



1987 Softball Team enthusiastically waiting to nit the field.

MONTREAT BASEBALL: PLAYOFF BOUND? PROBABLY!

by Knox Bridges

I begin this article with an apology to the baseball team and Coach Tinnell. I had previously written an early season report, but I was too late to get it into the last issue of the paper. For that I am truly sorry, and hope this article will do the team justice.

It all began with the team winning 8 out of our first 10 games. Pitcher/shortstop/designated hitter Charlie Brown began this 10 game run with 17 RBI's and 3 home runs. Center-fielder and left-fielder Derek Helton and David Pressley both got off to .400 batting starts. Milt Flow was named "Pitcher of the Week" after pitching a shutout and opening the season with a 2-0 record. But that was all in the beginning.

Now, the team is 17-19-2. The season has had it's ups and downs since the start. First the ups. Leading hitters include: David Pressley (.372), Derek Helton (.345), and Charlie Brown (.319). Doug Ross and Neil Adams are also batting above .300. The leading pitchers include Wade Bigham (3.75), Milt Flow (4.22), Charlie Brown (4.50), and Todd Phillips (5.20). Milt Flow posts the best record with a 4-1. Joel McDaniel presently has a shutout and a 1 hitter to his record. Todd Phillips has a shutout and a 2 hitter to his record. Todd Phillips is leading all pitchers with 32 strikeouts. He is averaging about 1 strikeout per inning. Defense continues to be led by Neil Adams, Derek Helton, and Steve Ingle.

Now for the downs. Despite good pitching and fair defense, the batting has had a rough time. However, it appears that since the last 4 games, the batting is back on an up-swing. David Pressley, Charlie Brown, and Derek Helton continue to lead the team in bats. It is hoped that more hitters will emerge in the last games to give

us a good shot at the conference tournament. Errors have also plagued the team, but are getting fewer with each game.

Now a word about Charlie Brown. Charlie's batting stats are remarkable. 119 times he's been at the plate with only 6 strike-outs! He, along with Derek Helton lead the team in hits with 38. Charlie leads the team with 27 RBI's. And, that boy can pitch! In his last start against Anderson College, this writer watched him fan batter after batter. His fastball is something to see. If you haven't seen him play, you don't know what you're missing.

Montreat has only 9 regular season games remaining. It's time more fans began attending the games. Sometimes I feel that except for players girlfriends (and some who wish they were) and myself, nobody bothers to go to the games. Why? Most people are finished class by the time the team plays. Most people can at least catch one game of a double-header. The team needs more encouragement and I expect more out of our students than I see. Are they playoff bound? You bet they will be if you show them your support. See you at the game.



Sophomore Jill Baker warming up.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

by Mindy Clinard

Much athletic talent goes unnoticed on our campus. The rosters are rich with outstanding players on all of our sports teams (soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball). This year alone, 35 athletic scholarships were awarded to players ranging in amounts from \$100 to \$3100.

One all-around lady athlete is Sophomore Beverly McGee. While here at Montreat, Bev has played all three sports available to women. She plays this year on an athletic scholarship for volleyball and has been offered scholarships at both Catawba and Greensboro Colleges to play after leaving Montreat. She is in the process of deciding where her future studies will lead her.

Presently she is playing outfield for the softball team. "Everyone gets along great," Bev comments about this years team. "The freshmen that came in have really added to the team, they're enthusiastic and willing to learn and take advice from the

returning players. We have good team work."

The ladies softball team has worked very hard this semester, after having begun practice even while basketball season was still under way for some of the players. Lou Johnson has done an excellent job this year as coach and friend to the girls even though their strong efforts have not been overly successful on the field.

The lady Cavaliers will be playing at home today at 3:00 against Hiwassee and will travel to Milligan College on April 21st for their last game of the season.

The 1986-87 Softball Team -

Leslie Watson - catcher
Paula Johnson - pitcher
Michelle Thomas - first base
Kathy Fox - second base
Carol Fox - short stop
Liz Merritt - third base
Jill Baker - left field
Beverly McGee - left center field
Elaine Weidman - right center field
Beth Stucki - right field
Sherry Kocsis - pitcher
Jeanne Marshall - statistician
Beth Westmoreland - assistant coach
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CLUB TENNIS NEWS

by Debbie Mier

Despite their busy schedule, the men's club tennis team meets for practice during the week whenever it is convenient for all of the team. They work hard at maintaining a positive attitude and achieving their goals.

Their first match was successful as they defeated Warren Wilson College, with five games to Warren Wilson's four games.

The men who play are Greg Crouch, Gary Greenly, Greg Morgan, Jason Probst, Johnnie Gales, John Stiles, and Joel Schaeffer. Competing in the doubles match, Johnnie Gales and Greg Morgan defeated their opponents. Gary Greenly, Greg Morgan, Johnnie Gales,

The 1986-87 athletes at Montreat-Anderson will be recognized for their hard work and dedication on the playing courts and fields on April 22. The Athletic Department will be honoring the student athletes and presenting awards at 6:30p.m. in the Howerton Cafeteria.

and John Stiles all won against their opponents in singles play. Jason Probst and Greg Crouch played very tough but lost in a close game.

Two matches will be rescheduled against Gaston College and a second match against Warren Wilson was played this week.

Not leaving the women tennis players out, Wendy Hart, Cathy Yu, Leanne Howe, and Debbie Mier work hard every Tuesday and whenever convenient. Due to difficulties in finding opposing teams, they have not yet played any matches. However, Coach Neal has been working hard at trying to schedule two matches for the week of April 20-25.