

## Upcoming Events



### Men's Basketball

2/18 - 7 p.m.  
vs. Guilford\*  
2/21 - 7 p.m.  
at Roanoke\*

### Women's Basketball

2/20 - 7 p.m.  
vs. Virginia Wesleyan\*  
2/21 - 4 p.m.  
vs. Randolph-Macon\*

### Baseball

2/21 - 12 p.m.  
at Milligan

### Softball

2/20 - 2 p.m.  
at Greensboro  
2/21 - 1 p.m.  
vs. Virginia Intermont

### Men's Tennis

2/21 - 2 p.m.  
at Randolph-Macon\* (Ashland, Va.)  
2/22 - 2:30 p.m.  
vs. Virginia Wesleyan\* (Ashland, Va.)

### Women's Tennis

2/21 - 2 p.m.  
at Randolph-Macon\* (Ashland, Va.)  
2/22 - 2:30 p.m.  
vs. Virginia Wesleyan\* (Ashland, Va.)

## Senior Spotlight

## Senior Guard Jarell Christian

Jarell Christian is a senior guard from New Kent, Va. who is averaging 7.8 points per game for the 11-12 E&H Wasps men's basketball team.

**CH:** You played under two coaches and two systems here at E&H. What are some of the differences between the two and the advantages and disadvantages they present?

**JC:** Under Coach J, I learned how to play hard; Even when you think you're on "E," he taught me that there is always something left in the tank. This year's style of play brought back the fundamentals of basketball. Certain things were okay, such as lack of defense and quick shots, in the first system we ran but not this season. Basketball has many philosophies, it's all about having fun and doing what is best for your team's success.

**CH:** If you had to pick the best part of your game, what would it be?

**JC:** That's a hard question, but I would have to say my unselfishness. I take pride in getting my teammates the ball in positions where they can score, which comes from good court vision

and awareness. If not that then me playing the passing lanes and getting steals.

**CH:** What is the biggest difference between basketball on the AAU or high school level and college?

**JC:** I think that on the AAU and high school level it's all about getting exposure for individuals, so the team concept goes out the window a little. In college, it's all about winning championships and working hard as a team to accomplish a common goal.

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**CH:** What are you majoring or minoring in?

**JC:** My major is sports management with a minor in management.

**CH:** What are your post graduate plans?

**JC:** Hopefully get a job in an athletic office at a college and maybe a little coaching.

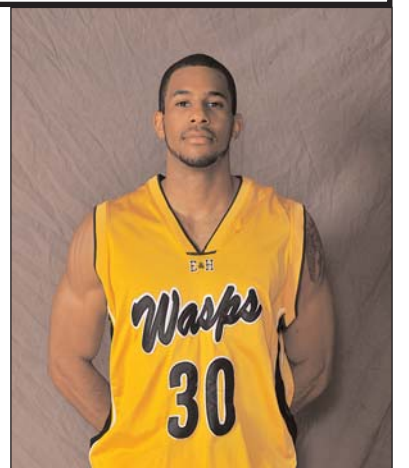
**CH:** Stephon Marbury is ...?

**JC:** Reckless, and a distraction to his team. He should go overseas and be the star player that he thinks he is.

**CH:** What is your favorite sport to play or watch other than basketball?

**JC:** To watch, it would be Emory & Henry soccer and volleyball. To play ... it would have to be backyard football, I have the best hands in the nation!

**CH:** What is your favorite memory here at E&H?



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**JC:** Coach J day. That was a special moment for many people. The gym was packed and all for a good reason. Coach J and Mrs. J have helped not just myself but a ton of people through the years. They both bleed Emory blue and gold and for that and all that they have done, I love them.

**CH:** What is your favorite movie?

**JC:** He Got Game.

**CH:** What is your favorite musical artist?

**JC:** Trey Songz, JayZ, Lil Wayne, Kenny Chesney, Corey Smith.

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

## Diamond's out of the rough: Softball team poised for big season

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After a long offseason, the E&H softball team is ready to run back out onto the field.

Despite being picked eighth in the preseason polls, the Wasps have plenty of returning pieces at their disposal.

The Wasps return five seniors in Stephanie Cartwright, Dana Dettmar, Laura Jane Hudson, Laken Price and Jamie Roy.

While Cartwright prefers the pitcher's mound, Hudson and Roy fortify the outfield and Dettmar and Price help to make a solid infield.

Dettmar is the most decorated on the team, holding school,

ODAC and state records, while moving into second place in Division-III history with 16 touched bases.

