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## CVC golf team set to tee off

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With Spring around the corner, the CVC Golf team gets set for the upcoming season. The season begins March 5th when the Cavs will be hosted by Bluefield at the Wolf Creek course.

Despite only having three returners from last season and the absence this year of top performer Elmer Boles, Coach Jim Stewart is optimistic about his team's chances.

His three returners from last year: Bryan head, Jr.; Joshua Hughes, So.; and Chris Mullins, So. have been putting in their time at the links during the off-season and should be improved.

Newcomers to the team are Tony Roop, Jeff Shupe, Justin Smith, Chris Davis, Monty Mathews, Chad Hagy, Chris England, and Matt Smith. Bryan Head and Tony Roop will both be pulling double duty for the golf team and baseball team.

Coach Stewart received a pleasant surprise in the form of Freshman Matt Smith who will probably be the team's number one golfer.

Along with inexperience, the team will also have to contend with scheduling conflicts. Three of the golfers work at the Lonesome Pine Country Club where conflicts are anticipated.

Bryan Head and Tony Roop, who are also key members of the Cavalier pitching staff, may be shuffling back and forth between the links and the mound. Tusculum and Lee are the TVAC favorites.

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**Coach Jim Stewart hopes to lead his team to glory in TVAC play.**

### Bell, first-ever CVC Blue-Gray participant

## CVC Advisory Council recognizes Bell for football

### CVC Press Release

Shonn Bell, a Highland Cavalier football player, was recently presented a Resolution of Congratulations by the Advisory Council of Clinch Valley College. Bell, a 6'6", 243-pound tight end from Waynesboro, is a four-year letterman and three-year starter for the team.

The resolution recognized Bell's selection to the American Football Coaches All American Team. It also noted that Bell is the first CVC stu-

dent-athlete to be honored as a first-team All-American. Also, Bell's invitation to play in the prestigious Blue-Gray All Star Classic Game in Montgomery, AL, was mentioned.

Bell is the first CVC student to play in the Blue-Gray Game and he was the only Virginia player selected this year.

Bell's coach, Bill Ramseyer, says that Bell's skills have improved steadily each year since he has been in the program. Ramseyer says everyone at CVC, especially

### TVAC tourney action

## Cavs victim to last second heroics

**Matt McCurry**  
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It wasn't supposed to end like this for seniors Clay Parker and Trey Reed.

They saw themselves being the dark horses of the TVAC tournament, progressing far before eventually falling 91-88.

Instead, after an extremely sloppy first half and an equally poor second preceding a furious comeback in the final three minutes, CVC found themselves on the wrong end of a game winning shot.

After numerous turnovers in the first half and sloppy ballhandling against Bluefield's pressure, CVC finally found itself.

Trey Reed buried four out of four three pointers in the game, and none was more important than the last, which started CVC on its comeback.

With the score tied at 88-88, Clinch Valley had the ball but



HC File Photo

Trey Reed scored 12 points.

somehow couldn't produce. They turned the ball over and set up Bluefield's offense.

Spencer Wood, hit a driving runner and was fouled with 2.2 seconds left.

After the successful free throw, CVC threw the ball fullcourt but Nat Hash couldn't get off a shot. The final was 91-88.

Bell's teammates, were very excited to see Bell play in the Blue-Gray game. Bell is Ramseyer's first player to appear in a post-season all-star game.

"We talk about the 'we' rather than the 'I' leading to individual success," Ramseyer says, adding, "Shonn is a good example of a team player."

The Clinch Valley College Advisory Council commended Bell for his accomplishments during his four years at CVC and extended its best wishes for his future success.



Shonn Bell



## CVC takes on MECC in extramural basketball action

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CVC vs. MECC in an Extramural Exhibition on February 13, 1996, Clinch Valley College hosted an extramural basketball tournament against Mountain Empire Community College.

With fans from both schools overlooking the event, eight intramural teams competed against each other, trying to prove they were the best. The games lasted from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. that night.

The first of the four games pitted two teams against each other in a high scoring event.

The Freebirds, from CVC, got out to a quick start which gave them a lead which they would never give

up.

After the Superiors, from MECC, got into sync, the two teams went basket for basket. The Freebirds stayed in the lead with a great team performance.

They were led by Travis Cantrell who scored 23, followed by Ricky McReynolds with 19, Richie Lindsey with 18, and Patrick McConnell with 11.

The Superiors were lead by an outstanding performance by Zawawan Hairstone, who contributed 35 of the team's 63 points.

Brian Zander chipped in with 14, while Cory Dotson and McKinzie Graves put up 8 and 6 points respectively. The Freebirds won 71 to 63.

The second game was not as close as the first. The Shooters, from MECC, got off to a quick start and never looked back. The Shooters spread the ball around with everyone chipping in. The Shooters had four players in double figures in route to a 57 to 35 pounding.

