

## From the Bleachers "Cute Socks Number Ten!"

by Jonathan Allen

On September 10, the men's soccer team played what was to many Montreat fans "the best game [they'd] ever seen." Our guys were all over the ball leading the Cavs to a solid victory of 5 - 1. The refs made crazy calls, the opponents (Brewton-Parker) played hard yet sucked it up, and we, the fans, wildly represented Montreat.

Speaking of the fans, I believe a quick representation is in order. The majority of our dear athletes here at Montreat spend the better years of their life practicing and conditioning for the sport they dedicate themselves to. However, there are those of us who are left with the critically important goal of supporting our team honorably, majestically and frankly, however we deem worthy. Many accomplish this goal through conditioning and practicing the art of "heckling."

The point of heckling is to get inside the opponents heads through certain key phrases or actions. Ultimately, we want to make the opponents so focused on the fans that they



Montreat College men's soccer team applauds the crowd after winning their Saturday, September 10, match 5-1.

get distracted from the game.

While implementing heckling we experience very little resistance from fellow Montreatians, however from time to time we receive a "Shut up!" or "What's the point?" The point is simply this: the majority of the players like the crowd response and encouragement. It's also a lot of fun!

In our method of heckling we look for response from the adversaries. If they give it

(which they often do) we play off of their response. We also expound on details that really don't make a difference in the sport. For example, the title of this article explains that we liked #10's socks, so we told him - repeatedly. If we thought someone made a mistake we kindly told them how "silly" they looked.

These methods really got the crowd going and got our Montreat boys chuckling,

which heightened their spirits and made the game a more enjoyable place for everyone (except our opponents - oops). With all of this said, everything we do is never to intentionally anger someone, but it's all in good fun while enjoying healthy competition.

I would like to extend an invitation to all whose eyes filter through these words. Please come support our teams, even if you wish to do so in

silence. However, all are welcome to participate with me and my friends at the sporting events, whether it's: wearing togas to the volley-ball games, holding up oversized yellow cards at the soccer games, or sitting behind center field in lawn chairs while heckling the center-fielder at the baseball games. Finally, know this - you may take my cowbell, but you will never take OUR VOICES! (Scottish accent required).

## Sports Sept. 16 - Oct. 7

Women's Soccer Away v. Emmanuel College  
Sat 17 Sep

Men's Soccer Away v. Emmanuel College  
Sat 17 Sep

Montreat Invitation Golf Tournament  
Mon 19 Sep - Tue 20 Sep

Women's Soccer Home v. Milligan College  
Tue 20 Sep, 2:30pm

Men's Soccer Home v. Milligan College  
Tue 20 Sep, 4pm

Volleyball Away v. Carson Newman College  
Tue 20 Sep, 6:30pm

Volleyball Away v. King College  
Thu 22 Sep, 6:30pm

Women's Soccer Home v Northwood College  
Fri 23 Sep, 2pm

Volleyball Home v. Union College  
Fri 23 Sep, 7pm

Women's Soccer Home v. Warren Wilson College  
Sat 24 Sep, 2pm

Men's Soccer Home v. Carson Newman College  
Sat 24 Sep, 4pm

Volleyball Home v. Virginia Intermont College  
Tue 27 Sep, 6:30pm

Women's Soccer Away v. King College  
Wed 28 Sep, 2pm

Men's Soccer Away v. King College  
Wed 28 Sep, 4:30pm

Volleyball Home v. UVA-Wise  
Thu 29 Sep, 6:30pm

Volleyball Home v. Bluefield College  
Sat 1 Oct, 1pm

Women's Soccer Home v. N. Greenville College  
Sat 1 Oct, 2pm

Men's Soccer Home v. N. Greenville College  
Sat 1 Oct, 4pm

Women's Soccer Away v. Bryan College  
Tue 4 Oct, 5pm

Volleyball Home v. Milligan College  
Tue 4 Oct, 6:30pm

Volleyball v. Brevard College  
Thu 6 Oct, 6:30pm

# Schedule