

Women's Basketball 'Re-Loads'

"With all the accolades and honors garnered by the Class of 2002, this team has the potential to be just as good," said head coach Joe Hagan of the 2002-2003 women's basketball.

"I've drawn some conclusions about what seems to work best for our program in consideration of NAIA II, the AAC (Appalachian Athletic Conference), and our geographic location," Hagan noted thoughtfully, "and portions of it will look like something taken out of a playbook from the 1950's and 60's. I believe that the type of athlete we can best recruit at Montreat College will best fit into this scheme."

The lone senior has a list of credentials as long as the range on her jumper. 5'10" forward **Jennifer Brooks** broke into the limelight her freshman year when she ran off a

string of six games shooting over 60% from the field, including the fifth best performance to date when she hit eight of ten field goal attempts in the Lady Cavs first ever recorded victory over Milligan College. She begins this year with 1484 career points and a reference in the NAIA national stats as Division II's 6th leading scorer in 2001-02 with a 20.4 points per game average.

5'7" guard **Julie Buchanan** brings a healthy 14.1 PPG back for her junior campaign. More than just a scorer, Buchanan actually had more steals last season than Montreat's all-time leading thief (teammate Crystal Bennett).

Junior classmates 5'11" **Jill Myers** and 5'7" **Brandy Taylor** have been waiting patiently for two years and appear to be ready to step up. Myers, a slender swing player

has the ability to move inside or out with good touch at either end of her range. Always the hustler, Taylor will see time at the 2-guard but has the strength and presence of mind to be effective closer to the basket.

5'9" **Shana Hoilman** returns to action after two serious knee surgeries and a year and a half of inactivity. Judging from pre-season playing, she hasn't skipped a beat from a freshman year when she averaged just

just under a remarkable six steals per game.

There are two more first-year players with non-traditional matriculation patterns. Even though she's attended two other colleges, 5'8" **Jessica Mills** has yet to play collegiately. She averaged 14 points and eight rebounds in leading McDowell High School to the 4-A regional finals and a record of 25-5.

Also 5'9" **Anna Shaver** took

offensively as well, just like 6'0" **Kelly McArdle**, the second portion of Montreat's new sister act. The younger sibling of Erin had quite a career herself at A.C. Reynolds averaging over ten points and four boards while spending most of her time on the perimeter.

5'9" **Jaime Gragg** gives the Lady Cavs a terrific trio from McDowell County. Somewhat overlooked as a college prospect, she erupted for 15 points in the 2002 Blue/White All-Star Game, a performance that included hitting five treys.

5'6" **Kaylin Fisher** wins the award for greatest distance traveled coming to Montreat from Ft. Myers, Florida where she averaged 14 points and nine rebounds for Evangelical Christian School. Fisher will be redshirted this year because of a torn ACL.

Despite the loss of so many players, the coaches of the Appalachian Athletic Conference have picked Montreat to finish third in the twelve-team race this season behind Brevard and

Tennessee Wesleyan. The Lady Cavs picked up one first place vote signaling that the league is still aware that no other program has had as much success over the past three years.

"I hope we've reached the point where we simply 're-load' rather than rebuild," said Hagan. "I'm anxious to see how this group views our recent past and wants to create its own legacy. Once a big train gets moving it's hard to slow down. I hope the momentum we've built up will help to carry us until this team finds its own identity."



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Seniors Honored



Monica Hickman and Joy Ramsey were honored Senior Night at the Lady Cav's last home game.

under five points and three rebounds through 26 games.

5'8" **LeAnn Lane** has been playing volleyball for two years but seems to have missed the orange colored ball since being a standout performer in high school.

Guard play is the strength of the sophomore class as roommates 5'5" **Monica Helderman** and 5'6" **Jaymie Rowe** hope to show their opponents what one year's experience can do for you. After showing moments of brilliance as a freshman, Helderman is a more balanced and savvy player that will be expected to take charge and take "charges" as a floor general. Although receiving virtually zero playing time in her first year (was denied a "redshirt" year), Rowe has still made major strides in her confidence level and skill development by simply participating in college practices for over a year.

Two transfers, both of whom will be redshirted this year, have returned home. 6'0" **Erin McArdle** spent two years at Darton Junior College in Albany, Georgia after helping to lead her A.C. Reynolds High School team to the NCHSAA 4A State Championship in 2000. She was ranked as high as third in junior college rebounding in the state of Georgia her sophomore year.

5'6" **Megan Luther** spent a year at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee after having been selected to the Blue/White All-Star Game her senior year at Enka High School. She scored over a thousand points for her career and averaged

a year off, after leading Wesleyan Christian to a 24-7 slate averaging twelve points and six assists, to serve as a short-term missionary overseas with Youth With A Mission.

There are also four traditional incoming freshmen that balance the account by bringing a variety of skills and attributes. 5'10" **Laura Gortney** hails from East Burke High School where her role of defensive stopper gave her the opportunity to garner 4.3 rebounds and 2.3 steals per game. She has already proven in pre-season that she will be a threat

Activities Schedule

November 15	8:30 p.m. Hip-Hop Show at Asheville Music Zone
November 17	8:30 a.m. Asheville Track Club/ Bent Creek Trail Runs; call 628-7637 for more info. 9 p.m. Aaron Katz Band at Asheville Music Zone
November 18	6:45 p.m. Bell-y Dancing Class at West Asheville Community; call 258-2235 for more info.
November 19	5:30 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. VA Intermont College; Home Game Night in Belk 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. VA Intermont College; Home
November 21	5:30 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Wesleyan; Home 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Wesleyan; Home
November 22	9:30 p.m. Southern Rock All-Stars at Asheville Music Zone
November 23	2p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Alice Lloyd College; Home 4 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Alice Lloyd College; Home 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner Party; call 658-0056 for more info.
November 24	4 p.m. Jazz Night at Barley's
November 25	7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Tusculum College; Home
November 26-December 2	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!!!

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