Spalding Smoking Survey Results Say... “Dude, Smoking is Cool!”

Kristen Asmussen, ’02

I am disgusted with the stack of papers which sit in my room and consist of the surveys about smoking which were passed out and filled out in homeroom recently. I am even more disgusted with the way a mature group of teens has completely disregarded the serious subject of smoking. After sitting through the hundreds of surveys, I realized that a majority of the student body found this survey an opportunity to display their savvy humor, while the minority treated smoking with the seriousness which it deserved. Among the many comments which were written on the survey, the most popular were, “Dude, Smoking is Cool”, “God likes for us to smoke”, or “I smoke 100 packs a day.” On the other hand, there were the select few people who gave this subject the attention which it deserves, and said that “smoking is ruining the world.”

Due to the lack of truthfulness and seriousness about this smoking survey, I have decided not to publish the percents of how many people in each class smoke or do not smoke because the results are flawed.

In an interview with Dr. Berard, a family physician who practices in College Park, Maryland, he stated that when one inhales the smoke from one cigarette, their body immediately intakes nicotine and other toxins and poisons into the airway and bloodstream. This nicotine sends a pleasurable sensation to the brain, causing someone to become easily addicted to cigarettes. Dr. Berard said that after quitting smoking, one’s lungs become much more resistant to infection after six months to a year, while the lung retains some permanent damage. And, after quitting, a person’s blood vessels become healthier within six months. Dr. Berard lists the long term effects of smoking as constriction of blood vessels, destruction of the lungs, and cancer. All of his smoking patients are advised by him to quit their smoking, for he is aware of smoking’s dangerous bodily effects. Dr. Berard has resisted smoking himself, and says that he has smoked “not even one puff.”

One could look at the scientifically proven facts about the negativity of smoking, such as 430,700 people die each year in the United States due to smoking (which is 22% of all deaths each year), or 75% of heart problems are due to smoking, or that cigarettes contain 43 cancer causing chemicals. However, there are several other reasons one could look at to convince one to resist smoking. One could conclude that smoking harms their social appearance, making them not “cool”; for smoking turns their teeth yellow, gives them bad breath, makes their clothes stink, and makes them age quicker. One could quit smoking in order to save the immense amount of money which costs him/her every year to keep up this expensive habit. Lastly, as Catholic students and moral people, one could consider the belief that our bodies are temples which we should take great care of, and smoking would obviously not be taking care of our bodies. Whatever the reason that one decides smoking is wrong for them, the important thing is that they seriously look at the issue of smoking and evaluate the consequences that smoking has on their lives and their bodies.

SMELL THE ROSES

Tom Doran ’03

On February 12, an hour and a half after the halls of learning had been vacated for the day, several members of the National Honor Society were stopping to smell the roses. At least, they would have stopped and admired the floral fragrances if they hadn’t been so busy dethorning... and tying ribbons into bows... and wrapping bouquets. Everyone was working hard and the effort really paid off. After more than hour of pruning and organizing, a majority of the four hundred orders had been sorted into homerooms and were ready to be delivered the next day.

Basically, this article is to thank everyone on the Rose Committee who helped out after school that day and at seven o’clock the following morning for the time and effort you put into making the rose sale a success. Special recognition goes out to Anna Lim stoping to smell the roses. At least, they would have stopped and admired the floral fragrances if they hadn’t been so busy dethorning... and tying ribbons into bows... and wrapping bouquets. Everyone was working hard and the effort really paid off. After more than hour of pruning and organizing, a majority of the four hundred orders had been sorted into homerooms and were ready to be delivered the next day.

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Also, it should be noted that the participation by the Spalding community was greatly appreciated. The money from your rose orders raised a substantial sum, which was in turn donated to charity. Overall, the rose sale was a total success, and once again, thanks to everyone who bought a rose.

Attention Club Moderators and Presidents!

The Stylus putting together a “Get Involved” edition to be distributed at Freshman Orientation in August. All clubs and organizations at Spalding are encouraged to submit an article describing club activities, events, and anything else. Articles should include more comprehensive information than what would normally appear in the club directory at the beginning of the year. Photos would also be appreciated. See Mike Fontz, Devin Donovon, or Tom Doran if you have any questions. Do you have a flyer that could be included in the issue - see one of the above students. Fall sports teams are encouraged to participate in the issue as well by submitting a season preview and schedule if possible. Deadline for all submissions is May 1.