The Bombers, from CVC, never seemed to be able to get their feet under them. While their defense tried to keep them in the ballgame, their offense never seemed in rhythm.

Matt Clark was the Bombers' leading scorer with 13.

The third game was the closest of the night. Da Pharcyde, from CVC, won on a last second 3 pointer from Lewis Johnson 52 to

49 over the Tarheels from MECC.

Da Pharcyde put together another outstanding team effort with three players in double figures, while the Tarheels kept the game close with Collins' 21 points.

Even though it was not an extremely high scoring game, this game was to be the best of the night.

The final game of the evening pitted CVC's Intramural Champion, the Disorders, versus a very talented team in The Mama's Boys from MECC.

The Mama's Boys experienced the same fate as all the Disorders CVC opponents. Behind the play of Earnest Starker, Brook Hutcherson, and Shonn Bell, the Disorders disposed of The Mama's Boys 68 to 41.

The Mama's Boys were led by McCurdy and Addison who put up 19 and 13 points, while Starker's 23 led the Disorders this game capped off a very productive night for Clinch Valley College.

Even though Clinch Valley College won 3 of 4 from Mountain Empire Community College, the evening was enjoyed by all participants.

While Clinch Valley can enjoy the satisfaction of victory, the taste of defeat has given Mountain Empire inspiration to return the favor to Clinch Valley in the future.

This event is hopefully the beginning of an annual event, in which Clinch Valley and Mountain Empire can compete against each other on the intramural level.

## CVC to expand women's sports, softball to be added

CVC Press Release

Clinch Valley College is expanding its offerings in women's sports. Plans are being made for the addition of up to two new programs.

Women's softball will come to CVC as early as next year, and women's soccer may be offered later, pending a survey of student interest.

A new women's softball and volleyball coach will be hired effective on July 1, 1996, allowing the College to further focus on women's sports.

Carroll Dale, Athletics Director at CVC, says the new coach and programs are part of a long-term effort to address gender equity concerns.

"We felt this was a good time to add women's softball. There is a lot of interest locally in the sport. The Lonesome Pine District is beginning softball at the high school level, and we want local

women to have the opportunity to continue playing locally at the collegiate level," said Dale.

After the hiring of the new women's softball/volleyball coach, CVC will work toward offering campus softball in the 1996-97 year.

Dale says this will offer the first women's softball team a high level of competition without the pressures of a win-loss record and post-season travel.

Also, women who begin playing softball during '96-'97 will not lose their eligibility to play at the intercollegiate level for a full four years.

Beginning in 1998, CVC women will have the opportunity to play intercollegiate level.

Clinch Valley College is the only branch of the University of Virginia.

It currently offers women's basketball, tennis, volleyball, and cross-country at the NAIA Division II level.

### After a tough fall schedule

## Rowland spearheads Cavs' tennis teams

Matt McCurry  
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As the snow melts away and the first glimpses of spring begin to shine through the clouds, Coach Rowland and his tennis team can be found at the courts, diligently practicing and training for the upcoming season.

For the past three weeks, the Cavs have been enduring the cold weather to train for what will hopefully be an exciting and successful year.

Coach Rowland, entering his 4th year as the men's coach and his 2nd as the women's, a competitive year in which the women will challenge for the conference title and the men will finish in the middle to upper pack.

The women, led by number one seed Leslie Roberts and number

two seed Bobby Mullins have the experience and ability to defeat some of the top teams in the TVAC.



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Head Coach Danny Rowland.

Their first match is Saturday, March 2nd against LMU.

The other members of the women's team are Bella West, Angela Gray, Kelly Dorsey, Marnie

Mullins, Bethany Mullins, Misty Puckett, and Autumn Sexton.

The men, much younger and less experienced, are composed of number one seed Derek Sutherland, number 2 seed Mike Pierce, Alan White, Wil Massey, Anthony Brickey, Brian Arnette, an Russell Cyphers.

Due to a knee injury in football, Cyphers will play only doubles.

Their first match is Monday, March 4th at Virginia Intermont.

Drastic improvement has been shown by several of the players since the fall.

Misty Puckett has elevated her game since last year, and on the mens side, Wil Massey has played above freshman standards.

Coach Rowland played at CVC in 83-84. He is currently assisted by Stan Zirkle and student aid Blair Farmer.

## LaCount's guide to the NCAA tournament

Mike LaCount  
Sports Writer

With a few days left in the regular season, the tournament picture is becoming clear.

I believe that Wake Forest will win the ACC, UConn in the Big East, Kentucky wins the SEC, and UMass should win the Atlantic 10.

The Big East tournament should be the one to watch this year. With the caliber of teams in the Big East this year, they will have the most teams in the NCAA tournament.

