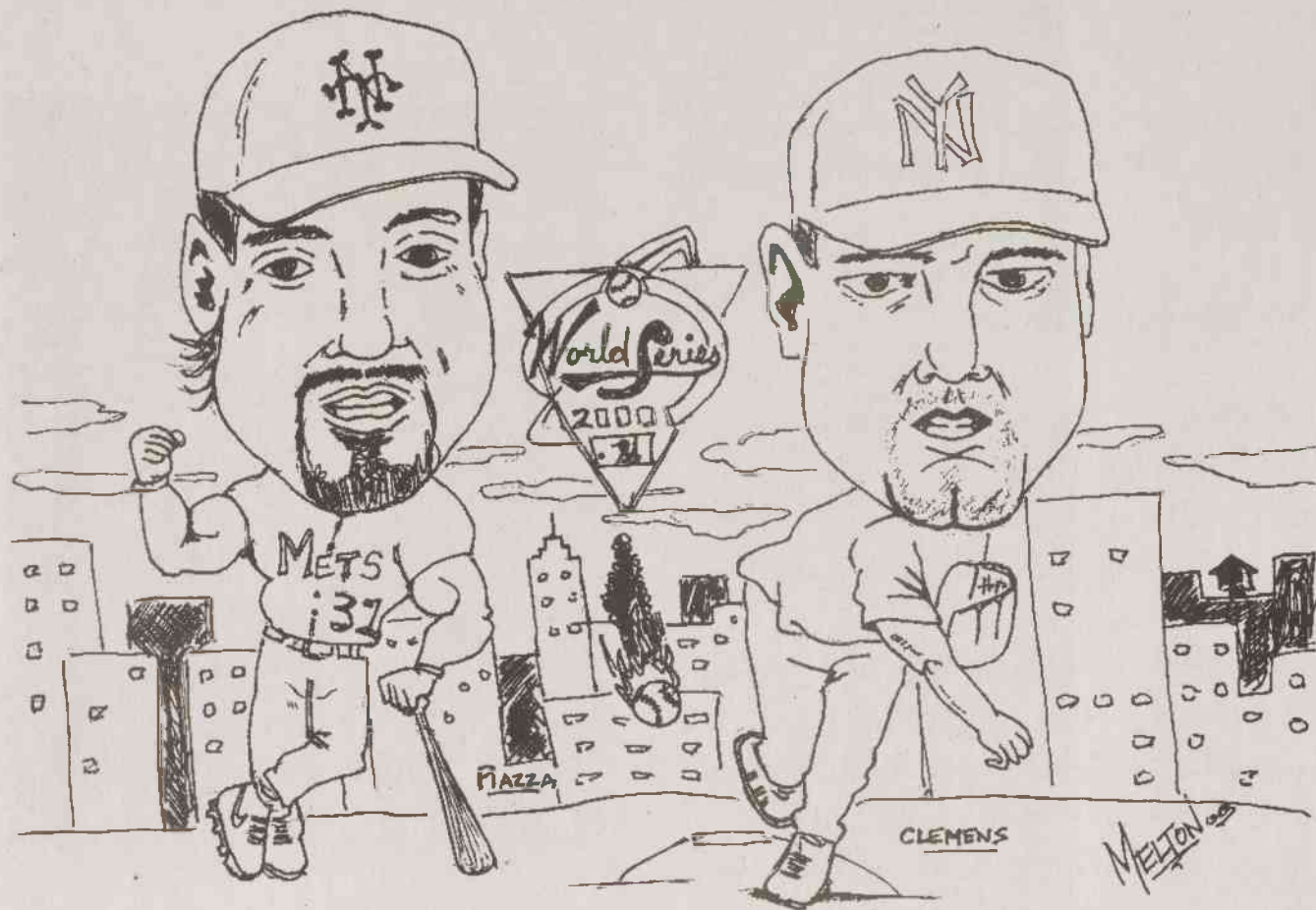




WHO WILL WIN THE SUBWAY SERIES?



Men's Golf Team Wins 2nd Consecutive Golf World National Match-play Championship

The Methodist College men's golf team swept through the 2000 Golf World National Intercollegiate Match-play Team Championships at the Country Club of Big Oaks in Tupelo, MS. The #2 seeded Monarchs defeated Southwestern (TX) 5-0 in the finals.

Coach Steve Conley's team, who entered the fall season as the

nation's top-ranked NCAA Division-III team in the MasterCard(r) Collegiate Golf rankings, did not lose a match in route to the school's second consecutive match-play national title. In the quarterfinals, the Monarchs rolled past Olivet College 5-0 and defeated Skidmore 4.5-0.5 in the semifinals.

The innovative event featured

the top eight NCAA Division-III schools in a unique match-play competition. The five members of each team played singles matches against their opponents to determine the winning team. The event was sponsored by Golf World magazine and was administered by the College Golf Foundation.

Members of the Methodist College Monarch championship squad were Chad Collins (3-0), Jered Gusso (3-0), Billy Whitney (3-0), Joey Wuertemburger (2-0-1), and Ian Finch (3-0).

Men and Women Picked Second in Preseason DIAC Basketball Poll

Both the Methodist College men's and women's basketball teams have been voted to finish second in the 2000-2001 Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference pre-season basketball coaches poll. The poll, released on Monday, October 16th from the conference office, is a vote among the league's 7 head coaches. The men's team received 25 votes and one first-place vote and are picked to finish in a tie for second with NC Wesleyan, while the women's team garnered 32 votes and 2 first-place votes. Christopher Newport University was tabbed as the

preseason favorite in both polls.

On the men's side, the Monarch look to rebound after a 9-16 campaign last season. The Green & Gold return 11 lettermen off last year's young squad and have four out of five starters returning. Second-year head coach David Smith will look to improve on last season's fifth-place conference finish. The men open the 2000-2001 season at The Citadel, a NCAA Division-I school, on November 18th.

