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Men's and Women's Basketball Teams Fall in Non-Conference Play

By **Christian Malone**

November 23 was not a good day for Cavalier basketball. First the Lady Cavaliers dropped a 71-60 decision to Cumberland, falling apart at the end of the game. Then the Cavaliers were massacred by Mars Hill 83-60 on the road.

Early on, Cumberland built an 11-point lead, but the Lady Cavs slowly came back. Amy Harkleroad's two free throws culminated a Lady Cavalier run and tied the score at 35. Erin Broome's fallaway jumper ended a fast-paced first half with the Lady Bulldogs on top 40-39.

Cumberland held a single-digit lead for most of the second half before the Lady Cavs once again came back to tie. With 7:59 remaining, Sis Fourkiller hit a three-pointer to tie the game at 59-59, and Montreat seemed in position to take the lead. But unbeknownst to Coach

Billy Conley and the Lady Cavaliers, they wouldn't score another basket the rest of the way.

The lid seemed to close on the Cavalier basket, and the Lady Bulldogs seized the opportunity, breaking away with a 12-1 run to finish the game, (and the Lady Cavs) 71-60.

Broome led the Lady Cavaliers with 16 points, including 10 of the team's 21 in the second half. Center Marti Keys added 11 and forward Tanya Rowe 10.

Minutes after the buzzer sounded on the Lady Cavaliers, the men took the court at Mars Hill.

Mars Hill had vengeance on their minds, wanting to avenge a 16-point upset loss they suffered on the same floor last year. They were determined not to let Montreat beat them again, and it would turn out to be a very long two hours for the Cavalier 12.

Early on, the Lions took a 22-16

lead, extending it to 37-22 at the half. Then the bottom dropped out on the Cavaliers. The Lions went on a massive 33-8 run to start the second half, and when the dust had cleared, Montreat was down 70-30. Center Jeff Sheets said, "Neither our offense nor our defense played well at the beginning of the second half, and they took advantage of that. Holy Schneikies!"

The Cavaliers struck back with a 30-13 run of their own to finish the game.

Cavalier basketball fan Eddy Carty expressed, "That's gotta be tough, for both the men and the women to lose in the same evening. Both teams need to play better if they expect to win."

Sheets added, "They came out really wanting to avenge last year's loss, and they really took it to us."

New Entertainment At The Basketball Games

By **Shellie Bowser**

The Montreat College cheerleaders made their debut at the first men's home basketball game.

The Montreat cheerleaders were chosen strictly on a volunteer basis. Sandy Roberts, captain of the cheerleaders, was in charge of the sign-ups and the try-outs. As of now, there are only five cheerleaders and two of those five will be leaving at the end of this semester.

The cheerleaders work very hard at what they do. They practice almost every night and are also preparing a half-time show for the first home game of the next semester. The

half-time show will consist of music, cheering, and a dance routine.

Upon attending the first Montreat College men's and women's home basketball game, Ed Carty had this to say about the cheerleading squad, "I do not think we need cheerleaders, I think they get in the way."

Sandy Roberts commented on the negative statements being made by some students, "We do take constructive criticism, but everyone has to keep in mind that none of the cheerleaders have ever cheered before."

The cheerleaders also have to buy all of their own equipment and uniforms because they are not consid-

ered a sport at Montreat College. The cheerleaders do not have a sponsor either; they are basically on their own.

There are still spaces and room for people to try out. Volunteers do not need to have any experience, just a desire to learn, work hard, and want to support their school athletics.

Campus support of the cheerleaders may not be overwhelmingly great, but they have expressed that they work hard and are learning together. If you would like to volunteer, contact Sandy Roberts for information.