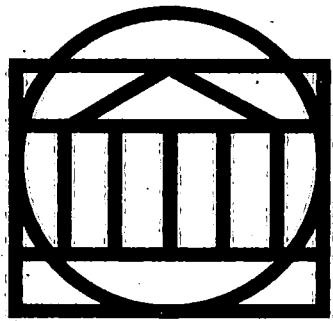


# Special *Sports* Edition!



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# Mitchell named men's coach

**Michelle Napier**  
*Co-Editor*

CVC's basketball programs will be under new leadership next year as women's coach Preston Mitchell replaces Bernard Hall as the men's coach.

Mitchell's reassignment is effective at the end of the women's season. He will recruit for both the men's and women's teams until a new coach is found, Athletic Director Carroll Dale said.

Mitchell had mixed feelings about leaving his successful women's program to coach the men's team.

"I recruited these players. We're having a successful season. They've done everything I've ever asked them to do," Mitchell said. "I'm not euphoric about leaving them for a new job."

Under Mitchell's leadership, the Lady Cavs have twice broken the school victory record winning 22 games last season and 23 so far this season.

Although Mitchell feels sad about

leaving his women's team, he is looking forward to coaching men's basketball.

"My high school coaching experience is in boy's basketball. It is a higher skill level," Mitchell said. In the terms of the coaching profession, it is a step up. Down the road, I would probably regret it if I didn't take the chance to coach a men's program."

Mitchell still has great respect for his predecessor, Bernard Hall.

"Coach Hall is more than just a friend. I admire him in many ways. I don't know anyone who

has more knowledge of the game," Mitchell said.

According to Mitchell, Hall has supported him in the coaching change.

"He was very positive. He said that I was the man for the job," Mitchell said. "He's shown a great deal of class in adverse situation."

Coach Hall was unavailable for comment.

A national search for a women's basketball coach will begin immediately as well as an additional spring sport position, Carroll Dale said.



Terry Bird became CVC's 14th leading scorer Saturday against King College.

## Bird scores his 1,000th CVC point

**Gary Lee Collins**  
*Staff Writer*

Terry Bird reached the 1,000 point mark of his CVC basketball career in a losing effort against King College Saturday.

Bird's seven 1st half points left him one point away from the mark at half-time.

With 9:25 left in the game, a three-point basket gave Bird his 1,000th point.

Only 13 other Cavaliers have ever reached this scoring plateau. Bird is only the 3rd player to score 1,000 points in two years.

Bird, a senior guard who transferred from Pikeville College, is also CVC's leading career three-point shooter.

King College, ranked 3rd in the nation, won the game, 98-74.

At halftime, the Cavaliers were down, 41-31.

King went on to outscore CVC, 52-49 in the 2nd half.

King College's Brian Combs led all scorers with 21 points.

Bird scored 19 to lead the Cavs. Stan Lewis added 18 points.

## Pitcher perfect



Hurker David Lockheart brings the heat in practice. For the baseball preview, see page 2.

Photo by: Robert Engle

# Baseball

## CVC Baseball: Will 1992 be their year?

**Ricky D. Mitchell**  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Highland Cavalier baseball team is coming off yet another fine season.

In 1991, they finished the year with an excellent 22-10 season.

This season, however, 20 of the 25 roster players are freshmen and sophomores.

Also, missing from the everyday line-up are three former offensive standouts.

There will be some very big shoes to fill in the line-up where former All-Conference and All-District

performers shortstop Brian Blanton, catcher Mike Lieberman, and first baseman John Raynor so solidly played in the 1991 campaign.

"Their loss leaves a tremendous void offensively because they were our best hitters, baserunners and leaders," says coach Ray Spenilla.

Spenilla, now entering his 7th season as head coach of Cavalier baseball, says he may be fielding as many as four freshmen on opening day.

Although the team is young, they should still be a steady force to be reckoned with.

Returning on the mound will be the two mainstays of last year's staff in sophomores Nelson Metheny (8-2) and Ian Patterson (7-3).

Offensively, Spenilla hopes to get solid seasons from lead returnees Mark Francisco (CF) and Guy Johnston (SS).

