Indians finish in national baseball tourney

The Chipola Indians finished fifth in the NJCAA National Baseball Tournament on June 1.

It was the Indians’ third trip to the national tourney in the last five years including a National Championship in 2007.

Chipola’s first game in the tournament was one for the record books. In a game that featured 32 combined runs, 30 hits, 12 errors and a hidden ball trick, Chipola outlasted Grayson 19-13. Despite committing eight errors in the game, Chipola regrouped and recharged their effort by turning to the bat and arm of Derrick Pitts.

Pitts tied NJCAA DI JUCO World Series records for hits and RBI’s in a tournament game. He was a perfect 6-for-6 at the dish with 9 RBI’s and had three doubles.

Grayson County led the game 12-9 heading into the top of the eighth inning. The Chipola bats finally came alive in the bottom half of the 8th, scoring 10 runs to seal the win. Pitts came on to close it out for the Indians and picked up the win by tossing one and one-third innings and striking out two.

Navarro and Chipola gave the 8,000 fans at the National Tournament a terrific show on May 31. The Bulldogs edged the Indians 3-2 in a great matchup that featured great pitching, defense and timely hitting. Chipola’s Johnny Cristi was effective early but gave up a single run in three consecutive innings and gave way to Matt Marsh in the sixth inning. Marsh was effective in relief, allowing no hits or runs.

Chipola fell to Iowa Western 13-0 on June 1 in their second loss of the double-elimination tourney.

Chipola head coach Jeff Johnson said. “I’m proud of these kids for the strides they made. From where they started to finish No. 5 in the nation, that’s nothing to be ashamed of. I’m proud of the job that the coaches and the players did. They all worked their butts off. I’m proud of how far this team came in the last month or so.”

Chipola finished the season with a record of 40-22 at number five in the nation. The Indians were Florida State champions and co-champions of the Panhandle Conference with Northwest Florida State.

Chipola theatre awards

The Chipola Theatre Department recently held its annual awards night to recognize theatre excellence. Pictured from left, are: (seated) Best Supporting Actress, Deanna Harrison; Backstage Excellence and Outstanding Theatre Student, Austin Pettis; Dance and Best Actress, Dianna Glaze; Best Male Cameo, Keith Watford; (standing): Best Character Actress, Piper Williams; Best Character Actor, Christopher Holloway; Best Female Newcomer, Sierra Hill; Best Female Cameo, Ashleigh Stowe; Best Ensemble Actress, Meaghan Gilliland; Best Actor, Trey McKay; Director of Theatre, Charles Sirmon; Best Supporting Actor, Griffin Smith.
Chipola softball players named All American

The National Junior College Athletic Association recently named their All American Softball Team, including Chipola College’s Ariell van Hook and Brittany Black.

Van Hook started in 56 games. She had a .479 batting average with 17 homeruns and a .870 slugging percentage. Van Hook also had a fielding percentage of .983, committing only 1 error in 56 games. Van Hook played as a designated player and is from Whittier, California.

From Haymarket, Virginia, Black was the pitcher and also played as an outfielder. She was Chipola’s ace pitcher on the year with a 20-5 record. She had 143 strikeouts in 137 innings pitched. She gave up only 36 walks on the season. Black also had a .318 batting average with 7 homeruns in 43 games.

Chipola captured the Panhandle Conference Championship with a 13-3 record. The Lady Indians finished the year with a 46-10 overall mark.

Early registration for Summer II classes at Chipola

Chipola College will hold summer II registration for new and returning students, Thursday, June 23, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Summer II classes begin June 27. Late registration continues through noon on June 28.

Many evening and distance learning courses are available during the six-week summer session. Online registration also is available for students who qualify.

Fees for early registration must be paid on the day of registration. Scholarship recipients should contact the Business Office to declare fee payment method. Students from Georgia and Alabama pay in-state tuition.

Graduating high school seniors who take at least one class during the summer may register early for Fall 2011 classes.

Application deadline for the Fall Semester is Aug. 4. New students who have been cleared for admission for the Fall Term by June 30 may register for Fall 2011 classes July 11-14. New students who register in July will be required to attend orientation classes July 18, 19, 20, 21, and 25. Day and evening orientation classes will be offered.

Applications for Admission are available in the Admissions Office located in the Student Service Building or on-line at www.chipola.edu.

The new Summer II Schedule is available online at www.chipola.edu.

For information, call 850-718-2211.

Workforce Florida meets at Chipola

The Florida Workforce Board of Directors met at Chipola College on May 26. Pictured from left, are: Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough; Peggy Dransfield, Workforce Florida Executive Assistant; and Chris Hart, President/CEO of Workforce Florida. Workforce Florida’s Board is a diverse group of leaders in business, government, economic development and community-based organizations charged with overseeing the state workforce system. For information, visit www.workforceflorida.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE
21 Last Class Day for SSI - All Classes
21 Last Faculty Day for SSI Term
23 Summer II Registration
27 Classes Begin for Summer II

THIS WEEK

“Chipola This Week” is a weekly publication of the Chipola PR Office.

Deadline for the next issue is 8 a.m., Wednesday, June 15. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at warde@chipola.edu.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

BELATED WISHES:
9-Jun Jan Cummings
9-Jun Jeremy Smith
10-Jun Wynn Pope
12-Jun Evelyn Ward
12-Jun Sheila Mercier
12-Jun Judith Riviere

THIS WEEK:
13-Jun Kathy Dunaway
13-Jun Byron Quivey
14-Jun Martin Walden
16-Jun JoAnn Everett
17-Jun Jim Dunaway
18-Jun Lucinda Baker
18-Jun Amie Myers
19-Jun Elisa Cruz

SUMMER PROGRAMS. Chipola will offer programs for all ages this summer.

Swimming lessons will also be offered for ages four and up. Lessons are based on a combination of nationally-recognized methods. The following sessions are scheduled: Session 2: June 20-June 30 with registration deadline June 13; Session 3: July 11-21; and Session 4: Aug. 8-18. Classes are available at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. Sessions are Monday through Thursday for two weeks of 45-minute lessons. Cost is $45 for each session. Pre-registration is required with a $5 late registration fee. Call 718-2473.

Baseball Coach Jeff Johnson will offer three camps. A Pitching Camp for ages 7-18 will meet June 13-14. A Hitting Camp for ages 7-18 will meet June 15-16. A Skills Camp for ages 7-8 will meet June 20-21. All baseball camps meet from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is $100 per camp. Call 718-2243.

Softball Coach Belinda Hendrix will offer two Softball camps. A Fielding, Hitting, and Hustling Camp for all ages will meet June 20-21, from 1-4 p.m. A Pitching Camp for all ages will meet June 22, from 1-4 p.m. Cost is $50 per camp. Call 718-2358.