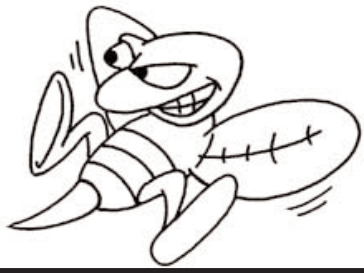


Upcoming Events



Baseball

- 4/9 - 1 p.m.
vs. Virginia Intermont
- 4/10 - 1 p.m.
at Bridgewater*
- 4/13 - 1 p.m.
vs. Washington and Lee*
- 4/15 - 1 p.m.
vs. UVA Wise
- 4/18 - 12 p.m.
at Virginia Wesleyan*
- 4/20 - 7 p.m.
vs. Ferrum (at Pulaski)

Softball

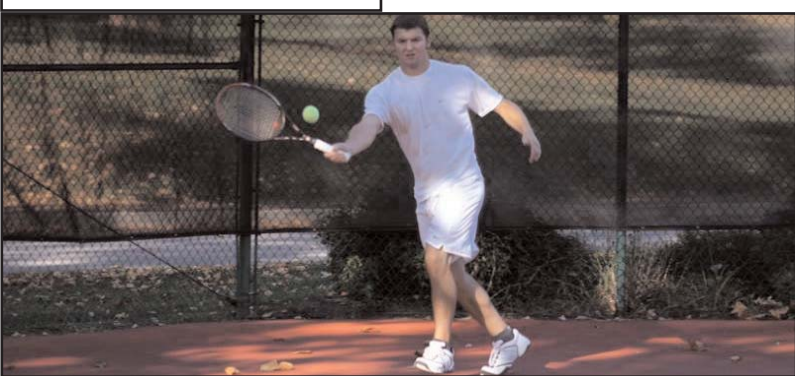
- 4/8 - 5 p.m.
at Roanoke*
- 4/18 - 2 p.m.
vs. Eastern Mennonite*
- 4/19 - 2 p.m.
vs. Bridgewater*
- 4/22 - 5 p.m.
at UVA-Wise

Men's Tennis

- 4/13 - 5 p.m.
at UVA Wise
- 4/15 - 4 p.m.
vs. UVA Wise
- 4/18 - 3:30
vs. Virginia Wesleyan*
- 4/19 - 1:30
vs. Lynchburg*

Women's Tennis

- 4/13 - 5 p.m.
at UVA Wise
- 4/15 - 4 p.m.
vs. UVA Wise
- 4/18 - 3:30
vs. Virginia Wesleyan*
- 4/19 - 1:30
vs. Lynchburg*



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Blevins Named ODAC Player of the Week

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Emory & Henry's top-seeded tennis player was honored by the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Monday after going undefeated in singles and doubles against some of the best players in the conference.

Senior Ben Blevins scored an upset singles victory Sunday over previously unbeaten and two-time ODAC Player of the Year William Moss. On the previous day, he easily topped Tom Cooper of Randolph College.

Blevins also paired up with

Senior Spotlight

Dana Dettmar is a senior first baseman for the E&H softball team. She holds school, conference, state and NCAA records. This year she leads the team with hits (28) and batting average (.431) and is tied for the team lead with 14 RBIs and four home runs.

CH: What is the most important thing to succeed in softball?

DD: Being able to work together as a team, because if you're not working toward the same goals, nothing will ever get accomplished.

CH: What do you like to do in your leisure time?

DD: I like to hang out with my friends and just be outside. I enjoy anything outdoors.

CH: Do you have any nicknames on the team?

DD: Yeah, D, danamite and scoop.

CH: If you could play any other sport it would be?

DD: I would play lacrosse if girls were allowed to hit.

CH: Having played for two coaches, what would you say is unique about each?

DD: Coach Farley was always very positive and caring; Coach Diamond has a good knowledge of the game and pushes us to work hard.

CH: What is your favorite E&H moment?

DD: There are so many it's hard to choose just one, but if I had to choose, it's probably the time Travis Flannigan and I almost let the gator roll into the creek by the old football practice field.

CH: What are you majoring in?

DD: Athletic Training.

CH: What are your career plans after graduation?

DD: I'll most likely be going to grad school.

CH: As decorated of an athlete as you are, what is your most cherished accomplishment?

DD: Probably the game against Salem College in which I set all those records. At first I thought I had just played a great game, but

Senior First Baseman Dana Dettmar



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Senior first baseman Dana Dettmar (center) leads the softball team with 28 hits, a .431 batting average and is tied for the team lead with 14 RBIs and 5 home runs.

to find out about all the records I broke the next day was awesome.

