

# 'They Can Do It'

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Many people tend to overlook the excellence of women's teams when discussing athletic events. However, the Lady Cavaliers of Montreat-Anderson College are out to prove that a woman's team can and does know how to play some ball. With skills developed in practice, inherent skills necessary to be a good ball players, excellent leadership and coaching, and hard work, this years woman's basketball team is ready to conquer.

The women's basketball team started the season on a positive note with a scrimmage against Brevard College. Although the team came out behind in the score, the team is very optimistic. "It was a learning experience and I am extremely impressed. We had eight out of out ten players playing because two were injured. It was

so encouraging to see everyone out there working hard," Coach Dana Bostic stated.

The women's basketball team has three returning players with seven new recruits to start the season. Coach Bostic stated that, "Shayna White, a junior from Durham, and Gracie Mann, a senior from Mann's Harbor, are both going to provide great leadership. It rubs off on other players and pumps them up too. Alison Swanger, a returning sophomore from Waynesville, runs offensively and point guards. Junior Trish Lewandowski will help Mann in rebounding, while freshman Anita Bumgarner is a consistent outside shooter. both Tracy Jones and Judy Davis provide good playing time inside. Others on the team include Shannon Whitaker, Yolanda (Skeet) Bridges, and Shon Snipes."

One of the team's goals this year, the recruitment of quality athletes, has already been accomplished. Bostic is excited about the season: "We have recruited good players that are good on the court as well as academically. I want them to be known as being good students as well as good athletes."

"We have a completely new look-a new style-up tempo this year. We have ten players which causes everyone to play. We want to put pressure on the other teams. The ten players that we have are a strong team. I know they can do it," Coach Bostic said.

In addition to Coach Bostic's leadership, the Cavaliers are also receiving the wisdom of former player and student, Carol Fox. Fox has assumed the position of Assistant Coach to Dana Bostic. Together, they hope to produce a winning team this season.

Bostic expressed the wish to, "thank everyone that supported the fundraiser. We surpassed our goal and that will help us to get the little extras that make the team."

"I am really encouraged because I feel that we can surprise a few teams. We are trying to build the women's athletic department and have people begin to notice us." Each student can help the Lady Cavaliers team by attending the games, and supporting these ladies throughout the season.

The Lady Cavaliers already have one win for the season. On Saturday, Nov. 10, they defeated Covenant College by a considerable margin. This victory represents a starting point and a foundation of wins for the team to begin building upon. This win has undoubtedly raised the confidence level of the entire team.