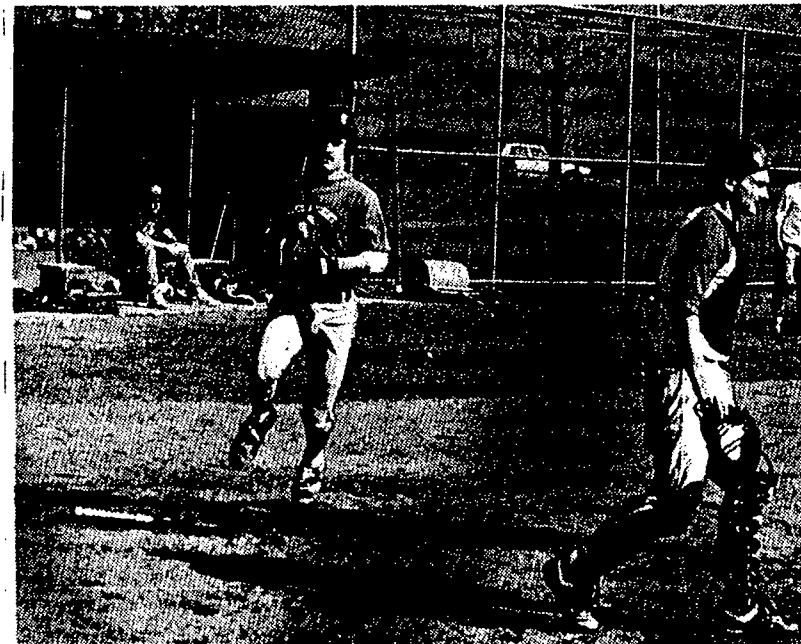
Prospective freshmen starters include catcher Matt Montgomery, 1st baseman Travis Sturgill, 2nd baseman Marcus Kilgore and DH/third baseman Bill Bevins.

For this team to be successful at the plate, returnees Stan Bowles, Barry Puckett, Todd Dean, Scott

Hall, and Drew Bishop, along with several other players must elevate their offensive game to replace the steady bats of Blanton, Raynor, and Lieberman, Spenilla said.

Other candidates for pitching positions include junior Sean Brown, freshman Shane Bush, freshman Daniel Ball, freshman Jason Turner, and senior David Shelton. Metheny and Patterson will anchor the first two spots in the rotation.

"I am the first to realize we have a very young squad, but we're not going to write this season off," Spenilla said.



Marcus Kilgore rounds the bases during a pre-game baseball practice.

Photo by: Ray Board

Feb. 29	Union	A	2:00 pm
March 2	Emory & Henry	H	1:00 pm
March 6	Emory & Henry	A	1:00 pm
March 7	Pikeville	H	1:00 pm
March 9	Milligan**	A	1:00 pm
March 10	Milligan (Rain Date)		
March 11	Pikeville	A	1:00 pm
March 13	Warren Wilson**	A	1:00 pm
March 15-20	SPRING BREAK	TBA	
March 22	Pikeville (Rain Date)		
March 24	King**		
March 26	Lees College	H	1:30 pm
March 28	King**	A	1:00 pm
March 29	Union	H	2:00 pm
March 31	VA Intermont**	A	1:00 pm
April 4	VA Intermont**	H	1:00 pm
April 7	Alice Lloyd**	A	1:30 pm
April 11	Alice Lloyd**	H	1:30 pm
April 14	Tusculum**	H	1:30 pm
April 16	Tenn Wesleyan**	H	1:30 pm
April 21	Bluefield**	A	1:30 pm
April 25	Bluefield**	H	1:00 pm

\*All games are double headers except Feb. 29, March 26, 29.  
\*\*Tennessee-Virginia Athletic Conference games

