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Fall Baseball, A Time of Testing

By Janie King

The fall season for the Montreat-Anderson baseball team is well underway. The season opener against Limestone was a loss, but the Cavaliers, says Coach Key, "hung in there all the way." The other games against Brevard and UNCA were both spilt, each team winning one game.

The baseball team is going through some immense changes this year. This is Coach Key's first year at Montreat, so everyone, players and coach, have a lot of adjusting to do. Another obstacle is the inexperience of the team. Right now, because of grades, the team consists mostly

of freshmen, but Coach Key feels confident that all the returning players will be back on the field soon.

Coach Key is taking full advantage of the fall season. Because the final cuts have not been made, Key is using this chance to see who works well together and to see what the skills and weaknesses of each individual are. Being a new coach, he has to learn about every person, not just the incoming freshmen. He has a difficult job ahead, but is confident that the team will grow together.

The players share that same confidence also. Says E.L. Clark,

one of the returners, "We're just concentrating on playing good, fundamental baseball without errors, because the team without the errors will be the one to win the game." The team is using the fall season to work hard and become prepared for the much heavier scheduled spring season.

They are also using this time for the fresh-

men to adjust from high school baseball to the more intense level of college baseball. Most of all, they are using this season to learn an important lesson: to play as a group, not as individuals. Returner Scott Greene states, "Montreat-Anderson is really going to be a successful ball club once we come together and start working hard as a team." The team's regular schedule will start at the end of February.



Cavalier Basketball Preview

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Basketball season is drawing near, and there are several new faces on the Cavaliers team this year. Two players return from last year's team: sophomore, Sam Chaney and sophomore, Warren Hargrove. Fifteen new players join the

Cavaliers this year, two sophomores and thirteen freshmen. The team's first game is on November 5, 1991 against Guilford Tech. in Greensboro at 7:00 p.m.

Coach Steve McNamara believes that with only two returning players, there is a lot of inexperience on the court. The team has practiced for several weeks and most of the time must be spent on getting used to the system of Montreat and how it works. Coach McNamara thinks that this is a slow process. The starting line-up for the

team hasn't been chosen yet due to the fierce competition.

With last year's team, McNamara knew that all of the team's members understood their roles well and knew what to expect during the game with their record being 18 wins and 11 losses. With this year's team, however, McNamara believes it is too early to tell the role each player will take, and he has not yet decided how well the team will react at gametime.

The Cavalier's feelings about one another are on a wider scale.

Some think that the team has what it takes to make a good team but aren't quite sure how to combine their talents to make a successful year. Others feel the anxiety of having to experience the discipline and change they will go through with Coach McNamara. They believe that they may not live up to his expectations. Still others think that the team is talented, but some members have negative attitudes that can only be changed under the instruction of McNamara.

