

### Retrospective: Throwback Jerseys

By Dan Hesse

High fashion is a topic in which I consider myself intimately knowledgeable, and I must indulge in addressing the fashion du jour: the throwback jersey.

It's not uncommon to go to the mall and see a timeline of superstar athletes' jerseys from Chamberlain to Maravich, from Robinson (Jackie, Frank, or Brooks) to Ryan (the one with seven no hitters), from Unitas to Brown (from Syracuse), hanging off the shoulders of kids and adults alike.

At about \$300 a piece these jerseys don't come cheap, nor do they come with a history lesson. I am not suggesting that purchasers of them don't know the extraordinary exploits of the stars that once wore them; I am merely giving a public service announcement.

Today we have the comfort of sporting this dernier cri with our only worry being how to accessorize; they were not always worn with such ease. Before they were retro they were cumbersome, a symbol of the hardships that come with being a physically gifted athlete in a time when such athletes were supposed to be monochromatic.

In 1947 Jackie Robinson's worked as the ambassador of racial integration in Major League Baseball. Threatened by high inside fastballs, an onslaught of racial slurs, and cowardly unsigned letters threatening his life, Jackie faced persecution while wearing his jersey. Wearing the number 42 wasn't easy then, not like it is today, but the magnanimous Robinson bared the weight on his way to the Hall Of Fame. 755 homeruns for number 44 was no easy feat

to accomplish physically or in a society that was not ready for a black man to pass the beloved Great Bambino.

Everyday Hank Aaron went to work his uniform must have felt like a lead suit made up of threats from those who didn't truly appreciate sport, but the weight never seemed to weigh down his mighty swing on his way to becoming the all time home run leader.

Retro jerseys are fun, a fashion statement that also testifies to some of the best athletes in the sports world. The people who wore those jerseys are the real reason we can wear them the way we do now. Record books were rewritten in those jerseys, and the brave men who wore them changed the landscape of sports, as we know it today. Considering the price they paid to wear them, I guess \$300 isn't so expensive after all.

### Softball Starts with Healthy Stats

By LeAnn Lane

The Lady Cavaliers started the season well, with tough games against Milligan on March 3 and Bluefield College on March 4.

The Lady Buffaloes of Milligan College proved to be too much for the Cavs as they dropped both of their season opener games 13-5 and 8-4.

In game one, four errors led to a number of runs late as the Lady Cavs actually held a 5-3 lead through three innings. Aimee Thomas gave up 18 hits but allowed no free passes. LeAnn Lane went 2 for 3 with 3 RBIs and scored one run in the effort. Despite four errors, the Cavs were able to hold the home team to five less runs in game two.

Inning number four proved to be the backbreaker once again as the Lady Buff's had five runners cross home plate. Freshman Stephanie Nettles stepped up and contributed with three runs batted in. Thomas again took the loss for Montreat but did part in the batters box going 3 for 3.

Montreat recovered and burst into the win column taking both ends of a doubleheader with Bluefield College, with scores of 15-6 and 17-3. Aimee Thomas threw 5 stellar innings as the Lady Cavs notched their first win. Thomas faced 27 batters, giving up 11 hits, 6 runs, and no walks. She also did her part at the plate with 3 RBIs.

Katie Grady joined Thomas in the 3 RBI club, and went 3 for 3 at the plate with a home run, 3 RBIs, 3 stolen bases, and 3 runs scored. Ashley Burpeau also chipped in, going 3-5 with a double, 2 runs scored, 3 RBIs, and 1 stolen base.

Amy Thompson threw five great innings in game two as the Lady Cavs once again overwhelmed the home-standing Bluefield College. Thompson faced 20 batters, giving up 4 hits, 3 runs, and 5 walks. Thompson also went 1-2 at the plate with a double, 4 RBIs, 1 stolen

base, and 3 runs scored.

Latisha Riddick also contributed by going 2-3 with a double, 3 runs scored, 3 RBIs, and 1 stolen base. Thomas joined the 3 RBI Club again by going 1-3 at the plate and scoring 2 runs.

With an overall record of 2 and 2, the Lady Cavaliers press on as they continue their quest to be strong and fearless. Leading the team thus far is LeAnn Lane with a batting average of .421. Following close behind is Aimee Thomas (.412) and Stephanie Nettles (.409).

### Carolínians Prepare for Disasters, Terrorism

By April Heyward

Leaders from around the country brace for a possible foreign or domestic attack.

According to Dean of Student Services, Charles Lance, the college uses a detailed Campus Emergency Response and Disaster Recovery Plan. It covers what should be done in case of medical emergencies, natural disasters, bomb threats, fires, incidents dealing with hazardous materials, and any threats to people or property on the Montreat College campus.

The fire chief for Black Mountain and Montreat, Gary Bartlett, said that currently there are no specific plans in regards to preparing or responding to a terrorist

threat or attack in the area.

However, meetings with leaders from the college, the Montreat Conference Center, and the Town

of Black Mountain will dissect safety concerns and consider how to assemble an emergency evacuation plan.



Duct tape, one of the many tools recommended by the federal government that can be used to protect living quarters from weapons of mass destruction.

To intensify the knowledge of American citizens and local officials about the nation's terror threat status, the Homeland Security implemented a color-coded advisory system.

The five level system ranges from low alert (green), which indicates the least possible threat, followed by the guarded alert (blue), the elevated alert (yellow), the high alert (orange), and the severe alert (red), the highest potential threat.

The warning system was implemented in March of last year as a guide to how the federal government, local officials, and the public should react and prepare for any unexpected terror

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