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Purple Team Rallies Late to Put Orange Team in Jeopardy Wins 2008-2009 MVC ATEP Olympics

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After a one-month postponement, the 3rd annual Missouri Valley College ATEP Olympics presented by Marshall Orthopedic & Sports Medicine were contested late Friday night in the confines of the Burns Athletic Complex located on the Missouri Valley College campus. The purple team was hungry to avenge last year's defeat and send Carrie Harmon into the arms of her fiancé a champion.

To clear-up any potential confusion; last year's victorious black team has become the orange team with the original blue team transforming into the purple team. The team members who did not graduate last year remained on their respective team and the new Athletic Training Students were drafted onto their permanent team in the fall. Additionally, Marshall Orthopedic & Sports Medicine sponsored this year's MVC ATEP Olympics. The co-captains and event planners decided to keep several of the classic events intact and added a few new events.

The orange team started strong with a convincing (yet controversial) win in the opening event; the water bottle relay. The orange team filled their water cooler with the required 7 gallons of water before the purple team had 4 gallons in theirs. The orange team started the night with a 20-point advantage.

The purple team got on the board in the second event by correctly identifying 25 items in the memory game, with the orange team correctly identifying 21 items. The purple team took this momentum into the heel & lace pad race and came out with all the 20 possible points. In the ace wrap sling shot event, the orange team outdistanced the purple team by 27 feet extending the orange team lead to 98.25 to 75.5.

The purple team put that performance out of their head and did not panic as they laid the groundwork for their comeback with a last-second victory in the ice bag relay event reducing the orange team lead to 2.75 points. "The orange team stumbled and made a mistake right at the end of the event allowing us to capitalize and pull to within a few points," purple team co-captain Robert Holsinger remarked.

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Because of technical difficulties, the wheelchair race was cancelled during event play and no points awarded. The mandatory co-captain head-to-head event was the classic blindfold tape. The orange team demonstrated their superior taping speed by winning the speed portion of the event. Both teams demonstrated excellent taping technique and leaving no wrinkles. The guest judges had no choice but to split the neatness points portion of the event evenly. Going into dodge ball the orange team extended their lead back to 123.25 to 100.5. The orange teams won the first of 3 dodge ball rounds; but were unable to keep the momentum as the purple team won the remaining 2 rounds. The second round served as a momentum starter for the purple team and a momentum killer for the orange team. In the second round, the orange team had 5 remaining players and the purple team only had 1, co-captain Jack Sailor. Jack used his excellent vision combined with accurate throwing to knock out several of the orange team players while returning several team members to the match with his catching abilities igniting the purple team comeback with a 8-5 victory in the round. “I just couldn’t get hit anyone on the purple team,” stated orange team co-captain Laura Stenlund after the second dodge ball round.

“It didn’t show up on the scoreboard but the performance by Jack was definitely the most significant individual performance in this year’s MVC ATEP Olympics,” described purple team co-captain Robert Holsinger. “Even though we only won the dodge ball event by 1 point; that second round performance gave us the momentum and started our comeback.”

When asked what it felt like to know his performance turned the fortunes of the purple team Jack remarked, “They just couldn’t get me out. They got overconfident, lost their focus, and I made them pay for it”

In the final event going into the trivia portion of the MVC ATEP Olympics, volleyball, the purple teams’ momentum increased by winning 15-8 and narrowing the orange team lead to 147.25 to 132.5.

In the jeopardy round, coach Justin Himori took control of the purple team knowing they were capable of completing the comeback. There were 8 questions in jeopardy. The purple team answered 5 while the orange team could only answer 2. It was not just the number of questions the purple team answered correctly, but when and which ones. The purple team successfully answered the same questions as the orange team, resulting in the orange team not extending their lead. The 3 remaining questions the purple team answered correctly were the 10, 35, and 45 point questions. That performance allowed the purple team to regain the lead for the first time since the conclusion of the third event by the score of 252.5 to 177.25

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“We simply outwitted them. The questions were easy for us and hard for them,” commented purple team member Mary Hargadine when it was apparent of their 75.25 point lead. “We knew we just had to play final jeopardy smart and we couldn’t be stopped.”

“We were down going into jeopardy but we knew the comeback was going to happen,” stated the nonchalant purple team co-captain Jack Sailor. “We knew where the brains were and we used them. When we answered a question correctly the orange team just couldn’t. You could tell they were getting frustrated.”

Going into final jeopardy, first year orange team coach Sierra Fultz responded when asked why the orange team wagered all their points, “We have to go big or go home. That’s why we are risking everything.” The final jeopardy question made the final score the closest in history of the MVC ATEP Olympics with the purple team pulling off the 377.5 to 354.5 victory. Mary Hargadine commented “Our co-captains were great and organized leaders. We were confident during the entire night. They put our line-up together and we came together as a team and performed.”

Orange team co-captain Katy Burford summed up their performance, “We didn’t lose by that much.” “We started strong and lead for a majority of the event, just didn’t come away with the victory this year,” added orange team co-captain Laura Stenlund. “We performed well and had fun.”

“I’m so grateful for the opportunity to help bring the first title to the purple team,” purple team co-captain Robert Holsinger described during the championship photo.

The orange and purple team coaches and co-captains all expressed their gratitude to Marshall Orthopedic & Sports Medicine for sponsoring the event. Without their support this event would have not been as successful.

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2008-2009 Missouri Valley College ATEP Olympics Roster

Orange Team Members:

Senior (Co-Captain) – Laura Stenlund
Senior (Co-Captain) – Katy Burford
Senior – Sgt. Glen Baum
Senior – Kenyon Shifflett
Junior – Amber Doughty
Sophomore – Tyler Cuppy
Sophomore – Rachel Pike
Sophomore – L'Eryn White
Sophomore – Tiffany Webb
Coach – Matt Rowlett
Coach – David Tomchuk
Coach – Sierra Fultz

Purple Team Members:

Senior (Co-Captain) – Robert Holsinger
Senior (Co-Captain) – Jack Sailor
Senior – Mary Hargadine
Senior – Jenna Skouby
Senior – Krystal Stone
Junior – Kylee Hawes
Sophomore – Jennifer Asberry
Sophomore – Julie McNabb
Sophomore – Petra Knight
Coach – Carrie Harmon
Coach – Jennifer McConnell
Did Not Compete – Josh Lammert

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2008-2009 Missouri Valley College ATEP Olympics Running Team Score

Event:	Orange Team:	Purple Team:
1) Water Bottle Relay	20	0
2) Memory Game	41	25
3) Heel & Lace Pad Race	41	45
4) Ace Wrap Sling Shot	98.25	75.5
5) Ice Bag Relay	98.25	95.5
6) Wheelchair Relay	98.25	95.5
7) Blindfold Tape	123.25	100.5
8) Dodge Ball	139.25	117.5
9) Volleyball	147.25	132.5
10) Jeopardy	177.25	252.5
11) Final Jeopardy	354.5	377.5

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