

Crusaders Ranked 4th In District Play

The 1977-78 basketball campaign has been very successful for Belmont Abbey College thus far this season. One of the reasons has been the team attitude and team play the Crusaders have displayed.

"There are no superstars on this team," commented Coach Bobby Hussey following a recent game. "Collectively, though, we are a very good team. We get a stern test every time we go out, and the guys meet the challenge. We are getting good play from every player on the team. All of the 13

victories have been team victories."

This sentiment was echoed by Jimmy Crawford. "This team attitude is the best I've ever seen anywhere," commented the Charlotte, N.C. junior. "We give each other support and encouragement. Not only is the starting five important, but so are the others. We are a team and function well as a unit."

The Crusaders are ranked fourth in the 21-team NAIA District 26. Two of the teams in front of them are in the top five in the nation.

BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE 1977-78 VARSITY BASKETBALL ROSTER

Desmond Dennis	6-7	Sr.	Washington, D. C.
Bobby Moran	5-7	Sr.	Bethesda, Md.
Glenn Tambon	6-11	Sr.	Elmhurst, N. Y.
Lawrence Carter	6-0	Jr.	Halifax, Va.
Jimmy Crawford	6-7	Jr.	Charlotte, N. C.
Greg Leslie	6-6	Jr.	Hopatcong, N. J.
Mike Littlejohn	6-1	Jr.	Lincolnton, N. C.
Jack Campbell	6-2	So.	Mooreville, N. C.
Billy Holmgaard	6-6	So.	Westfield, N. J.
Eddie Jenkins	6-7	Fr.	Trenton, N. J.
David Kershaw	6-4	Fr.	Welford, S. C.
Stan Parker	5-11	Fr.	Hillsborough, N. C.



DR. MIKE REIDY

Spring Sports To Begin Workouts

With the coming of the spring semester, all eyes in the athletic department turn to the spring sports program at Belmont Abbey College.

The men's tennis team is beginning to practice, though mostly indoors. Coach Mike Reidy is very optimistic about his team's chances in the tough NAIA District 26.

"We have three solid players returning in Spike and T.J. Reilly and Ed Perry," commented Reidy. "They have been working very hard on their game since last fall and did quite well in some tournaments.

We have also added Roger Martin to our roster. He is one of the top players in Gaston County and should help us out. I'm really looking forward to the season."

A women's tennis team will

also be fielded this season. Reidy and Pam Allison will coach this team. Last year was the first time the College had a women's team, and the response was quite good. The girls have been working all this year, getting ready for the spring season.

Father Martin Hayes, O.S.B. will again field a golf team this spring. Due to bad weather that has been occurring lately, their practice has been limited to a few scattered sessions. District 26 is also a very tough one in golf. Play begins in late March.

Plans are also being made for a spring soccer schedule to begin in March. Coach George Kennedy is hard at work now, getting the schedule arranged, as the Crusaders are hard at work, getting ready for the fall soccer season.



COACH GEORGE KENNEDY

Soccer Coach

Recruits Players

Belmont Abbey College soccer coach George Kennedy spent his Christmas break traveling the east coast on a soccer recruiting trip. All in all, a lot of territory was covered, and Kennedy was very optimistic about his trip.

"It was a very busy time for me" said Kennedy, who will enter his second year as coach. "I talked to a lot of people about coming to Belmont Abbey College to play soccer, and I got a lot of positive reactions."

Besides recruiting, Kennedy has been working on an indoor schedule for the winter months. The team has been working on skills every night in the Wheeler gym, getting ready for the games. He is also setting up a spring schedule.

"Everyone is really working very hard on their game," Kennedy continued. "I have been pleased with what is going on. I know it's tough, but everyone is giving it their best."

In addition, Kennedy is planning to host a soccer camp in July. Anyone interested, please write to him in care of Belmont Abbey College.

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