore DeMuth are 85-or-below golfers and will battle for the bottom two spots on the team.

This year's group of country-club swingers are worthy of the Wesleyan student body support. It could bring the school another championship.



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