

# SPORTS

## Tennis Team

### Sees Good

### Season

The Belmont Abbey College tennis team is off to a quick start. The netters possess a 5-3 record for the early part of the season, as the Crusaders are playing one of the toughest schedules in their history.

Among the five victories for the Crusaders is one over tough University of North Carolina-Charlotte. They also downed Lafayette (Pa.) and lost a close one to Pfeiffer College. They will play an 18-game schedule, not including the Johnson C. Smith Invitational Tournament and the NAIA District 26 Tournament.

Number one seed on this year's team is T.J. Reilly. His brother Steve, better known as "Spike," is seeded second. Gaston County sensation Roger Martin, a freshman, is seeded third, while Andrew Doris, who also plays soccer, is fourth. Ed Perry is the fifth seed and John Maresh the sixth.

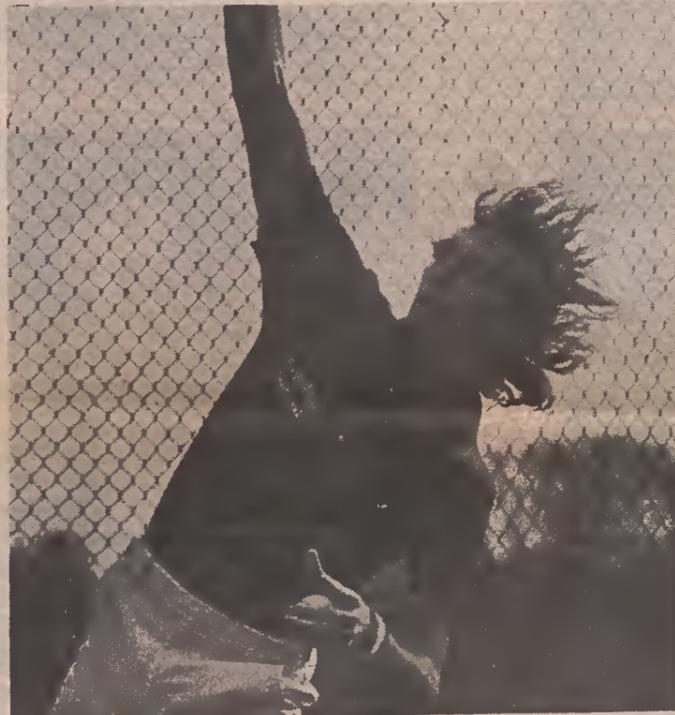
The doubles team of T.J. Reilly and Roger Martin is undefeated this season. The pair is just now getting used to playing as a team, and should prove to be one of the premier doubles teams in the District.

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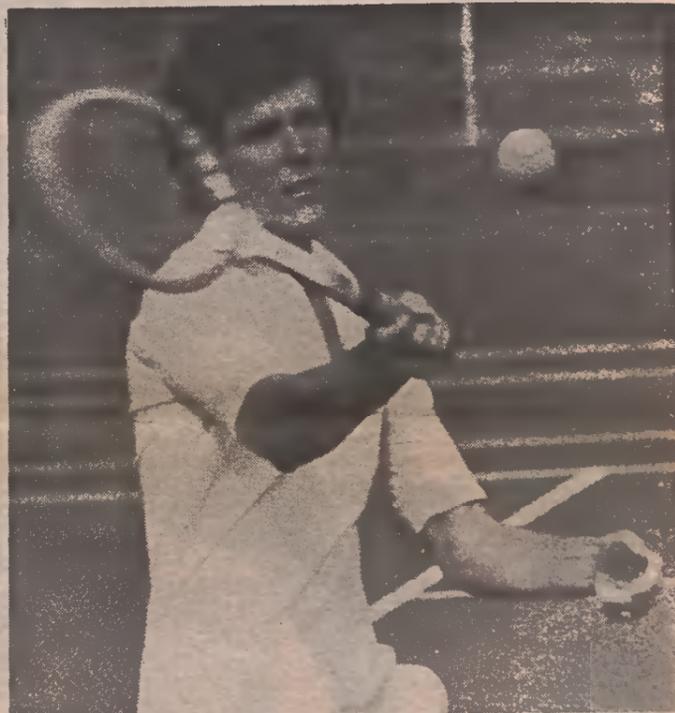
said Coach Mike Reidy. "Every one of the players works hard, trying to perfect his game. I've been proud of the way they have played. They have faced some stiff competition."



1978 TENNIS TEAM - Standing l to r, manager Steve O'Donovan, Andy Doris, Herb Hunter, T. J. Reilly, Steve Reilly, Coach Mike Reidy, kneeling l to r, Dennis Noble, Roger Martin, John Maresh and Ed Perry.



ROGER MARTIN



T. J. REILLY

## Seniors Contribute To 21-9 Record

The Belmont Abbey College basketball team, which finished the 1977-78 season with a 21-9 record, their best of the seven-year career of Coach Bobby Hussey, owes a great deal of that credit to the three seniors on the squad.

"They have done so many things for us this season," said Hussey. "Many of the things that they did did not show up in a box score, but the things that were needed for us to be a success they did."

"They helped, even while not playing regularly. They en-

couraged, were leaders and just served as examples for our younger players."

The trio consists of Glenn Tambon, a 6-11 center from Elmhurst, N.Y., Bobby Moran, a 5-7 guard from Bethesda, Md., and Desmond Dennis, a 6-7 center from Washington, D.C.

"They are the unsung heroes of this team," Hussey continued. "It was an adjustment for them, to be watching instead of playing. When you called on them to go into the game, they were there and picking us up."

"Each one of them con-

tributed so much to the team's attitude. They were lending helping hands to me when things did not go our way in a game. There is no way that I can express in words what they meant to the team, or how much that they will be missed. They will be very difficult to replace," concluded Hussey.

It was the best season in the trio's four-year careers. They were but one game from a possible NAIA District 26 playoff berth, and were ranked as high as second in the district during the season.



BOBBY MORAN



DESMOND DENNIS



GLENN TAMBON

## Soccer Still Going Strong

Although it is springtime, soccer is still going strong at Belmont Abbey College. In fact, you would think it's fall instead of spring the way things look around campus.

The Crusaders, under Coach George Kennedy, who soon will enter his second season at the helm of the Crusaders, have been playing both indoor and outdoor games since the

beginning of the second semester. They also participated in a tournament in Davidson, and have sponsored several soccer clinics as interest in the game is growing in this area.

The soccer field will also take on a new look this fall. The field has been re-seeded, and new, removable goals have been added.

## Abbey Golf

The Belmont Abbey College golf team is preparing for another season in the tough NAIA District 26. The team has been hard at work, together, and with the players working on their games individually, long before spring time.

The team will again be coached by Father Martin Hayes, O.S.B. They will play an eight-match schedule, not including the NAIA District 26 tournament.



FR. MARTIN HAYES, O.S.B.