Chipola players selected in Major League Baseball Draft

With the success that Chipola College baseball program has achieved in the past decade, it is not unusual for several current and former Indians to hear their names called during the yearly MLB Draft.

In the second day of the draft on June 8, five current Chipola players and two former players were drafted by major league teams.

Current Chipola player LaVon Washington was drafted by the Cleveland Indians in the second round with the 55th overall selection. The 5’11 centerfielder was drafted in the first-round by the Tampa Bay Rays a year ago, but opted to attend Chipola. Playing in 41 games, Washington batted .327 with 8 homeruns and 25 RBIs.

Pitcher C.J. Riefenhauser, a native of Mahopac, NY, was selected in the twentieth round by the Tampa Bay Rays. Riefenhauser took the mound for Chipola in 18 games with an ERA of 4.93.

Other Indians, Austin Wright, Rodney Quintero, and Joey Rapp also were selected on the second day of the draft. The Boston Red Sox picked Wright in the 23rd round. The seven game winner for Chipola had an ERA of 3.90.

Quintero, a right-handed pitcher who had an ERA of 4.46 in 17 appearances, was taken in the 25th round by Houston. Rapp, who hit 10 homeruns on the season with 28 RBIs, was selected by the Washington Nationals as the first pick of round 28.

Former Indians David Buchanan and Adam Duvall also heard their names called on the second day of the draft. Buchanan, a 6’3 right-handed junior at Georgia State University, was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies in the seventh round. Last year, Buchanan was drafted in the sixth round by the New York Mets. Duvall was selected in the eleventh round by the San Francisco Giants after being named to the 2010 Preseason All-Big East First Team in his senior season at Louisville.

Enroll now in Chipola Summer Session II

Registration for Chipola College’s Summer Session II is June 24. Classes begin June 28.

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

Students must request a final high school transcript to be sent to Chipola as part of the application process. Students must also take the College Placement Test unless otherwise qualified by ACT or SAT scores.

Federal financial aid may be available to qualifying students. For information and assistance call 850-718-2293. Students may also apply for scholarships through the Chipola Foundation. For deadline information and assistance call 850-718-2445.

Chipola is offering condensed Orientation classes for new students this summer. The courses will be offered in the day or evening on the dates of July 19-22 and July 26. New students who take the Summer Orientation class are eligible to register early for Fall classes July 12-15. Students must be cleared for admission for the Fall Term by June 30 in order to register.

Chipola offers the Associate in Arts Degree, the Associate in Science Degree and Workforce Development programs. The college also offers Bachelor’s Degrees in Business, Nursing, Special Education, Elementary Education and Secondary and Middle School Education with majors in Math and Science.

For information, call 850-718-2284.
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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 16. Articles will be printed as space permits. E-mail Evelyn Ward at warde@chipola.edu.

SEMINARS. Chipola will offer four business seminars.

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
16-Jun JoAnn Everett
18-Jun Lucinda Baker
18-Jun Amie Myers
19-Jun Elisa Cruz

Former Chipola player is Major League homerun leader

Former Chipola baseball player Jose Bautista is Major League Baseball’s homerun leader with 18 as of June 9.

In front of the largest crowd in Toronto since opening day, 30,089 fans watched as the former Chipola Indian hit two towering home runs to help the Blue Jays defeat the New Yankees 6-1 on June 4.

“This is uncharted water for me, but it feels good,” said Bautista, who had a previous career high of 16 home runs in a single season.

The former Chipola great led off the second inning with a home run ball that went off the facing of the third deck in left field. Later in the fourth, Bautista found almost the same area for a two-run shot. Bautista would finish the night with a lead-off double in the eighth to go 3 for 3 with 3 RBI’s on the night.

Bautista was a member on Chipola squad before being drafted by the Pittsburg Pirates in the 20th round of the 2000 amateur draft. His official signing came in May 2001, the same year the Indians captured the Panhandle Conference Championship and was the NJCAA Region VIII Runner-up.

During his time in the majors, the 29 year-old has also played for the Pirates, the Orioles and the Royals.

Summer programs set at Chipola

Chipola College will offer programs for all ages this summer.

Swimming lessons will be offered for ages four and up. Session 2 is scheduled for June 21-July 1, registration deadline is June 14. Classes are available at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. or 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday for two weeks. Cost is $45 and pre-registration is required. For information, call pool manager Rance Massengill at 718-2473.

Chipola Baseball Coach Jeff Johnson will offer two camps. A Pitching Camp for ages 7-18 will meet June 14-15. Cost is $100. A Hitting Camp for ages 7-18 will meet June 16-17. Cost is $100. All baseball camps meet from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, contact Assistant Coach Brent Shelton 718-2332.

Chipola Softball Coach Belinda Hendrix will offer two Softball camps. A Fielding, Hitting, and Hustling Camp for all ages will meet June 21-22, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Cost is $50. A Pitching Camp for all ages will meet June 23, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Cost is $50. For information, contact Coach Hendrix at 718-2358.

Jackson Blue Springs Basin posters available

In June, a poster idea initiated by the Jackson Blue Springs Working group, was unveiled. The informational poster was created with help from the Northwest Florida Water Management district, with photographs by Patrick Casey, text and design by Faith Eidse, and map by Kevin Defosset.

Chipola’s Dr. Santine Cuccio, says, “The purpose of the poster is to educate the community; and define and preserve the Blue Spring Basin. It will appear in offices, libraries, lobbies, schools, and other public places. The poster will be placed in approximately 100 public places.”

Lois Jones, a volunteer with the Florida Caverns State Park, recently used the poster to promote an outdoor worship service at Blue Springs for St. Luke’s Episcopal Church.

The posters will be displayed at local businesses, local historical society, government offices, in a subdivision with septic tanks, and in school classrooms.

Dr. Cuccio said, “The message of each poster will bear fruit as people match their care of the land with love of the waters from Jackson Blue Spring.” Chipola professor Alan Tidwell directs the Blue Springs Working Group.

Posters can be obtained from: Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Drive, Havana Florida, 32333, or by phoning: 850-539-5999.

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