**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, Sr. 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 Hagg, Chris Ringland, 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.

**CVC Advisory Council recognizes Bell for football**

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

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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 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.

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**Matt McCurry**  
Assistant Sports Editor

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**TVAC tourney action**

Cavs victim to last second heroics

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Clinch Valley College is offering its students an exciting opportunity this year. The College is offering its students the chance to participate in extramural basketball action.

The CVC men's basketball team has been selected to participate in the NCAA tournament. This is the first time in the College's history that the men's basketball team has qualified for the NCAA tournament.

The team will play their first game against the University of Virginia on March 15th. The game will be held at the University of Virginia's John Paul Jones Arena. Kickoff is set for 7:30 PM. The game will be televised on ESPN.

The CVC women's basketball team has also been selected to participate in the NCAA tournament. The team will play their first game against the University of North Carolina on March 16th. The game will be held at the University of North Carolina's Carmichael Arena. Kickoff is set for 2:00 PM. The game will be televised on ESPN2.

The CVC basketball teams are excited to represent the College and to have the opportunity to compete at the highest level. The teams will be led by Head Coach Danny Rowland. Assistant Coach Howard Smith will also be on the coaching staff.

The men's basketball team has a record of 18-3 this season and has won 12 of their last 14 games. The women's basketball team has a record of 20-1 this season and has won 18 of their last 19 games.

The CVC basketball teams are ready to take on the challenge of the NCAA tournament. They are excited to represent the College and to compete against some of the best teams in the country. The teams are looking forward to the opportunity to showcase their talent and to bring home some hardware.

The CVC basketball teams are grateful for the support of their fans and the College community. They are looking forward to a successful NCAA tournament.

Coaches Howard Smith, Danny Rowland, and Assistant Coach Howard Smith.

Women's basketball game against Buncombe State University

The CVC women's basketball team hosted Buncombe State University on Friday night. The game was held at the CVC gymnasium.

The CVC women's basketball team won the game 78-65. The team was led by Senior Kelly Dotsey, who scored 21 points. Freshman Ashley Gray, who scored 12 points, and Sophomore Mallory Mullin, who scored 11 points, also had strong games.

The CVC women's basketball team is off to a great start this season. They are currently 6-1 in conference play and are looking forward to a successful season.

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Coaches Howard Smith, Danny Rowland, and Assistant Coach Howard Smith.

CVC takes on MECC in extramural basketball action

CVC vs. MECC in an Exhibition Tournament on March 19, 1996, Clinch Valley College hosted an exhibition basketball tournament against Mountain Empire Community College.

The tournament featured two games, with each team playing one game. The first game was played at 1:00 PM and the second game was played at 3:00 PM.

The CVC men's basketball team won the first game 93-79. The team was led by Senior Kelly Dotsey, who scored 21 points. Freshman Ashley Gray, who scored 12 points, and Sophomore Mallory Mullin, who scored 11 points, also had strong games.

The CVC women's basketball team won the second game 88-84. The team was led by Senior Kelly Dotsey, who scored 21 points. Freshman Ashley Gray, who scored 12 points, and Sophomore Mallory Mullin, who scored 11 points, also had strong games.

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Awards and Recognition

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- First Team All-Region
- Second Team All-Conference
- All-Region Honorable Mention

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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 Spennia’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 Roope 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 Harris, 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.

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

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