

SPORTS

BOX SCORES

Baseball

March 21, Boone
ASU 6, Brown 5

Player	AB	R	H	BI
R. Dykehouse	4	1	1	1
C. Contrino	4	0	2	1
R. Deeb	4	1	1	0
J. Nichols	3	2	3	1
J. Lowe	3	0	0	0
D. Hughes	4	0	2	2
C. Jernigan	3	0	1	0
P. Christian	3	0	2	0
D. Thomas	3	1	0	0
TOTALS	31	5	12	5

ASU 6 (6-6-0)

Player	AB	R	H	BI
J. Norton	3	1	1	2
D. Fowler	3	1	1	0
R. Merz	3	0	0	0
J. Lee	2	1	1	0
K. Butler	2	1	1	2
B. Peisel	2	1	1	2
B. Haislip	2	0	0	0
C. Baker	3	0	0	0
J. Mathias	3	1	1	0
TOTALS	23	6	6	6

Men's Tennis

March 20, 2004. Chattanooga

UTC 2
Appalachian 5

Singles Probst (ASU) def. Mabred (UTC), 6-3, 6-1.
Dimitrov (ASU) def. Hangstefer (UTC), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Shuster (ASU) def. Navarro (UTC), 6-3, 6-2. Waters (ASU) def. Knizat (UTC), 6-4, 6-2.
Flynn (UTC) def. Taylor (ASU), 6-3, 3-6, 3-3 ret. inj. Nius (ASU) def. Kutschera (UTC), 4-6, 6-2, 7-6.

Doubles

Fynn/Knizat (UTC) def. Probst/Shuster (ASU) 9-8.
Hangstefer/Navarro (UTC) def. Dimitrov/Waters (ASU) 8-4.
Axente/Kutschera (UTC) def. Taylor/Nuis (ASU) 8-5.

Comeback kid: Brown a finalist for award

BY BRAD NORMAN
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Since the basketball season started in early November, Noah Brown has worn a dog tag around his neck.

The inscription reads: "A setback is a set up for a great comeback- May 31, 2003."

The date signifies the night a car crash almost ended Brown's basketball career.

"It's a reminder from when I had my wreck," Brown said. "When I had my wreck, a friend of mine from California used to e-mail me two or three times a week and he said that saying at the end and I've always remembered what he said. It's kind of like my motto."

Brown's motto and hard work have not only led to a stellar comeback season on the basketball court, it has also led to national recognition.

Brown was a finalist for the Jimmy V Foundation Comeback Award, an award given to a collegiate basketball player who has overcome a trying moment in their life.

The award is given to honor the late Jim Valvano, the former North Carolina State University coach who led the Wolfpack to a 1983 National Championship.

It is also based on Valvano's speech at the 1993 ESPY awards. Despite being ridden with cancer, Valvano said the now famous words: "Don't give up ... Don't

ever give up!"

The award is open to both men and women in all levels of collegiate basketball, not just Division I. Over 50 athletes were nominated and that number was trimmed to 14 finalists.

Brown sustained four broken fingers, several other broken bones in his left hand as well as a variety of other injuries during that auto accident.

After missing a full year, Brown returned to lead the team in points (13.1 per game) and led the team in made three-pointers (72).

He also set a personal record with 35 points against the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and tied a school record that same game by making nine three-point shots.

"I never even knew I was nominated until we went down to the conference tournament and they gave us the media preview and it said that I was nominated for the award," Brown said.

"I was excited because people nationwide have heard of the situation I was trying to overcome so it was a thrill to be nominated. It's an accomplishment."

Brown said Sports Information Director Kelby Siler contacted him Thursday to tell him that he did not win.

"I'm glad I was nominated as a finalist, but just because of the competitor I am, I wanted to win," Brown said. "I want to win everything."



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Noah Brown was nominated as a finalist for the Jimmy V Foundation Comeback award. Brown lead ASU in points, averaging 13.1 per game.

"I would like to have won because people can hear my story. I give God a lot of the glory so it's kind of like my testimonial to

people nation wide. I feel like I could have touched a lot of people's lives without even saying anything to them," Brown said.



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