NO SNOW IN CENTRAL MARYLAND

by Ian Jewett ’02

Does anyone ever wonder why this area seems to be anti-snow not only this year, but most of the time? Everyone should because the weather of Central Maryland makes a difference in getting out of school or not. In reality there are scientific reasons why this tiny portion of the country has a “no snow” forecast. For snow to fall, there obviously has to be adequate moisture and freezing temperatures. Actually, freezing precipitation is possible with ground temperatures as high as 37 degrees. Why doesn’t Central Maryland get snow? There are numerous factors stacked up against days of sledding and snowball fights. The first is that the jet stream must have a dip over the Mid-Atlantic region so that enough Canadian cold air is present for temperatures to be cold enough. Secondly, The Appalachian Mountains act as a barrier to cold air and moisture often absorbing all of our potential snow in Western Maryland and West Virginia. Snowstorms that come from the south picking up gulf moisture are our only chances of significant snow. Most of the time these systems bring too much warm air or push off into the Atlantic Ocean before reaching our section of the country.

Enough said, if Central Marylanders really desire snow they’d need to pull the jet stream directly over Maryland, chop down the Appalachian Mountains, formulate enough moisture to create a storm and pray. In other words, if snow is your thing, move!
BOOK BooBoos by Tom Sorber ’02

Duke University recently did a study on science textbooks used in middle schools. The twelve books they studied reach 80% of middle schoolers in North Carolina. They found obvious errors in all twelve books. Some were minor, such as spelling errors and incorrect numbers, but others were major. A few of my personal favorite mistakes pointed out by the study include a photograph of singer Linda Ronstadt in the 1997 edition of Exploring Physical Science, the caption describes the picture as a “silicon crystal.” Another is a photo of the Statue of Liberty that appeared backwards in four consecutive editions of the same book. Lastly, Science Links shows the equator to go through Southern Texas and Florida. As of now, no steps have been taken to correct these mistakes. The state of North Carolina, where the study took place, went as far as to issue a statement. The statement said that they were “looking into it.” That, by the way, does not really mean anything. None of the books studied are used at Spalding, but there are probably mistakes in some of the books that we use.

SUPPORT THE HOMETOWN TEAM! By Mike Fontz ’03

What ever happened to cheering on one’s hometown team in good times and bad? Hearing the early talk about the new baseball season, one cannot help but note the fact that many Baltimoreans have disowned their baseball team and written off any chance of winning. However, the team has proven to be a competitive team. The bullpen already exceed Toronto to take third place in the American League. Many in Baltimore should remember that the Orioles to be an exciting and competitive team. The bullpen already looks promising with a number of pitchers nearly set to take on the closer role. Also, the addition of Chris Singleton and Marty Cordova over the off-season supplements an already strong defensive lineup. Jay Gibbons and Jeff Conine along with Tony Batista are set to provide some pop in the bats to propel the Orioles to victory. While it may be hard to watch some of the mistakes that the team makes in the early going, every sports fan in Baltimore should remember that the Orioles and give them at least a chance.

The Orioles start has obviously been anything but impressive (2-8 after their first ten games). It will get better. The hitting will catch up with the awesome pitching. Patience is a virtue. Go O’s!

WORLD NEWS UPDATE: MOM GETS LIFE FOR DROWNING CHILDREN; WOODS WINS MASTERS By Kate Flandaca ’03

In Houston Texas, Andrea Yates faced possibly the scariest time of her life. This mother of five went on trial, facing two capital murder charges, and a panel of appalled jurors. In late March, the jury weighed in on the case: life in prison without the possibility of parole. In doing so, the jury not only rejected the insanity plea of the defense attorneys, but also opted to allow Mrs. Yates to spend the rest of her days in jail instead of sentencing her to death.

