

Athletics Enjoys Outstanding Alumni Reunion Weekend

The Blackburn College Athletic Program enjoyed a successful alumni reunion weekend on the fields, courses and at the events. It all began on Friday as the annual alumni golf outing took place at the Carlinville Country Club. Sixty-four golfers competed on a brisk but dry afternoon and the foursome which included alums and former BC golfers Jon White and John Kohnen claimed the 2009 title with a one stroke victory in the four person scramble.

On Saturday the days festivities began early in the morning with the annual Beaverthor Road Race. B.J. Vinyard of Carlinville won the Adult division, while Mark Hopping also of Carlinville was the senior division and a third Carlinville resident Konnor Emmons won the youth division. Marissa Buescher was the top female Blackburn College runner.

Later that afternoon, the Blackburn College Soccer teams enjoyed a sweep over conference rival MacMurray College by identical 3-1 scores. The men were led by Chris Walker of Carlinville who provided two goals and one assist as the team moved to 6-4 on the season. The women were led by Kryz Alexander's 2 goals as the Beavers picked up their 3rd win of the season. Prior to the conference games there were 20 former players that played in the alumni soccer game. Current Blackburn assistant coach Rob Steinkuehler had a hat trick to lead his team to a 3-2 victory.

On the volleyball court, Blackburn suffered a pair of 3 set losses to Westminster and Rose-Hulman to fall to 0-17 on the season.

Out at Terry Park Golf Course in Palmyra, the Blackburn Baseball Program enjoyed a blustery afternoon in their 11th annual golf outing. Forty-four golfers, which included many alums, braved the cold and wind in which alum Robb Ross was part of the winning team in the four person scramble. Sunday brought on the alumni baseball game where the sunny weather made for a great afternoon of baseball. The team of alums prevailed 10-6 over the 2010 Beavers. Travis Hood's (05) 7th inning grand slam gave the alumni the lead that they would not relinquish. Craig Courtwright (04) was credited with the win on the mound, Hood was named M.V.P. and Dan Pearce (06) flew in from Florida and captured the home run derby title. For the current team Tony Matecki and Jake Jurzcak each had a multiple hit game.

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