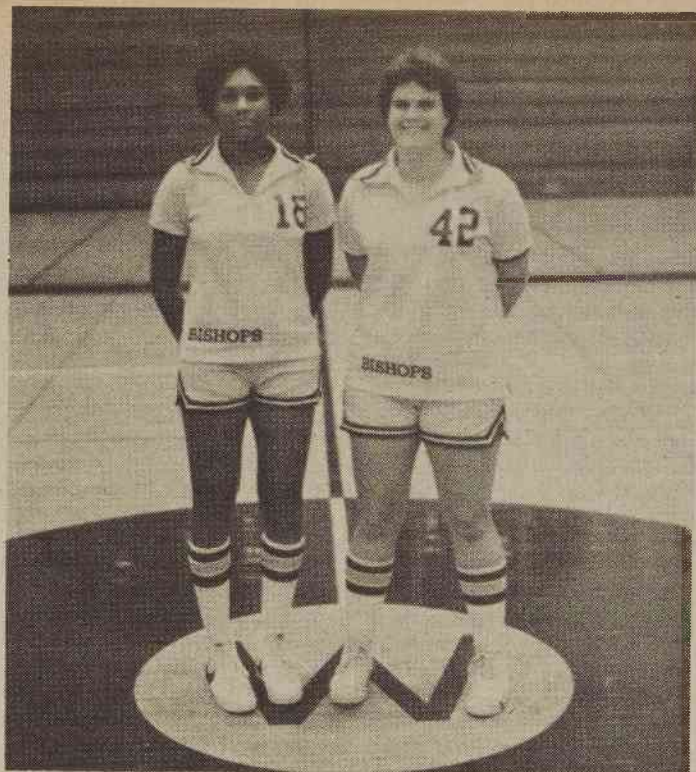


BISHOP WRAP-UP



Lady Bishop co-captains Barbara Leach (10) and Sharon Arrington (42).

1980 Baseball Prospectus

The 1980 Battling Bishops will field a young team, 19 of 24 players are freshmen or sophomores. There is only one senior, DALE RICHTER (Mount Vernon, Alexandria, VA), on the squad.

Returning players include GREG CLARK (Rocky Mount Senior High, Rocky Mount, NC), who was ALL CONFERENCE last spring and MVP of the North Carolina Collegiate Summer League, hitting .430, and recording a combined spring and summer stolen base statistic of 61 for 62. CLARK will start in left field for the Bishops.

Another returnee, TONY POLLOCK (Fike, Wilson, NC), who led the team in RBI's last spring with 32, will be in right field. MOOCHIE MEDLEY (Halifax County, South Boston, VA), a sophomore who had a very successful summer season, will start in left field. Much improved EARL ROBERSON (Phoebus, Hampton, VA) and newcomer MIKE JONES (Buckingham County, Buckingham, VA) will be pushing the starters in the outfield for playing time.

Three .300 hitters will be back from last year's squad. DALE RICHTER will see action at 3rd base and shortstop, CARY GRIFFIN (Rock Ridge, Kenly, NC), who was a summer league ALL STAR, will be the returning starter at 2nd base, and JOE FONTENOT (First Colonial, Va. Beach, VA), the team's only switch hitter, will handle catching duties for his second year. He will be pushed by W.J. LONG (Halifax County, South Boston, VA), who had an exceptional summer batting over .300 and was selected for the summer league ALL STAR team.

TOM HAVERKAMPF (Branford, Branford, CT), who had an especially good fall season will start at 3rd base, TONY VOIGT (Warwick, Newport News, VA), a junior college transfer from Ferrum, will be at shortstop, while DANNY HILLING (Kecoughtan, Hampton, VA) will return at 1st base. Hilling is being challenged by freshman DAN ESPOSITO (Commack North, Commack, NY).

The pitching staff, considered to be the greatest weakness of last year's Bishops team, has been improved, considerably according to Wesleyan Coach Tony Guzzo. "Our top three

pitchers are freshman and our number four is a junior returnee. We expect a lot of improvement in our pitching this season."