One wonders how a mother could kill all her children, drowning them one by one. The horrific acts are hardly wonder that anyone left a mother, in the moments during the crime, Yates was unable to decipher right from wrong. However, the prosecution proved an important point. Following her heinous actions, Yates immediately called the police, recognizing the wrong she had committed. That action undermined the fact that she thought she was doing right. The jurors faced a very difficult case. They heard heart-wrenching details, like the 911 call placed by Yates after drowning her eldest child, Noah. They listened to Yates’ confession, made to the police upon their arrival at her home. There, they found the bodies of the children, wet, on a bed covered with a sheet. The jurors also heard a taped interview, recorded after Andrea’s arrest.

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Slot Machines in Maryland

Joey Pereira ’04

One of the main issues in any state is how to get more money. Despite the constant influx of taxes from various homes and businesses, there never seems to be enough to go around. Recently, the option of putting slot machines in various locations throughout Maryland has been an idea of great controversy and interest. Supporters of slot machines claim that the added revenues will greatly boost the economic status in Maryland. Those opposed to the idea point out that slot machines will ultimately lead to the development of casinos in Maryland. These casinos will inevitably be followed by an immense rise in crime. Both sides bring up valid points: slot machines will bring an increase in revenues, but they may also lead to a rise in crime. The question, therefore, is whether or not the benefits of slot machines outweigh the detriments. In other words, do the ends justify the means? In my opinion, the detriments seem to be enough to go around.

Despite the fact that many people are determined not to let Maryland become a gamblers paradise, opinions can change at any time. Future generations may suffer due to the decisions made today. If casinos do come to Maryland, there is no denying that they will bring a rise in crime. Baltimore already has crime problems. Is it wise to take steps to increase these problems? Hardly.

Some argue that the funds brought in by slot machines will assist the public schools in Maryland. There are certainly some states that could use a dramatic increase in the performance of public schools. However, Maryland is not one of them. Despite some overcrowding, the majority of schools in Maryland are performing at adequate levels. Extra funds would be nice, but since many schools are performing well, it is unlikely that the funds gained by the slot machines would go to the schools.

Up until the recent events in our country, Maryland has had a surplus of cash each year. Just because the economy has been lax, does not mean that slot machines are needed to boost revenues. Slot machines were not needed before September 11, and they are not needed now. The small economic bonus will simply be overshadowed by crime. If slot machines are placed in Maryland, they will ultimately lead to a problem far worse than a simple recession.

Is the War on Terror Running Out of Steam?

Anonymous

We were all unfavorably affected by the attacks on the United States on September 11, but will our War Against Terrorism run out of steam? At first, most all Americans were glued to their TV sets with strong resolve and interest, but now, due to lack of news and progress, has our nation’s attention turned away from our radios and televisions, to more local and personal problems? Recently, terrorists seem to be strangely absent from in school assemblies.

It is not just Spalding or even high schools that see this kind of favoritism toward the sports teams. The media, too, never focuses on Model UN or Mock Trial. Instead, they dwell on the superstar athletes. Other teams and clubs that win awards and competitions may get mentioned over announcements if they are lucky, but are never honored in the way our sports teams are heralded.

Is it possible for our country to keep patrolling the world for possible terrorists for the rest of time, and all the while maintaining the focus and concentration that we have now? It does not look promising. American people everywhere surely feel that we should keep an eye out for possible terrorist activity, but should it be to this extreme when clearly we have rooted out the heart of terrorism in the Middle East? Does our nation have the endurance and persitency to keep up the War on Terrorism?
Battle of the Bands is notorious for attracting a diverse crowd. This year was no exception. Everyone from the die-hard music fans to those who don’t know a riff from an amp, came out and showed their support for all the local talent.

The first brave band on stage was Smitten. The two-girl group spent a significant amount of time setting the stage. Candles, flowers, and original art was arranged on stage to set the mood. Lizzy Greif, on lead guitar and vocals, was paired well with Chrissie Howland, on the bass guitar. Their dark, moody jams mellowed out the crowd. However, at the end of their set, the audience got to their feet and were showered with daffodils. Smitten proved to be a great band to start off a night of sundry music.

Orchard, a veteran group at Battle of the Bands, took the stage as the second act. Starting out by taking the lights way down, the band preformed in almost complete darkness. The trio, including John Romey on bass guitar, Joe Montemarano on guitar, and Russel Kelbaugh playing guitar, keyboards, and singing, really mixed things up. Their music had awesome special effects, creating a techno, echoey vibe. The shadowy and sad sounds created an eerie sense in the auditorium. Nevertheless, Spalding’s music fans responded positively to the angst-filled songs. Lyrics like, “I’m not mad at you,” and, “…then he blames it on me,” spoke to the teens. Orchard, as usual, put on a great show.

