



Emmye Taft bashes a ball during competition on the Saint Mary's College campus. (Photo by Noel Hamlin)

TERRIFIC TENNIS TEAM TOWERS WITH TALENT

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The high school tennis team started the season with a great scrimmage against Broughton High School. Coach Jessica Gammon is very excited because of the strong players on the team Ravenscroft, Greensboro Day and Salem Academy are three of the rivalries the team went up against. Hale High School in Raleigh, Cape Fear Academy in Wilmington and O'Neal High School in Southern Pines have been added to the schedule.

One returning player is Holly Evans who is seeded number two and finished second last year in the state tournament. Another second year player is Virginia Bullock who had a winning record last year and played very well against Broughton. Playing number one for the team is Maida Noda, an eleventh grader. She is an intense player who hits the ball hard and with accuracy. A newcomer from Wilson, North Carolina is Hadley Watson who is currently challenging for the number two seed. Emmye Taft is from Greenville and played previously at Episcopal High School. Emmye is an excellent doubles player. Other new players are Ruth Hearn from Statesville, Stephanie Phillips from Raeford, Emily McQueen from Laurinburg, Adrienne Stone who came from Ravenscroft, Julie Johnson and Sarah McClure who came from Broughton, and Melissa Butler who lives in St. Simons, Georgia.

Coach Gammon said she was

glad to be starting her second year as tennis coach. She says her experiences from last year makes it easier with her classes and the team. When Coach Gammon was asked about the upcoming year she said, "Athletics at Saint Mary's are on a good track. The girls are excited and the coaches are excited. We hope the students will be supportive of the girls and come to the matches." Below is a schedule for the rest of the season. We wish the team the best of luck!

Sept. 27	Ravenscroft	Away 4:00
Sept. 28	Hale	Home 4:00
Oct. 1	Forsyth	Home 4:00
Oct. 5	Ravenscroft	Home 4:00
Oct. 7	O'Neal	Away 4:00
Oct. 12	Card. Gibb.	Away 4:00
Oct. 21	Dur. Acad.	Home 4:00
Oct. 29-30	State Tourney	

VOLATILE VOLLEYBALL TEAM VOLLEYS VIGOROUSLY

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The Saint Mary's volleyball team is in the middle of a transition year with a new coach. Blanche Hancock, who is originally from Pinehurst, North Carolina, played volleyball from age twelve all the way through high school at the O'Neal School. She attended Saint Mary's College and continued her education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Although this is her first coaching job, her past experience with the sport will be beneficial to the members of the volleyball team.

Coach Hancock is assisted by Emmalee Jones, a college freshman who was a standout volleyball during her high school career at Saint Mary's.

The students at Saint Mary's high school who are on the volleyball team are Hope Dangerfield, senior; Laura Raynor, sophomore; Elizabeth Stark, junior; Corey Mapes, junior; Jenny Lewis, senior; Kristie Rawles, senior. Harper Best, junior; ; Dayna Edwards, senior; Nicole Loucks, senior; and Dickens Whittley, junior.

The matches played to date have been against Neuse Baptist School, Hale High School,

Durham Academy, Greensboro Day, Forsyth C. Day, Cardinal Gibbons, and Ravenscroft. Coach Hancock encourages team members to be good sports and to never give up. Each game has been a positive learning experience, with the team members working together extremely well. There is emphasis on the adage "It's not whether a game is won or lost, but how it is played."

Remaining matches are:
Sept. 28 Cresset Chr. Away 4:00
Sept. 30 Bishop McG. Home 4:00
Oct. 1 Friendship Aca. Away 4:00
Oct. 8 Salem Academy A... 4:00
Oct. 12 Hale
Oct. 29-30 State To

SOCCER FIELD SHOWS SAINT MARY'S "MOVING FORWARD"

Showing a new commitment to women's athletics, Saint Mary's College began construction on a new soccer field in June, 1993. The field is now covered with a downy layer of green and will be ready for use when the soccer season begins in February and runs through May.

The old field was located in the same general area of the front campus between the main entrance and the Bishop's House, which is used by the Historical Preservation Society of North Carolina. The field was replaced because it was not regulation sized and provided a cramped practice space. Because it was so small, the Saint Mary's soccer teams were never able to host soccer games on campus and travelled to Morrisville to play their home games. Returning senior Nancy Hill says that she is looking forward to a successful season. "Also, I am looking forward to having eleven home games. This field will enable the team to practice more complicated plays which will make the game much more interesting."

Davis Dillon came to Saint Mary's last summer as the new Athletic Director and soccer coach, the soccer field was still on the planning board. Dillon is committed to the concept of the scholar-athlete and to this end has established a study room for student athletes to use on the second floor of the gym. The athletes are expected to be models of academic excellence as well as skilled sportswomen.

Charles Winsont, Chairman of the Board of Trustees said, "The soccer field will add new dimensions to the sports aspects of Saint Mary's. This shows that we are moving forward!"

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Soccer field with its carpet of green