

SPORTS

Soccer Academy returns to St. Andrews

Last season, approximately 70 soccer players attended the first annual St. Andrews Presbyterian College Soccer Academy held in Laurinburg, North Carolina.

In 2003, the staff is hopeful that the numbers increase and the Academy can continue to become one of the most prestigious soccer programs in the Cape Fear Region.

Students from Hoke, Robeson, Richmond, Scotland, Marlboro and Dillon took part in the event in the summer of 2002 and found it to be an outstanding chance to learn more about the technical and tactical side of soccer. That mixture along with fun and sun has players from more than 20 middle and high schools taking a look at St. Andrews.

St. Andrews will hold its second session July 21-24 on the SAPC campus. Each day, the camp will proceed from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Students will also be able to use the Olympic size pool and the gym for indoor soccer during the daily free time.

Tom Frambach, St. Andrews head mens soccer coach and Stevan Hernandez, St. Andrews head womens soccer coach, lead a versatile coaching staff that includes assistant mens soccer coach Geoff Krampe and assistant womens soccer coach Elizabeth Bowden.

Frambach is in his second season with the Knights. He holds a National Diploma from the NSCAA. Hernandez is beginning his fourth season with the Lady Knights. He also holds a National Diploma from the NSCAA.

The St. Andrews Presbyterian College Soccer Academy Philosophy states, The St. Andrews Soccer Academy is committed to the development of the youth soccer player. We strive to provide a positive and enjoyable experience for all involved. All participants will gain invaluable skills necessary for success both on and off the field.

Registration is open to both male and female soccer players. Those who attend the SAPC Soccer Academy will receive a tee shirt, soccer ball and a water bottle.

Players may register until July 7. After that date, a late fee of \$15 will be added. Late registrants may not receive a camp ball, tee shirt and water bottle.

The cost for a full day at the Academy is \$150. The cost for a half day at the Academy is \$80 (for soccer players ages eight and under).

Members of the Academy staff try to plan new and innovative soccer drills and games that are not typically seen at the middle school or high school level. By incorporating new learning processes, the students gain new perspectives about the game.

The best way to learn the game is through small sided games. Games such as soccer tennis helps with ball control and it makes it more challenging, added Hernandez. Hopefully, it was something that they have never seen before.

If anyone has any questions about the SAPC Soccer Academy for 2003, please contact Frambach at (910) 277-5428 or Hernandez at (910) 277-5277.

Flora Macdonald 2002-2003 sports awards

Other awards: John Locklear — cross country: Most Valuable Runner; Zach Hughes — Most Improved, Rette Bass — Most Dedicated; Carrie Wood — tennis: Most Dedicated; Jordan Shook — cheerleading: Most Dedicated; Maggie Walton — basketball: Most Dedicated; Chris Duncan — basketball: Most Improved; Mitchell Currin — tennis: Most Dedicated; Maggie Walton — softball: Most Improved; Stiles — softball: Most Dedicated; Neill Newton — baseball: Most Improved; Ashley Bunnell — soccer: Most Improved; Carrie Wood — soccer: Most Dedicated; Jordan Shook — cheerleading: Most Dedicated.



Varsity cheerleading: Most Valuable Cheerleader — Victoria Lynch (left); All Southeastern Independent Conference — Lynch and Lauren Powers.



Josh Smith — Most Valuable in baseball



Deborah Ayers — Cross-country: Most Valuable Runner, also Darryl A. Crabtree (academic) award



Megan Shemenski — Coaches Award in basketball and volleyball, also SEIC Goalkeeper of the Year.



Joey Sayre — Most Valuable in basketball



Bryan Garrigus — McDonald's Community Scholar-Athlete of the Year award, Most Valuable in soccer and tennis and All SEIC in soccer; and Amy McNeill, also Most Valuable in volleyball, softball, basketball, FMA Female Athlete of the Year

Graduation

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radioed they needed additional help," Strickland said. "People waited outside, but it was not raining."

"Parents were upset."

Peterkin said he understands the disappointment of many parents. It became also a matter of liability and safety if they were admitted to the gym, he said.

"There is no doubt the unfortunate overflow was caused by the extra tickets given out," Peterkin said. "The school officials had to make a responsible decision, and I think they did the right thing."

"I understand they are trying to rectify the situation with parents who were left outside."

Kennedy met with some concerned parents last evening to discuss alternatives for those who were unable to observe the graduation ceremony. Although it was conceivable a second graduation event might be held, she said that was still not determined.

"For those parents who were unable to observe the graduation, we made a video of the ceremony that will be available to them," Strickland said.

Even though printing fake tickets would not be considered a criminal matter, Strickland said the school was attempting to find out who was involved in producing the tickets.

"Our tickets were on hard, pink stock cards," Strickland said. "Ten tickets were given to each student for the outdoor ceremony. For the indoor seating, students were given only four tickets of another color."

"The color of the tickets presented by some at the door was a completely

different shade. By the time people handling the tickets at the door realized some were not appropriate, too many people had already gotten through."

Strickland said the tickets issued by school officials for indoors would have accommodated seating for parents and grandparents of each of the 260 seniors, but not have provided for extended family or guests.

"We are looking into the situation to make certain it does not happen again," Strickland said. "Now the seniors are gone, and it may be hard to find out who did it."

Kennedy, who was not faulted by school officials, said she was distraught over the incident.

"I have agonized and agonized over this," Kennedy said. "This graduation meant so much to our students and parents, and I feel bad."

"We are so sorry. Whatever the parents feel they want to do to make them feel better, we will do."

Kennedy said initially a crowd rushed through the doors. It was not until later she and other officials realized there was a problem with the number of tickets being accepted at the entrance.

"We would have loved to have fit everybody into the gym," Kennedy said, adding, "It would have been dangerous if we had allowed more than was permitted by our fire code."

"The graduation went fine during the ceremony," Strickland said. "We hope seniors are moving on to better things. Our graduates expressed the hope they would be graduating from colleges four years from now."



Shane Futrell — Male Athlete of the Year, Coaches Award in baseball and basketball



Sophia Duncan — Most Valuable in volleyball, soccer



Maggie Walton — Coaches Award in softball



Southeastern Independent Conference Soccer Coach of the Year Joel Beachum with seniors Cori Adams, left, and Megan Shemenski.



Katie Stiles — Most Valuable in tennis

Sport camps offered

Any area soccer, volleyball and basketball players will have an opportunity to gain new and fundamental skills in a fun and competitive environment over the summer at Flora Macdonald Academy.

There will be six weeks worth of sports camps to be held at the school. They are open to any area athletes.

The first week of camps will be held June 2-6 with basketball and soccer. The second week will be

June 9-13 with basketball camp. The third week will be June 16-20 with basketball camp. A fourth week will be June 23-27 with soccer and basketball camp. A volleyball camp will be held the week of July 7-11 and a second volleyball camp will be held during the week of July 28-August 2.

For further information on any of the camp dates, contact Flora Macdonald Academy at (910) 843-4995.

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