Third to the stage was the apparently punk, FX120. The loud, rambunctious group put on an amazing show. Mike Clark, playing guitar while roaming the flocking crowds, Ian Hines, slapping away on bass, Tommy Halet, thrashing on the drums, and Chris Underwood, crooning energetically, put on possibly the most lively show of the night. FX120 could easily be classified as a “boy band gone bad.” They had groupies, tee shirts, boyish charm…and musical talent. The four guys took command of the stage with enthusiasm and overall upbeat songs. They did slow down for a few minutes, as they played a tasteful instrumental tribute to Andy Eser and Brian Clark. The high point of their performance had to be their punk cover of “Ice Ice Baby.” The rendition, which was clearly better than the original version, had the whole audience up and going. FX120 was a crowd pleaser, and I got a tee shirt (no, it wasn’t a bribe… I caught it on my own!)
Focus

The Rafters took the stage looking tremendously calm. With Katie Cycan singing, Anne Kovarik on lead guitar, and Colleen Ruddick on bass guitar, there were plenty of talented seniors in the group. The group was rounded out by Brandon Reeder on drums and Meg Ruddick on guitar. The Rafters, with an all-together different sound, included a cover of Blind Melon’s song, “No Rain.” The group obviously had musical talent, perfectly balancing music and vocals, without using special effects. The Rafters deserve kudos especially for their professionalism during the so-called “Microphone Fiasco.” Not even technical difficulties could mask this groups’ abilities. The Rafters took second overall. Congratulations on a great show.

Dubjuice, the fifth act to take the stage, put on an amazing show. Not only did they get the crowd going with their “Sublime-inal” sounds, but the group had awesome stage presence. The casually clad group of guys, including: Mark Anslem, Jay Nauman, Corey Graham, Eric Shea, Keith Krempel, Dan Mayes, Adam Berkshire, and Mark Anslem, got the crowd up and moving with “40 Ounces To Freedom.” The set was smooth and laid-back with a massive rhythm and percussion section. As the crowd rocked to the reggae beats, Dubjuice danced onstage and even squirted the fans with water. Their crazy antics and wicked music got the audience to their feet and dancing.

The final band to play was Brothers In Arms. The energetic group, consisting of Chris Rausch on lead guitar, Kevin Rausch on bass guitar, Dan Russel on drums, and Tobias Russel on lead vocals, stole the show with their first song. BIA was loud, enthusiastic, and played to the crowd. Their songs consisted of a driving rock beat, matched well with tongue-twisting lyrics. Tobias got the crowd jumping by swaying and dancing with them. The group’s professionalism and amazing talent speak volumes as to why they have a mob of groupies that follow them from show to show. The screaming electric guitar, the thudding bass, the pounding drums, and the smooth vocals, together, netted Brothers In Arms a big win at this year’s Battle of the Bands.

At night’s end, Battle of the Bands had been a raging success. Five trampled flowers remained on the stage, as two amazing bands received awards. Having sold only 175 tickets in school, it was a delightful surprise to see around 375 rockers come out to support their friends that night. As far as planning goes, much credit is due to Keith Beirman. According to Mr. Phillips and Mrs. Valkovschi, “Keith single-handedly put [Battle of the Bands] together.” They went on to say that it was a “phenomenal success” and was a perfect “parting gift” from Keith to the Spalding students. After the awards had been handed out, fans were reluctant to leave. However, Keith set them straight stating, “That’s it…see ya later!” And with that, Battle of the Bands 2002 was officially over. Thanks a lot to Keith, the bands, and everyone else involved in putting on such a great show!
Crossroads Review I
Brett Jackson '04
Crossroads, more commonly referred to as "that movie starring Britney Spears", appealed to many, while filling the role of the joke of the day to even more. I saw the movie at the Annapolis Mall with my friend. We thought that maybe it would be worth seeing, and if not we could always make fun of the bad acting. The immediate realization that I was one of the oldest people in the theater struck me as soon as I walked in. The average age of the kids in the theater was probably twelve. The basic plot of the movie was that three elementary school girls revive their broken friendship during a road trip that they decide to take. The first half of the movie was the worst part. They set up a terrible explanation as to why the characters stopped being friends or why they ever were friends in the first place. This made it hard to accept the character's dramatic personalities. The second half of the movie was better. I think, because you have gotten past the bad writing and have learned to accept the characters the way they portray them. The girls revitalize their friendship during "girl talk", and each of the characters finds closure on the broken relationships in their lives. It was not a bad storyline, but the talent was not up to par. Even for a teen movie. What made me really question why I came to see Crossroads was that the fact that during every part when Britney would sing, the little girls would sway, clap, and sing along.