LARRY PARR (Kellam, Va. Beach, VA) holds down the number one spot, MIKE MICENE (Commack North, Commack, NY) and SAM DANIELS (Manteo, Wanchese, NC) are numbers two and three respectively. MIKE DAWSON (Bertie, Windsor, NC), a summer league ALL STAR who tied for most innings pitched (over 80 in 32 games) will be the number four man on the staff.

Expected to provide relief and help and spot stars are RICKY KEITH (Youngsville, Youngsville, NC), DAVID ELLIS (Rocky Mount Senior, Rocky Mount, NC), the number one reliever for the Gryphons, KENNY VILLINES (Halifax County, South Boston, VA), coming back from an arm injury, KEVIN OVERBY (Phoebus, Hampton, VA), BRUCE RHODES (Southwest Edgecombe, Rocky Mount, NC), leading pitcher (6-0) in Rocky Mount Legion ball last summer, and LUKE CHALLENGER (Christchurch, VA). Returning summer league ALL STAR BILL EUBANKS (Bertie, Windsor, NC), a strong armed 3rd baseman who is converting to pitcher, is a little behind because of lack of experience, but Guzzo expects Eubanks will come along during the season.

The 1979-80 Battling Bishops recorded another first for the Wesleyan record books by becoming the first Bishops team to make it to the semi-final round of the DIAC Tournament.

The Bishops earned their place among the Conference final four by upsetting the number three regular season finisher St. Andrews College in the quarter-finals on their home court in Laurinburg 66-65. In a game that was close throughout, Kirby Spain (Kellam, Virginia Beach, Virginia), senior point guard, was six for six from the floor and two for two from the foul line while handing out eight assists. In the closing minute of the game SPAIN hit on two jumpers to put the Bishops within striking distance and TOM WILLIAMS (Archbishop Curley, Miami, FL), the Bishops' sophomore small forward, sliced behind the St. Andrews zone and laid in the go ahead basket. Shooting guard, sophomore PAUL HESS (Lansdowne-Aldan, Aldan, PA) sank both ends of a one and one to ice the 66-65 victory.

In the semi-final game against eventual champion UNC-Greensboro, the Battling Bishops fell one point short (79-78) of another upset victory. A charge in the last two minutes that brought them from seven points down was not quite enough as UNC-G held them off at the foul line. Instrumental in the Bishops' effort was SPAIN, who had six points, six assists, and most important seven key steals. HESS contributed 16 points, three of the long corner jumpers coming in the last 90 seconds, and KEITH JONES (Broadway, Sanford, N.C.) a 6'7" junior, sank big baskets throughout to keep Wesleyan

close and to chalk up his collegiate career high 16 points. WILLIAMS led the team in rebounds with eight.

SHORT SHOTS:

KIRBY SPAIN (Kellam, Va. Beach, VA) was named to the DIAC ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM for his performance against St. Andrews in the quarter-finals and UNC-G in the semi-finals.

The 79-80 Battling Bishops set a school record for number of wins (11) and established a school first by advancing to the semi-final round of the DIAC Tournament.

SEASON RESULTS:

Overall Record: 11-14
DIAC Record: 6-10
Against Div. III Opponents: 11-11

DIAC Tournament: 1-1

TEAM LEADERS:

Field Goal Percentage: MARK WASHINGTON - freshman (St. Augustine Prep, Newtonville, NJ), 75-129, 58.1 percent in 13 games

Free Throw Percentage: KEITH JONES - junior (Broadway, Sanford, NC), 23-32, 71.9 percent in 25 games

Scoring: MARK WASHINGTON, 168 points in 13 games, 12.9 ppg; MIKE ROBINSON - senior (Roosevelt, Adelphi, MD), 299 points in 25 games for 12.0 ppg

Rebounds: KEITH WILSON - junior (Van Buren, Queens Village, NY), 143 rebounds in 24 games for 6.0 pg; MARK WASHINGTON - 76 rebounds in 13 games for 5.9 pg

Assists: KIRBY SPAIN - senior (Kellam, Va. Beach, VA), 179 assists in 25 games for 7.2 pg

IN THE DIAC:

The Battling Bishops ranked third in the conference in offense, 74.3 ppg.