CH: What do you think softball needs to do as a sport to get more recognition/participation from the playground all the way up to the professional league?

DD: Positive mentoring at an early age could potentially increase participation. More PR and advertising for the sport

CH: If you could travel to any place in the world, it would be?

DD: Australia. I've always wanted

to go there.

CH: What is your favorite TV show?

DD: *Planet Earth* and *Time Warp*, or just anything on the Discovery Channel.

CH: The food I absolutely won't eat is ... ?

DD: I hate sweet tea and biscuits and gravy.

Every issue of The Whitetopper for the remainder of the year will include a profile of an E&H senior athlete.

Down but not out: Baseball trying to finish strong

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The Emory & Henry baseball team has endured an up-and-down season, but with the season nearing an end, the Wasps have a chance to top their win count from the previous two years.

The Wasps, 5-21 (3-9), have struggled in recent weeks, losing eight consecutive games, but have shown promise, as exhibited by their three conference wins (Roanoke, Eastern Mennonite and Guilford). All three wins were collected in a four day period between March 18 and March 22.

Keith Fenner and Codie Mitchell have both won two games on the mound for the Wasps, compiling 9.07 and 11.75 ERA's respectively. In all, seven pitchers have started a game on the mound for the Wasps, and 15

pitchers have seen action at some point in the season.

As for hitting, Anthony Lowry leads the team in RBIs (15), hits (36), runs (20), is tied for home runs (1) and is second in batting average (.367) despite making the most plate appearances on the team. Other notables include Nick Windom with 21 hits, Lee VanLear with 20 hits and Mitchell with 19. Both Windom and VanLear have recorded home runs, along with Marc Ailstock and Remington Hedgepeth.

The Wasps' remaining tilts will be at home against out-of-conference foe Virginia Intermont on April 9, before the team will travel to Bridgewater on the following day. On April 13, the Wasps return home to face Washington and Lee, but get a two day break before hosting NAIA opponent UVA Wise.



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Junior Anthony Lowry makes it into the bag standing up. Lowry leads the team in RBIs, hits, runs, is tied for first with a home run and is second on the team in batting average.

The Wasps will close the season on the road at Virginia Wesleyan and in Pulaski against Ferrum. Three of the Wasps' final six contests will be played at home, and all of the games will

be played in the Commonwealth.

The Wasps only graduate two seniors in Josh Nelson (2B) and Josh Sickles (C), so they should retain quite a bit of talent and experience for next year's team.

Sports Opinion

Champions crowned: 'Heels and Huskies celebrate
By Chris Hatcher

All the pundits billed it up as a rematch for the books. The Michigan State Spartans were going to make this National Championship game against the North Carolina Tarheels a much different game than their Dec. 3 meeting in which the Spartans were spanked in front of mostly home crowd.

Although the consensus was still that the Tarheels would take the cake, every pundit and their brother seemed to be saying that this game would go down to the wire.

I wasn't buying it. From the second that the Tarheels and the Spartans were slated to match up, it was a foregone conclusion that UNC would win. And the Tarheels did just that, delivering an 89-72 victory that wasn't nearly as close as the score suggested. Although the Tarheels were not the best team all season long, they won when it counted.

The pundits who predicted that the 'Heels would go undefeated should still get a brain scan, but in the end they were correct about the national champion. It makes sense that Tyler Hansbrough and co. won this championship.

The Tarheels have been among the nation's elite for years now, and not winning a national championship would have been a rare missing accomplishment on Hansbrough's Résumé.

So the Tarheels are the champions, but don't expect a repeat. There will be a significant drop-off, losing Hansbrough (who will be the NBA's next Mark Madsen), Danny Green and Bobby Frasor for certain, and probably juniors Ty Lawson and Wayne Ellington as well.

On the women's side, the Connecticut Huskies won the National Championship and completed a perfect 39-0 season

by defeating the Louisville Cardinals by 22 points, 76-54, in the National Championship game.

The Huskies dominated all year, not allowing a team to come within 10 points at the final whistle of any game. Sophomore Maya Moore solidified herself as the best player in women's college basketball with a masterful performance both in the regular season and the tournament.

Unfortunately, UConn winning meant that Oklahoma did not, and Oklahoma center Courtney Paris promised that if her team did not win the National Championship, that she would repay her scholarship to the University of Oklahoma. However, the good news is that the University of Oklahoma has stated that they do not wish for Paris to give back her scholarship. Either way, it would be interesting to see if she kept her word.