Crossroads Review II: OOPS, SHE DIDN’T DO IT AGAIN!
Steve Pelzman '04
A group of friends and I were bored and decided to go see a flick at the movies. Numerous movies were to be decided upon. We had the choice of many fine Oscar caliber movies, but the girls in the group had their sights set on the Britney Spears movie "Crossroads". I had always wondered what Britney Spears could do on the big screen since she dominated the small screen for several years so I gave in to their pleading. As I walked into the theater I knew that I was making a terrible decision. The first scene started out with Britney dancing around in her room in a tight pair of underpants and a bra. Right then and there I knew what I was getting myself into. I knew that this movie would be another way for Britney to shock audiences with her scandalous apparel and over the top sexuality. The movie is only another reason for guys to swoon and for Britney to take off her top. The whole story line behind the movie was a group of friends who get separated in high school and rekindle on graduation day. They decide to take a road trip to an audition for a record company so that they can be made into stars. Britney’s character, Lucy, is the class sweetheart and wants to find her mother on the trip. Her two friends are an odd couple because one is a pregnant trailer girl and the other is a high class, skinny, rich girl. The girls bring along a mysterious man on their journey who ends up having an intimate relationship with Lucy (another reason for Britney to strip down). Throughout the movie, Britney sang several of her songs off of her new album in strategic parts in the movie. Overall, Lucy's so called incredible journey was another way for the powerhouse called Britney Spears to promote her album and to take off her clothes. I would not recommend this movie to anyone, unless people want to see a selfish self-promotion of a movie with a plot that seemed to have been made by one of Britney’s sleazy managers.

Tips for Saving Money
By Kristen Asmussen '02
Many teens tend to spend money they have quickly after they get the money, or if they have a steady paycheck, to spend the money in their paycheck before they have even received the money. Living from paycheck-to-paycheck is a bad habit, and can be broken by practicing saving money. Some tips for saving money include:

• Putting at least ¼ of one’s paycheck in the bank each time you receive one, gradually increasing the amount of your paycheck put in the bank until you are putting ½ of your paycheck there. Even if you take the money back out after you put it in the bank, you will at least get some interest on the money while it is in the bank. This money in the bank will be useful in paying for college or buying big purchases, such as cars.

• Don’t get a credit card unless you can properly manage it. If using a credit card, only spend money you already have, so you can pay off the bill when it comes, and not waste hundreds of dollars on interest charges and late fees. If a million teens borrow money by not paying off their credit card, and each only owe $2 in “fees”, this can add up to $24 million a year which credit card companies receive.

• Putting money away in a CD (Certificate of Deposit) keeps your money in a place where you cannot touch it for a certain number of years. Oftentimes, you will receive twice the usual interest on this money and not be tempted to spend it.

• Savings bonds are a useful place to put your cash, and it will mature over seven years. The benefit of savings bonds is that you can cash them in at any time, and get your money back.

• If you are planning to make a big purchase, set aside a little bit of money each month, instead of using all of your paycheck for that purchase. That way, you can put some of the money from your paycheck in the bank, and use the rest to buy personal items, such as CDs and clothes.
Juniors: It’s Time to Start Preparing for the SAT
By Linsey Ashburn '02

While the SAT and college admissions may still seem to be in the distant future, in actuality the time to prepare for them is here. Students should take the SAT’s in April, May, or June of their junior year and again in September, October, or November of their senior year (no SATs are offered during the summer months). For students planning to apply to college Early Decision or Early Action (where application deadlines are typically before Dec. 1 and sometimes before Nov. 1), taking the SAT in junior year may be essential in order to meet the application deadline.

