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Eight Lady Bishops make All-Conference

By RENNY TAYLOR

The North Carolina Wesleyan's Women's soccer team landed eight players on the 1998 All-Dixie Conference Teams. The Bishops finished 5-0-1 in the Dixie Conference and won their sixth Dixie Conference Championship. The team has compiled a 24-1-2 Dixie Conference record in the last five seasons.

Making the All-Dixie Conference First Team were backs Shannon St. George and Alison Kirch, midfielders Jamie Funk and Betsy Jones, forward Alexa Kapetanakis, and goalkeeper Jen Foreman.

St. George, a freshmen back from Newtown, Pa., was also

named the Dixie Conference Co-Rookie of the Year. St. George is the third Battling Bishop player to be named Rookie of the Year in the last four seasons. St. George was an impact at the stopper position as she helped anchor a defense which only allowed 0.69 goals per game in 1998.

"Shannon plays with the composure of a senior," said Head Coach Rob Donnenth. "She will be a major contributor in years to come."

Kirch, A freshman from Virginia Beach, Va., started the season at left back and moved to sweeper to fill in for injuries.

"Alison plays with intelligence and heart," said Donnenth. "We had to put her in the pres-

sure position of sweeper due to injuries and she did a fantastic job".

Funk, a junior from Baltimore, Md., was also the Bishops' captain in 1998. Funk was a second team All-Dixie Conference selection in 1998. She finished the season with seven goals and six assists despite playing with a severe ankle sprain the second half of the season.

"Jamie is our leader and she works tremendously hard to set a good example," said Donnenth.

Jones, a junior from Chapel Hill, was also a 1996 second team All-Dixie selection her freshmen year. Jones missed half of the 1997 season but came back this year with four goals and eight assists. Her biggest goal of the season was the game-tying goal vs. Methodist in the Dixie Conference Championship.

"Betsy is the most skilled player on the team," said Donnenth. "It will be scary to see what she can do with an injury-free season."

Kapetanakis, a junior from Raleigh, was named first team All-Dixie for the third straight season. She was also named the Dixie Conference Rookie of the Year her freshmen season. Kapetanakis led the Bishops with nine goals and nine assists for 27 points. She is currently tied for second in career goals (37) and second in career points (98) in the North Carolina Wesleyan record books.

"Every team we play against knows they need to try and stop Alexa," said Donnenth.

Goalkeeper Foreman, a junior from Wilton, Conn., cracks the first team after being named Second Team All-Dixie her first two seasons. She is the all-time Wesleyan shutout leader with 32.5 shutouts in her career. Foreman is a definite All-American candidate according to Coach Donnenth.

"Jen had opponents scratching their heads with some of the saves she made this season," said Donnenth. "Every opposing coach felt she was the best they had seen."

Making the All-Dixie Conference Second Team were back Tara Quigley and midfielder Danyel Thomson.

Quigley, a junior from Pt. Pleasant, N.J., is a junior college transfer from Ocean Community College. Quigley provided leadership in the backfield, which helped stabilize a young defensive corps.

"Tara plays with a contagious intensity and has a great understanding of the game," said Donnenth. "We will look for

her to take a bigger leadership role in 1999."

Thomson, the Bishops lone senior, from Syracuse, N.Y., finished her career by scoring five goals and adding three assists vs. Dixie Conference competition in 1998. Her biggest goal came on senior day as she scored the game-winning goal vs. Methodist in the Dixie Conference Championship in her last home game.

"Danny epitomizes the phrase that hard work pays off," said Donnenth. "She barely got any playing time her first year, but we couldn't keep her off the field from that point on. We always recognized her importance and she has now been recognized for it."

Two volleyball players on Dixie second team

The North Carolina Wesleyan's Volleyball Team's Vivian Vega and Renee Walcott were named to the All-Dixie Conference Second Team.

The Battling Bishops finished the season with a 19-18 record and in third place in the Dixie

St. George wins 'rookie of year' in soccer play

North Carolina Wesleyan's Shannon St. George was named the 1998 Dixie Conference Co-Rookie of the Year for women's soccer.

St. George, a freshmen back from Newtown, Pa., was also named First Team All-Dixie Conference. St. George was an impact at the stopper position as she helped anchor a defense which only allowed 0.69 goals per game in 1998.

"This is a tremendous honor for Shannon," said Head Coach Rob Donnenth. "She has a great understanding of the game and plays with great composure. We are looking forward to seeing her in a Battling Bishops' uniform for the next three years."

This is the third Battling Bishop to receive this award in the last four years. St. George shares this honor with Jennifer Dodson of Ferrum College.

Conference regular season. The Bishops' 19 victories is the most achieved since the 1980-81 season.

Vega, a junior setter from Wellington, Fla., led the Dixie Conference in digs with a 4.33 average per game. She also finished second in service aces (.67 per game) and sixth in assists (5.22 per game).

Walcott, a junior from Medfield, Mass., led the Bishops with 2.62 kills per game vs. Dixie Conference opponents. She also led the Bishops with .388 blocks per game and .480 blocks per game vs. Dixie opponents.

Donnenth selected as 1998 coach of year

Rob Donnenth was named the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's Womens Soccer Coach of the Year for the 1998 season.

Donnenth guided the Wesleyan women to the Dixie Conference Championship with a 5-0-1 record and posted an 11-6-2 overall record. This was the fourth Conference Championship in five years for the Bishop women under Donnenth, who improved his overall coaching record to 62-32-9.

The award marks the third time that Donnenth has been honored as the Coach of the Year with the other two times coming in 1994 and 1996.

Three Bishops picked for All-Dixie teams

By RENNY TAYLOR

The North Carolina Wesleyan's men's soccer team landed three players on the 1998 All-Dixie Conference Teams. The Bishops finished 9-7-2, which is the best finish for the Battling Bishops since the 1989-90 season.

Making the All-Dixie Conference First Team were midfielder Daimeon Savagae and forward Oscar Roa.

Savage, A sophomore from Kingston, Jamaica, led the Bishops with eight assists and also added two goals. Savage was named to the All-South and All-Conference second team as a freshman as well.

"Daimeon brings tremendous experience to this program," said Head Coach Greg Vogel. "He is the most pure playmaker this program has seen in a long time."

Roa, A freshman from Falls Church, Va., took the Dixie Conference by storm and was also

named the Dixie Conference Rookie of the Year. A deadly finisher, Roa, scored 11 goals and added four assists in his first season of collegiate play.

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Making the All-Dixie Conference Second Team was Josh Addison, a junior midfielders from Richmond, Va. Addison led the Bishops with 31 points by scoring 12 goals and adding seven assists.

Addison, the Bishops' captain, bounced back from knee surgery in 1997 to become one of the best two-way midfielders in the Dixie Conference.

"Josh deserves this award by work ethic alone," said Head Coach Greg Vogel. "He has battled back from injuries that have knocked him out of portions of his freshmen and sophomore years."

Roa picked 'rookie of year'

North Carolina Wesleyan College's Oscar Roa was named the 1998 Dixie Conference Rookie of the Year for men's soccer.

Roa, a freshmen from Falls Church, Va., took the Dixie Conference by storm and has become

one of the conferences best goalscorers.

"This is a tremendous honor for Oscar and our program," said Head Coach Greg Vogel. "It shows that our program is attracting fantastic talent and is ready to compete at the national level."

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