On the women's side, fourth-year head coach DeeDee Jarman looks to continue the string of two

consecutive Dixie Conference regular-season titles. The Lady Monarchs, who finished 21-5 last season, return 12 letter winners and four starters. The Lady Monarchs also take into this year's campaign a 17-game home winning streak at the March F. Riddle Center. The women's team opens the 2000-2001 season at the Randolph-Macon Tip-Off Classic in Ashland, VA.

- Men's Basketball
1. CNU (6), 36
 2. Methodist (1), 25
 3. NC Wesleyan, 25
 4. Greensboro, 24
 5. Ferrum, 10
 6. Averett, 8

- Women's Basketball
1. CNU (4), 34
 2. Methodist (2), 32
 3. Greensboro (1), 26
 4. Ferrum, 20
 5. NC Wesleyan, 14
 6. Shenandoah, 13
 7. Averett, 8

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Women's Tennis Duo Wins Rolex National Title

The Methodist College women's tennis doubles team of Elena Blanina (sophomore from Moscow, Russia) and Carla Simpson (sophomore from Cameron, NC) captured the women's doubles national championship in the NCAA Division-III Rolex(r) National Small College Tennis Championships held at The Racquet Club of Memphis (TN).

Blanina and Simpson won their third match in two days and topped Beloit College's Julia Lebedeva and Tanja Kpylova 6-4, 7-6 (2) in the championship. The Lady Monarch duo is the first from Methodist College to ever claim a Rolex(r) regional or national title. The duo looks to lead coach Dan Arnold's women's tennis squad into

the 2001 traditional season. Blanina, the Lady Monarchs #1 singles player, went undefeated in the 2000 season with an 18-0 record at the top spot while Simpson transferred to Methodist College from Sandhills Community College.

The event was presented by the USTA (US Tennis Association) and administered by the ITA (Intercollegiate Tennis Association). The Rolex(r) National Small College Championships feature men and women's singles and doubles tournaments in each of the ITA's four small college divisions (NCAA-II, NCAA-III, NAIA, Jr. College). In order to qualify for the National tournament, competitors must advance through regional qualifying.

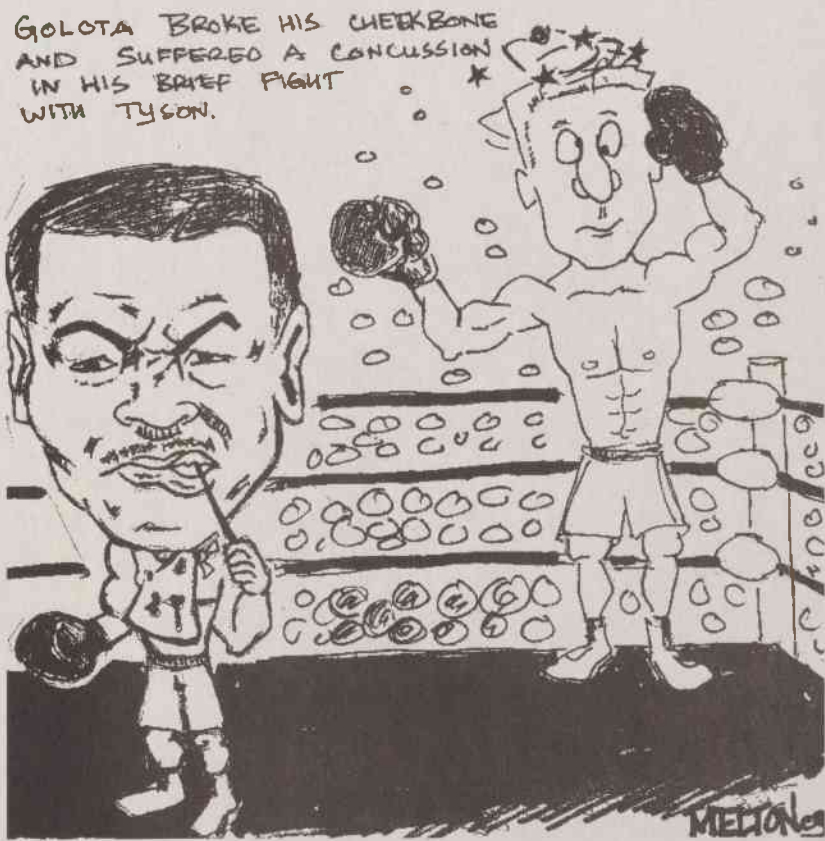
Anna Baker and Samantha Moser Earn DIAC Rookie of the Week Honors

Women's soccer player Anna Baker and volleyball player Samantha Moser were named this week's Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Rookies of the Week for their respective sports.

Baker, a midfielder from Kernersville, NC, recorded both the game-winning goals for the Lady Monarchs (10-6-1 overall, 3-2-1 DIAC) in 1-0 wins over Ferrum College and Catholic University. Headed into Thursday's match at St. Andrews, Baker currently leads the Dixie Conference in goals scored with 15 on the season. This marks the second time that Baker has been tabbed the DIAC's Rookie of the Week and the fourth time the

honor has gone to a Methodist College player.

Moser, a middle-hitter from Wilmington, NC, received the volleyball Rookie of the Week honor after leading the Lady Monarchs (12-14 overall, 3-4 DIAC) in a 3-1 conference win over NC Wesleyan on the road October 10th. She hit .413 with an average of 6 kills per game (24 total). Heading into Friday's crosstown showdown with Fayetteville State, Moser led the Lady Monarchs in kills per game with 3.88. This week makes the second time this season that Moser has earned the honor and the third time for the Lady Monarchs.



It's all about balance!

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