What's the First Step?

In November of sophomore and junior years, all students took the PSAT. Pull out your scores from these two tests, and decide if they are scores you would be happy with on the SAT. Without preparation, you are unlikely to do substantially better on the SAT than you did on the PSAT, and you may even do worse. For the math section, your PSAT score reports include a breakdown of the different materials tested; algebra content is coded with an A, arithmetic with an R, and geometry with a G. Go through and find if there is one area where you consistently performed poorly- this is the area on which you will need to spend the most time preparing. However, be sure not to neglect the other math areas. If, for example, you were enrolled in an algebra course when you took the PSAT, you may have done well on that section because the information was so familiar. If you are now in a geometry class, it is essential to brush up on the algebra so you will be prepared for that third of the math SAT.

Along with your score report, you should have a copy of the actual PSAT exam booklet. Using your score sheet and the exam booklet, look for a pattern for wrong answers in the verbal section- did you consistently poorly on the critical reading or on the analogies, for example? If your wrong answers are divided evenly between critical reading, analogies, and sentence completion, you may just need to brush up on your vocabulary in order to improve your score.

How and What Should You Study?

Once you have determined the areas where you need the most practice, you can go to the library and check out an SAT-prep book. You may not have the time to work through the whole book, so just focus on those areas that you know you need the most work in. If your weak area is vocabulary, check out a book such as Barron’s Hot Words for the SAT I, which includes 350 of the words that appear most frequently on the SAT. A highly valuable tool for preparing for the SAT is the College Board’s Ten Real SATs, which, as its name indicates, is a collection of ten actual SAT exams that have been given in recent years. There is no better way to prepare for the SAT than by examining the content of actual tests.

Once you have your study materials, sit down in a quiet location to study. Don’t have the TV on, and do not listen to music if it will distract you. Don’t want to waste your time by attempting to study but being unable to concentrate. If you have decided to take a practice exam (or even just to do one section of one), follow the actual rules of the SAT. Do not give yourself extra time to work on a section; see what you can actually accomplish in the time allotted. Once you take the exam, however, go back and review the questions you got wrong. Rework the problems to make sure you’ll know how to do them if you ever see them again. Copy down any vocabulary words you didn’t know and look them up- you never know if you’ll see them again on the real SAT.

If you were unable to finish the exam in the allotted time, go back and look at the problems you did not get to. These are probably the last problems in the section, which means they are the hardest ones. Work through these problems, because if you can do them the rest of the test should be easy.

What Strategies Can Be Employed While Taking the Exam?

While you’re taking the test, a key point to remember is time management. If you don’t know how to do a problem, skip it and come back later. It’s better to skip one question than to end up with several unanswered questions at the end of the test because you wasted time. As mentioned above, the last problems in any section are typically the hardest, so if you are having problems with the questions at the end of a section, go back and do the earlier problems first. You are more likely to get them correct, and you get the same credit for getting an easy question right as a hard one. One caveat: critical reading questions are in random order, and not arranged easiest to hardest.

If you have no clue how to answer a question- don’t answer it! On a school test, you are penalized the same for getting an answer wrong or for leaving it blank, but the SAT is graded differently. For each question of the SAT that you answer correctly, you gain one point. For each answer incorrectly, you lose a fraction of a point (one fourth a point if the question had 5 choices, one third a point if the question had four choices). If you do not answer a question at all, you neither lose nor gain points. As you can see, random guessing hurts your score, so unless you can narrow an answer down to one or two choices, don’t guess. The one exception to this rule is the ten student-produced response questions in the math section. For these questions, no choices are given but you must grid your answer onto the answer sheet. No points are subtracted from your score for a wrong guess on these ten questions. Therefore, if you can make a reasonable guess it will not hurt you to grid it in.

What is a SAT II?