Other returnees include Sam Baker, Tuesdee Woods, Megan Evans and Sierra Waters. Newcomers include Krista Haynes, and freshmen Samantha Hammer, Brandi Turman, Shannon Kelly, Nicole Holdaway, Samantha Horner, and Haley McCool.

The team kicks off their season this weekend with two double-headers against Greensboro and Virginia Intermont respectively. This will be Kristen Diamond's second season as head coach of the Wasps. She will be looking to guide the Wasps to another successful season in the



Softball Seniors: Top: (left to right) Laura Jane Hudson, Laken Price. Middle: Dana Dettmar. Bottom: Stephanie Cartwright and Jamie Roy.

## Return serve: Tennis team ready for second half of season

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The E&H men's and women's tennis teams are gearing up for the second half of their season after a promising fall. The men's team finished the fall season 2-1 with impressive victories over Southern Virginia (7-2) and Milligan (6-3).

The team itself is much the same as the one last year, returning key players Ben Blevins, Kelly McCall, Michael Rogers, Hunter Romano, Will Garrison and Brian Butler. Adding to the equation are newcomers David "Chip" Winttingham (who has already claimed the second seed with his strong play), Chris Wojtera and Jacob Moore.

The men's team was picked sixth out of 10 teams in the ODAC preseason poll with 49 points. The team finished in that exact position last year, compiling a record of 4-14 (4-5). Obviously the key to the men's success this year begins with winning more matches out of conference.

The women's team also delivered a strong fall outing, splitting

two games between Concord and Milligan. The women's team returns many key players from a year ago as well. Savanna Tickle, Kandycy Baker, Mallory Lane, Jena Lytle and Terri Roberts all return.

Several key freshman are also vying for seeds on the team, including Jill and Jessi Williams, who are currently listed as the number two and three seeds respectively. Other newcomers include sixth-seeded Jessie Jacobs, seventh-seeded Kaylee Gallant, Lauren Dalton, Rachel Fertitta, Courtney Hay and Ashley Masterson.

The E&H women's team was also picked to finish sixth out of 11 teams with 58 points. The team finished in seventh place last year after going 6-12 (4-6). The women's experience works to their advantage, so combining players who have experience with a new infusion of talent could pay big dividends for the team.

The men's team is already in action, but both teams will play this coming weekend Feb. 21, against conference foe Randolph-Macon in Ashland, Va.

## Sports Opinion

### NBA Midseason Report: Who'll win it all?

By Chris Hatcher

So it's midseason in the NBA again. Time for me to make concessions regarding my earlier predictions and face the facts. It's been an eventful and exciting first half of the season.

There were two NBA Finals rematches in the early part of the season. One of which happened on Christmas Day, and the other in early February drew the largest audience to a TNT game since a mid-1990's game showcasing Magic Johnson and the incomparable MJ. Also, last year's Finals themselves drew the highest rating in NBA history. Still need proof that the NBA is back?

Granted, All-Star weekend was a little bit of a disappointment. The Slam Dunk Competition was not up to its high standards (bring back Josh Smith!), but LeBron James excited many by announcing that he would finally enter the 2010 Dunk Competition.

As for the postseason scenario, a lot depends on youngster Andrew Bynum. Bynum tore his MCL and received a prognosis that put him out 8-12 weeks.

Instead he missed the rest of the season. Bynum received a similar prognosis with this injury.

With Bynum, the Lakers are simply unbeatable (yes, even to the defending champion Boston Celtics). Without Bynum, it's still not an easy task to defeat them, but the Lakers do have vulnerabilities. Should one of their other key players go down, the Lakers could struggle to make it as far as they did last year.

#### East

1. Celtics
2. Cavaliers
3. Magic
4. Hawks
5. Heat
6. Pistons
7. 76ers
8. Nets

#### West

1. Lakers
2. Spurs
3. Nuggets
4. Hornets
5. Trailblazers
6. Rockets
7. Jazz
8. Mavericks

#### East Playoffs

Celtics beat Nets  
Cavs beat 76ers  
Pistons beat Magic  
Heat beat Hawks

#### Second Round

Celtics beat Heat  
Cavs beat Pistons

#### Conference Finals

Celtics beat Cavs

#### West Playoffs

Lakers beat Mavs  
Jazz beat Spurs  
Rockets beat Nuggets  
Hornets beat Trailblazers

#### Second Round

Lakers beat Hornets  
Rockets beat Jazz

#### Conference Finals

Lakers beat Rockets

#### NBA Finals

Lakers beat Celtics

#### Awards

**MVP:** LeBron James  
**Coach:** Mike Brown  
**Sixth Man:** Jason Terry  
**Rookie:** Derrick Rose  
**Defensive POY:** Kevin Garnett  
**Most Improved:** Devin Harris