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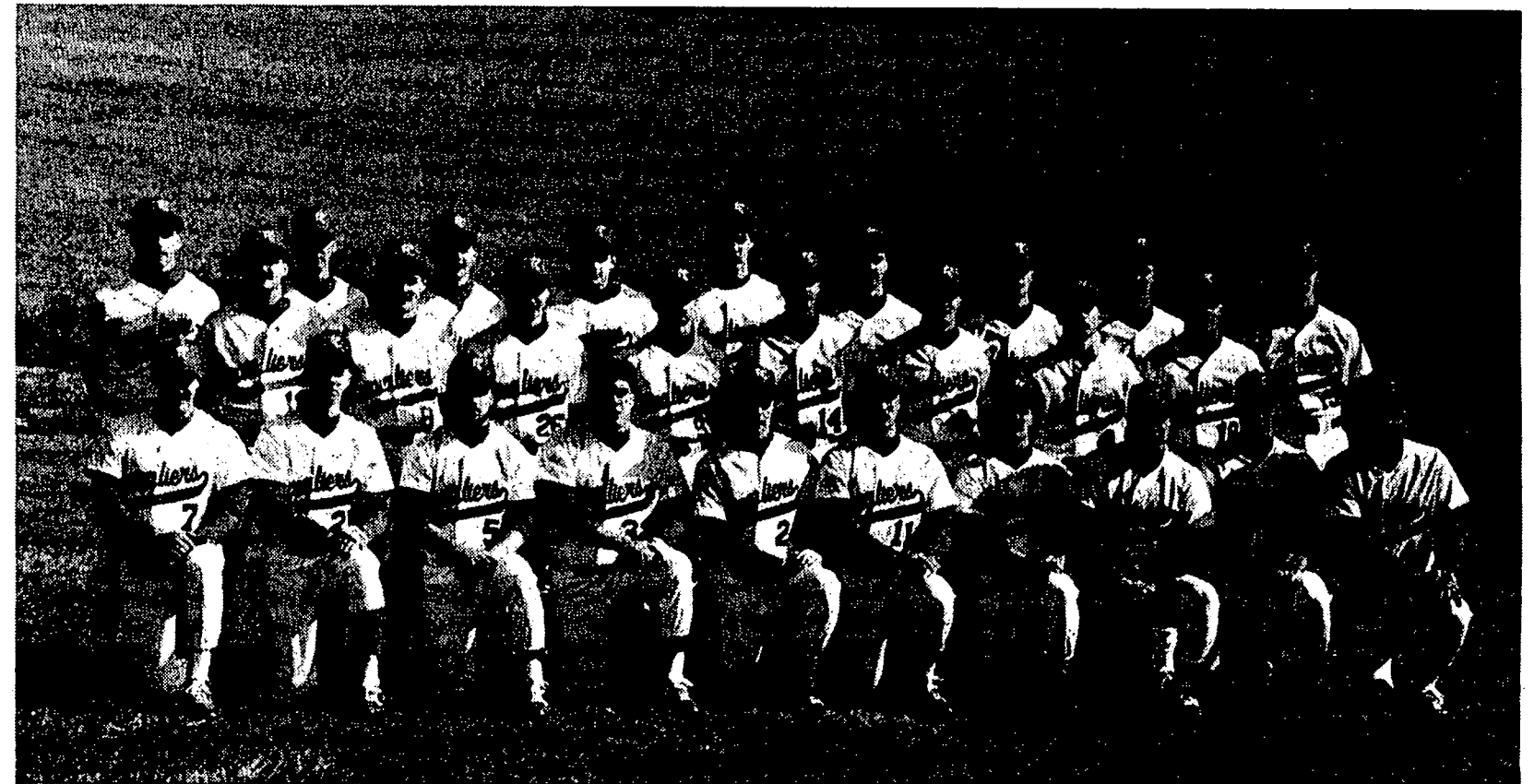


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Front L-R: Coach Hank Banner, Jeffrey Harding, Matt Montgomery, Dan Jones, Mark Francisco, Stanley Bowles, Barry Puckett, Drew Bishop, David Lockhart, Coach Ray Spenilla, Middle L-R: Drew Kiser, Marcus Kilgore, Scott Hall, Guy Johnston, Todd Dean, Tim Culpepper, Jason Turner, Freddie Lamb, Back L-R: Jody Salyers, Ian Patterson, Nelson Metheny, Travis Sturgill, Shane Bush, Sean Brown, Bill Bevins, David Shelton

No.	Name	Pos.	Year	No.	Name	Pos.	Year
4	Jason Turner	Pitcher	Fr.	19	Freddie Lamb	Catcher	Fr.
5	Matt Montgomery	Catcher	Fr.	21	Bill Bevins	3B/DH	Fr.
6	Tim Culpepper	2B/SS	Fr.	23	Sean Brown	Pitcher	Jr.
8	Marcus Kilgore	2nd Base	Fr.	24	Mark Francisco	Outfield	Sr.
9	Guy Johnson	Shortstop	Jr.	25	Jeffrey Harding	Outfield	So.
10	Barry Puckett	Outfield	So.	26	Scott Hall	Catcher	So.
11	Stanley Bowles	3rd Base	So.	27	David Lockheart	Pitcher	So.
12	Daniel Ball	Pitcher	Fr.	31	Jody Salyers	Pitcher	Fr.
14	Todd Dean	Outfield	Sr.	32	Shane Bush	Pitcher	Fr.
15	David Shelton	Pitcher	Sr.	33	Dan Jones	Outfield	So.
16	Ian Patterson	Pitcher	So.	34	Nelson Metheny	Pitcher	So.
17	Drew Bishop	Outfield	So.	7	Coach Hank Banner		
18	Drew Kiser	1B/OF	Fr.	44	Coach Ray Spenilla		