Georgetown, UConn, Villanova, Syracuse, and Boston College should make the NCAA tournament.

Players to watch include UConn's Ray Allen, Syracuse's John Wallace, and Villanova's Kerry Kittles, and Georgetown's Allen Iverson.

Kentucky, UConn, Kansas, and UMass should all be number one seeds in the NCAA tournament. They are also my number one picks to end up as the final four. However, none of these teams will have an easy road to the final four.

Teams that will raise some eyebrows in the tournament are Purdue, Syracuse, Georgetown, Villanova, Utah, Cincinnati.

These teams will likely upset some of the top seeded teams.

I think it will be Kentucky and Kansas plying for the National title. Depth is the key to this tournament and both teams are loaded with it.

I like Kentucky's chances of winning it all. UK is the deepest team in the country and their bench is capable of beating most of the starting lineups in college basketball.

Rick Pitino has the ability to motivate his team to victory. They have a complete offensive package as they can kill you either down low or with the three.

They can run the court and this is where the bench comes into play.

Not only can they run the court, they can press as well.

They make it hard for a team to set up their offense with enough time to get off a good shot.

This tournament will be one of the best tournaments in a long time.

There are so many good teams this year, that even the first round will have some close ones.

Just like in years past, many good teams will fall to an unknown underdog.

There is a possibility of some upsets. So for all you college basketball fans, get ready for an exciting tournament and watch the fast paced basketball action.

## Men's basketball season full of ups and downs

Matt McCurry  
Assistant Sports Editor

It was a season of ups and downs, of highs and lows from the Clinch Valley Cavaliers in 95-96.

They survived injuries and slumps to post a 10-10 conference record and an unfortunate first round loss to Bluefield in the conference tournament.

Seniors Trey Reed, Clay Parker, and Derek Jones provided leadership, experience, and strong play at

their respective positions. Parker, especially, shined with his dominant inside play down the stretch.

His numbers nearly doubled after winter break and he was one of the main reasons for CVC's second half surge.

Another reason was power forward Scotty Vermillion.

In spite of facing constant double teams every night, the junior finished in the top ten in the conference in scoring and rebound-

ing. Vermillion was honored for his play by being selected first team all conference. With Parker in the middle and Vermillion by his side, the Cavaliers had one of the best power tandems in the TVAC.

On the wing, the combination of Mario Walker and Nat Hash was also deadly.

The all around play of Walker and the devastating outside shooting of Hash, who was second on

the team in scoring and broke the school record for three pointers in a game (8), gave the Cavs a scoring tandem which, when both playing well, were potent.

At the point, Alan Taylor and Steve Dalton vied for the starting position all year.

Both sophomores gave CVC something different and often provided a spark for the team coming

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## Baseball team showing home run power, good bullpen in early season action

Stacy Nicholson  
Sports Editor

It has been a busy two weeks for Spenilla's soldiers.

The past two weeks has served as a warm-up for the spring break trip to Florida.

The Cavs opened their season by splitting an away series with the Emory & Henry Wasps.

The first game between the two rivals saw Tony Roop get his first win on the mound. A ninth inning, six run scorefest, gave the Cavs a 13-8 victory with home run shots coming from Erik Bevins, Jimmy Turner, and Joey Harris.

The second game saw the Wasps squeek by the Cavs 7-6 as Adam Hubner took the loss for the Cavs.

The action returned to CVC the next day as Justin Bufford stung the Wasps with a grand slam home run in the fourth as well as a three run shot in the fifth. The pesky Wasps couldn't complete a late charge as the Cavs won 18-17.

This weekend, the Cavs faced Alice Lloyd College. Mike Martin's first at bat in his college history was a two run homer that capped a 6-2 victory.

Tom McGuire got rocked on his second try on the mound, but the Cavs rallied and the game was called at the bottom of the seventh tied 4-4 due to insufficient light.

The teams will resume the game on Monday, before playing a full game.



HC Photo/Dave McMillan

### The Cavs won against the Emory & Henry Wasps last week.

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off the bench.

Off the bench, guard Nat "Doc" Law experienced the highs and lows of a freshman season.

However, his athleticism and deadly outside shooting touch show the promise of a future star.

Jim Porter, Mitch House, Derek Jones provided strong, gritty play in relief of Vermillion and Parker night after night.

Waylon Hart provided depth at the point guard position and showed that he deserves more minutes in the future.

All in all, it was a good season for CVC. They were able to rebound from a slow start to finish sixth in the conference, and as they lose only three seniors will be prepared for next season.



## Attention December Graduates!

applications are due the week of March 4th. After that date a late charge will be applied. For more information, call the Registrar's Office at 328-0118.

Rodney Stanley, a CVC football player as well as a CVC Bookstore employee, will be celebrating his birthday on March 12th.



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