The SAT IIs are subject tests that test your knowledge of one subject, such as literature, math, foreign language, chemistry, biology, or physics. These tests are only one hour each (the SAT I is three hours long), so you can take three SAT II subject tests on the same Saturday. It is a good idea to take these tests right after you finish a course. For example, if you are enrolled in AP Chemistry as a junior, take the Chemistry SAT II in May or June when you are studying for finals. You will forget the information if you wait until September. The SAT IIs are not required for all colleges and universities, but most selective schools require you to take three of them. The Writing test (which is similar to the Writing Skills section of the PSAT but also requires you to write an essay) is the test that colleges most commonly require. Math IIC or IIC are the second most frequently required tests (the IIC tests more advanced math than the IC; most students take the IC). Many colleges also require a science exam if you are going to major in anything science-related. These tests can sometimes be more important than the SAT in deciding admissions, so don’t forget to study for them. Remember: You have to register about a month in advance in order to take an SAT exam, so go to www.collegeboard.com as soon as you know you are going to take the SAT so you can register in time.

Don’t forget to get a good night’s sleep, eat breakfast, and relax during the exam- if you prepared, your score will reflect your effort.
Sports

Terps Victorious Over Duke in February: Better Late Than Never Analysis

By Tom Doran '03

Editor’s Note: While this article may be slightly dated, the narrative of Maryland’s awesome victory over Duke cannot be ignored. Certainly, everyone knows that Maryland would go on to dominate in the NCAA tournament and leave with their first-ever National Championship. And now...without further ado, Tom Doran’s analysis of Maryland’s pivotal February victory over Duke.

I cannot let a little problem like late news stop me from performing a duty I love all too much - gloating about the Maryland Terrapins, and their amazing win over the Duke Blue Devils, by a score of 87-73 on February 17. On that note, let me begin.

Gary Williams’ Maryland Terps humiliated Mike Krzyzewski and his band of preppy players, trouncing the then first ranked Blue Devils for a solid forty minutes. Unlike their previous five encounters in the past thirteen months, the last of which contained twenty-five lead changes, the Terps controlled the scoreboard for the entire game, asserting their dominance over the Duke.

If Maryland beat back the Devils one more time, the ref was going to stop the game and call it a technical knockout. At one point leading by twenty-five, it was obvious to everyone watching the game that Maryland was the better team, which is why they are now ranked number one in the ACC and are second in both the USA Today and AP polls, directly above Duke. Kansas is ranked above the Terps at number one, even though they haven’t played a grade A team all year, but I digress.

Gary Williams had this game figured out from the beginning, he sincerely outcoached Mikey boy before tip off occurred. Example, Jason Williams killed the Terps on their January seventeenth meeting, continually driving into the lane for lay up after layup. This time, Gary had Steve Blake (who is just as good as Jason Williams any day of the week) pick up Williams at the three-point line rather than half court. This eliminated Williams’ momentum and cut off his access to the basket. Brilliant.

Speaking of Steve Blake, allow me to indulge myself and recreate the play that yelled to everyone across America that the Maryland Terrapins were the better team in Cole Field House clock. Jason Williams, considered by some to be the best point guard in the country, is winding down the clock from just below half court. He turns back to the Duke bench to receive instructions from Kryzewski. BAM! Steve Blake darts from the three-point line, steals the ball from a befuddled Williams, and sprints down the court for an easy lay up. It was an amazing play. You can probably catch it on ESPN Classic sometime in the near future.

Sophomore Chris Wilcox dominated the game for Maryland, leading the team with twenty-three points and eleven rebounds. Truly one of the most athletic players in college basketball, he’s huge and fast Carlos Boozer and Mike Dunleavy couldn’t stop this guy on the inside. Wilcox was also the star of an award winning play, throwing a full court pass from out of bounds to a streaking Juan Dixon for an easy two points. Let me say this one more time, Duke Got manhandled.

"He’s the" Juan Dixon appeared to have a slow game, but by the end of the game the All American had seventeen points, hitting eight of his fourteen field goals. It’s amazing how he seems to casually get that many buckets without anybody noticing. His near perfection performance on defense was one of the main factors in holding back Duke throughout the entirety of the game.

Lonny Baxter, Byron Mouton, Drew Nicholas, and Ryan Randle also played superbly on both ends of the court, functioning as a well-oiled machine to bring down an end to Duke’s tyrannical dynasty.

Spalding Sports Soar

By Mike Fortz ’03

Victory! In horse racing, it is called a trifecta when the three horses on which you bet take 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. What do you call it when four of your teams win league championships?

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