MARK WASHINGTON ranked in the top ten in field goal percentage, rebounding,

and scoring. MIKE ROBINSON ranked in the top ten in scoring and KEITH WILSON in rebounding. KIRBY SPAIN was third in the conference in assists.

The Bishops finished sixth in the conference regular season and upset the number three regular season finisher to be among the final four in DIAC tournament play.

LADY BISHOPS REPORT

The Lady Bishops finished their season with a 9-13 overall record and won a coin toss with St. Andrews College to host the first round of the NCAIAW Tournament.

In a game that was close all the way, the Lady Bishops got a basket at the buzzer from JETANNA MCCLAIN (Central, High Point, NC) to tie the game at 66 and sent it into overtime. Wesleyan was not able to keep St. Andrews off the foul line, however, and lost the game 71-68 to end the season.

SEASON RESULTS:

Overall Record: 9-13
NCAIAW Record: 8-7
NCAIAW Tournament: 0-1

TEAM LEADERS:

Field Goal Percentage: MISTY BARNES - freshmen (Beddingfield, Wilson, NC) 69-185, for 55 percent in 22 games

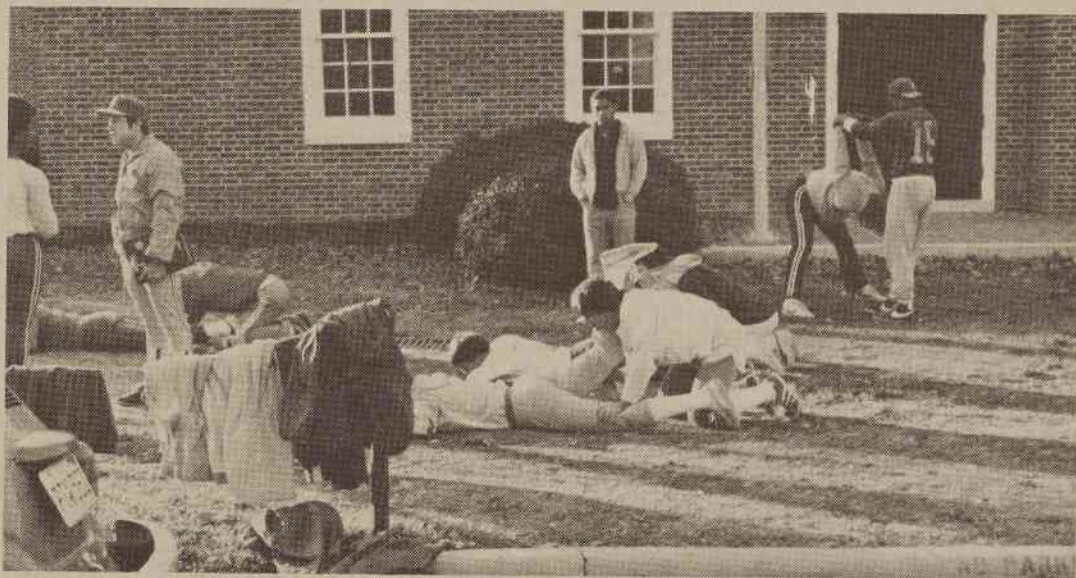
Free Throw Percentage: SHARON ARRINGTON - sophomore (Prince Edward Academy, Crewe, VA), 12-15 for 80 percent in 22 games

Scoring: BARBARA LEACH - sophomore (Elm City, Wilson, NC) 244 points in 22 games for 11.1 ppg

Rebounding: BARBARA LEACH - sophomore, 15.4 pg in 22 games

SHORT SHOTS:

Nine wins in a single season sets a school record for most number of wins in a single season in women's basketball at Wesleyan.



North Carolina Wesleyan Baseball Team starts pre-season conditioning, 1979-80.



The Bishops will play their last regular season home games against Greensboro on Feb. 5 and against Methodist on Feb. 14. L to R: E. Spence (Assistant Coach); B. James (Manager); P. Hess, G. Church, T. Lutz, V. Willis, W. Wallace, T. Bagley, K. Jones, K. Wilson, M. Robinson, L. Porter, R. Glenn, T. Williams, R. James, K. Spain, M. Vara (Assistant Coach); and J. McCarthy (Head Coach).