

WORKING FOR SHOT — Jeff Keyes goes for the ball with a vengeance during Midnight Madness, earning a spot on the men's basketball team. (Staff photo.)

'Midnight Madness' offers look at basketball teams

By GRANT LONG

In the early morning hours of Monday, Oct. 23, Wesleyan celebrated a ritual practiced on thousands of college campuses across the land, Midnight Madness.

A packed gymnasium got a sneak preview of the 1995-96 Men's and Women's Basketball teams.

There was plenty of excitement when Wesleyan's cheerleaders took the floor and pumped up the crowd. When the midnight hour struck the gym lights dimmed and all the basketball hopefuls were introduced to the crowd. Afterwards, the moment everyone waited for had finally arrived and it was time to play ball.

The Lady Bishops took the floor first and dazzled the crowd. Even though the women's team played well it was Artina Treader

who stole the show, scoring 10 points and showing great ball control. The Lady Bishops have quite a few players returning from last year's squad and a great mix of new talent.

Prediction: look for the Lady Bishops to win between 16-20 games and have a strong showing in the Dixie Inter-Athletic Conference. This team is just as talented as the 93-94 team that made the NCAA Tournament.

After a great game by the girls the men's team had a tough act to follow. The men's team also put on a great show, but it was Randy

Little who stole the spotlight on this night. Little scored 17 points and had a plethora of rebounds. The only thing that might hinder the men's team is that they have only five returning players from last year.

Prediction: The men's team is capable of winning 12-15 games this year. They can win more if the team chemistry strengthens over the season. The men will also put on a strong showing in the Dixie Inter-Atlantic Conference. The key to this team's success is how well the first year players will perform.

Sports

Bishops defeat C. Newport

The Battling Bishops won their fourth Dixie Conference game of the season vs. Christopher Newport.

The Bishops started slow by allowing a goal three minutes into the game, but freshman Jason Lockerman tied the game before the half.

Junior Joey Bowman scored the game-winner in the second half with a 30-yard blast. Sophomore Scott Kennell had both assists for the Bishops.

The Bishops dropped a match earlier vs. Randolph-Macon College, 4-1. The Bishops took an early lead, but Macon was able to dictate play in the second half.

The Bishops final game vs. Greensboro will decide second place in the Dixie Conference.

Women end with losses

The Battling Bishops finished their women's soccer season by losing 4-0 to Mary Washington and 3-0 to Methodist.

Although the women's team lost to Methodist they have still secured at least second place in

the Dixie Conference.

Senior Cristina McShain continued her stellar play in the midfield despite the team's losses.

"Cristina was our most consistent player all season," said coach Donnenwirth. "It doesn't matter what the score is, Cristina always shows tremendous heart."

Volleyball splits matches

The volleyball team split Dixie Conference matches two weeks

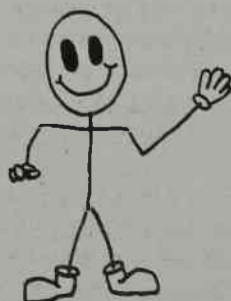
ago defeating Methodist; 15-6, 15-5, 13-15, 15-7, and losing to Averett; 5-15, 3-15, 13-15.

Freshmen Toni Ninni and Chesna Selway led the Bishops with nine and eight kills respectively vs. Methodist. Junior Debbie Cameron served up eight aces for the match.

Toni Ninni and Jen Neugebauer are third and fourth in the conference with .56 and .55 blocks per game.

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