

GOLF CLUB BRAD OWENS

When one thinks of the Athletic teams at M-AC, the teams that pop into most peoples minds are the soccer, baseball, basketball, and girls' volleyball teams. Golf doesn't usually conjure up visions of exciting finishes or "down-to-the-wire" seasons. But golf is a very legitimate sport in the U.S., with some of the biggest money in any sport going to the winners. Here at Montreat-Anderson we have a group of golfers that have finished their fall season and are anxiously awaiting the spring weather so that they can tee-off against other golf clubs.

M-AC Golf is a club sport and not a college sponsored team, with Dr. Frazier Jones, the organizer and founder of this team, scheduling matches with other clubs such as UNCA, North Greenville, Central Piedmont and Brevard. Dr. Jones is the coach, Knox Bridges is the manager, and the golfers are: Brylan Gann, Kevin Harris, Gary Greenly, Bryan Smith, Hap Newell, Robert Dowman, and Philip Jackson.

Although golf at M-AC is non-funded by the school, some private donations are accepted. "Why isn't the club a sponsored team?" you may ask. Good question. With most of the players owning their own equipment, and a deal with Black Mountain Golf Course that allows them to practice free, the expenses for M-AC golf would be minute in comparison to the other sports here. Many of the players have expressed an interest in seeing the club become a legitimate team, and hopefully this will become a reality.

Enjoyment of the game is the primary reason for the club's attitude. As manager Bridges states, "Our team is primarily interested in having fun, though we have the necessary players to compete with any of the schools in our conference."

CAVALIERS "TIP OFF" OPPONENTS

STAFF WRITER

The Montreat-Anderson Basketball season opened with a bang winning victories against Clinton and Draughons. These two teams were defeated in the Cavs Tip-Off Classic. The final score for Friday night's game against Clinton was 85-82, and the final score for Saturday's game against Draughons was 92-73. Both opposing teams played well, but were not a match for our own Cavaliers.

Coach Hughes commented that the team played better against Draughons than Clinton. The team was more "psyched up" and "played hard for 40 minutes." Coach Hughes also stated that the team did make some mistakes, but the victory is important. Many feel that the Cavaliers have obtained an excellent defensive floor team, and they are quick to stay with the ball.

Even with the large lead in the game against Draughons, Coach Hughes does not feel that the team will "get cocky," but will "always come out and work harder, and play like the score is 0-2." Although there were mistakes

made against Clinton, the Cavaliers corrected many of them in the game against Draughons. The team's success is due to their hard work, talent and coaching staff.

Both Brett Badgett and Brad Bower both received awards in this tournament. As for how the players feel?!? Well, I recorded comments from various players: Johnny Wilson, "All right!!" Andy Bunn- "Kicking," and from one player; "Great-- booked some butt!"

Once again, the M-AC Cavs played an excellent game as winners of the "Brown Jug Tournament" against their arch-rival Warren Wilson. The victory ended with a final score of 97-94. Even though a victory, some players felt it was hard won. As said by David Phenell, "Defense played bad-- we didn't make many shots."

Later, Montreat experienced their first defeat against Anderson. Montreat lost 105-65. However, one thing that should be noted is that Anderson is ranked 5th in the nation and Montreat put up an excellent fight.

LADY CAVS RIDE OUT HURRICANES

GARRETT STANFIELD

Well, Brevard has to be given credit; they have a very proficient girls' basketball team. Coach Tom Bradford has the Lady Hurricanes organized into a force hard to meet any day of the month.

Let it also be known that in spite of being on the downside of a 65-53 score, Montreat's Lady Cavaliers can't easily be shrugged off. Indeed, our team fought on in spite of the odds and their energy was most evident with a constant lead in the first half and ending six points ahead.

Throughout the game the electricity could be felt in the air. The crowd turnout was quite good, the enthusiasm was rampant, and the battle on the court unrelenting. It seemed that every other moment a girl in blue and a girl in gold was scrambling on the pine, gripping for some orange leather.

During the second half it was a flip flop over who had the lead. But in the latter half of the half, Brevard managed to get a foothold and build their lead in a long struggle against our girls. Yet in all this the crowd for M-AC stood ever faithful. They should be thanked for their support.

Also, thanks should go to the Lady Cavs for an excellent, exciting game. The special Basket Case Award should go to #14 Carol Fox, who topped the score listings with a total of 14 points. The other Cavs did a great job in view of their opposition; if they put as much energy in their other games as they did in this one, victory should be a consistent thing in the games to come.



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