# Basketball

## Sturgill's 3-pointer downs the Lady Buffalos

**Sam Agami**  
Sports Editor

**Wise-** Kelly Sturgill's buzzer-beating three-pointer gave the Lady Cavs a key TVAC win in their championship drive.

Sturgill's twenty-four points, including seven three-pointers was the key in the Clinch Valley victory.

The Lady Cavs, however did get off to a good start.

Milligan started off on a 12-0 run that lasted until the 14:30 mark, when Rachel Clay broke the drought with a layup.

The Lady Buffs continued their domination by posting a 21-5 lead with 10:10 left in the half.

Then the Lady Cavs woke up. They exploded on a 27-8 run to gain a 32-29 lead with 2:19 left to play in the half.

The period was even the rest of the way, with CVC taking a 39-37 lead into the locker room.

The CVC comeback was sparked

by Kelly Sturgill who had 17 points in the half, including 5 treys.

There was a scare at 8:57, when CVC starting forward Tommie Peace went down with a sprained ankle.

She did not return in the game, but it wont cause her to miss any games. Coach Preston Mitchell said.

The second half was tightly contested from beginning to end. There were five ties and fourteen lead changes in the period.

The game came down to the wire, as CVC's Kathy Winniger fouled Milligan guard Kim Peer while going for a steal with ten seconds left. Peer then sunk both foul shots to tie the game at 78-78.

On the Lady Cavs next possession, Kelly Sturgill hit a desperation shot from behind the three-point line with two seconds showing on the clock.

It swished through the net as the buzzer sounded, giving CVC the victory.



Michelle Rife protects the ball from a tight Milligan defense

Photo by: Ray Board

## Cavaliers edged out by Milligan

**Ricky D. Mitchell**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Clinch Valley lost a hard-fought battle against Milligan College last Tuesday night, but they came up three points short in the 70-67 defeat.

It was a very close game the whole way, as neither team ever held over a 10-point lead.

This took place in the premier period on a 12-3 run by Milligan to build a 35-25 lead with 3:19 left to go.

The Cavs then began to pull back close and eventually worked it down to a four-point deficit heading into the locker room.

With about two minutes gone into the second half, the Cavaliers pulled to within a single point on a Terry Bird three-pointer.

Then Milligan went on a 10-2 tear and built a 51-42 lead with 12:07 remaining.

This would turn out to be the biggest lead of the second half.

With just under nine minutes left on the clock, the Buffalos still controlled an 8-point lead when Bird caught fire and unleashed three consecutive three-pointers.

This gave CVC a 58-57 lead, which resulted in a Milligan time out with 7:55 to go.

The lead shifted hands two more times until Milligan finally held on when they took the lead for good with 3:42 left to play.

Milligan continued to hold between a one and three-point lead for the remainder of the contest.

With 0:04 on the clock, Johnny Gose was sent to the line, where he apparently missed to free throw intentionally, as Milligan came away with the rebound just before the buzzer sounded.

## Tornadoes overpower Lady Cavs

**Sam Agami**  
Sports Editor

**Wise-** The Lady Cav's TVAC championship dreams were all but ended Saturday night in a heartbreaking loss to the nationally ranked King Lady Tornadoes.

The Lady Cavs were worn down by King's swarming defense and balanced offense.

The contest started out all King, as they built a 8-0 lead with 16:29 left in the half. It was the second consecutive sluggish start for CVC.

Clinch Valley then responded with a run of their own, 19-8, to post a 19-16 lead with just over five minutes remaining in the half.

The Tornadoes then outscored

CVC by a 2-1 margin the rest of the way, taking a 28-25 lead to the intermission.

The second half started off strong for King as they went on a 14-3 run to start the period, bringing their lead out to 42-30 with 13:47 on the clock.

The Lady Cavs got the Tornado lead down to as little as two, but were never able to overtake King. The Lady Tornadoes went on to prevail by nine.

King was led by Doris Roura with 18 points.

Kelly Sturgill was once again the highlight of the Cavalier effort, contributing 22 points, as well as six treys. Cavs Center Rachel Clay was also solid with sixteen rebounds and four blocked shots.

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