Chipola wins Brain Bowl National Tournament

The Chipola Brain Bowl team defeated Valencia 475-205 in the finals to win the 2012 NAQT Community College National Championship Tournament for the second year in a row.

The Chipola team finished the tournament with a 12-0 record, averaging 437.7 points per 20 questions, and 20.89 points per bonus, both the highest averages in tournament history. The team also recorded 103 power (early) buzzes, besting last year’s record by 27 set by former Chipola player Dallin Kelson.

Chipola’s Paul Kelson was the individual high scorer in the tournament and was a tournament all-star.

The team will now advance to the ICT (International Collegiate Tournament) to be held in Chicago on March 28-April 1. Chipola will compete in Division II (undergraduate division), against the other four-year schools who have qualified. Chipola will be one of six community colleges competing for the DII title. Chipola will enter the tournament as the number 13 seed, behind

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Chipola to play Central Florida in state tourney

The Chipola Indians face Central Florida in the first round of the FCSAA State Tournament, Wednesday, March 7, at 6 p.m. (CST), in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center.

A win would move Chipola to the semi-final game on Friday, March 9, at 6 p.m., to take on the winner of the Palm Beach vs. Polk game set for 8 p.m. on March 7.

Chipola head coach Jake Headrick says, “We’re excited about being in the state tournament. It’s an advantage to get to play on our home floor. After the Panhandle race, I think we’re prepared for this kind of environment. Our guys have played with pressure and I think they’re focused on the opportunity they’ve got to play for a state title.”

The Indians beat Central Florida earlier this season 80-60 in the Panhandle Classic, but coach Headrick said he’s not taking the Patriots lightly. “When we played them earlier, they had a couple of guys out. We’re both different teams and right now everybody’s 0-0,” Headrick said. The Chipola coach has great respect for his first coaching

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5 MONDAY
  • Student Government Association – 2 p.m., Z116
6 TUESDAY
  • Executive Council – 9 a.m., A192
  • Student Ambassadors – 1 p.m., A156
7 WEDNESDAY
  • Black Student Union – 10 a.m., C104
  • Phi Beta Lambda – 10 a.m., M201
  • FCSAA State Basketball Tourney—Men’s Games — 1,3,6,8 p.m., R

8 THURSDAY
  • FCSAA State Basketball Tourney — Women’s Games — 1,3,6,8 p.m., R
  • Fellowship of Christian Athletes – 7 p.m., Cafeteria
9 FRIDAY
  • FCSAA State Basketball Tourney — Semi-Finals — 1,3,6,8 p.m., R

10 SATURDAY
  • FCSAA State Basketball Tourney — Men’s Championship — 5 p.m., R
  • FCSAA State Basketball Tourney — Women’s Championship — 7:30 p.m., R
11 SUNDAY
  • FCA Chapel Service – 7:30 p.m., Chapel
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opponent in the tourney. “Central’s coach Tim Ryan is always here in the tournament, and he does a great job of having his team ready for post season play,” Headrick said. The Indians will have a total of 10 days off before their first game to rest up and heal some wounds. Headrick said, “If you make it to the championship, you play three games in four days, so we need to be rested.”

Chipola will look to return to the FCSAA championship game after losing to Tallahassee in the 2011 title game. From 2004 to 2011, the Indians have played in seven state championship games, winning five titles. Chipola leads all Florida colleges with a total of 12 state championships since 1961.

Central Florida is the 2012 Mid-Florida Conference co-champion with Santa Fe. The Patriots are 23-7 and 10-2 in league play. Chipola eliminated Central Florida from the tournament in 2007, 2008 and 2009. The Patriots made it to the semi-final round in the 2011 tournament before losing to eventual champion Tallahassee.


Chipola scored a 59-56 win over Pensacola on Feb. 22. JT Thomas led Chipola with 17 points, including five three-pointers and the game-winning three with 6 seconds remaining.

Northwest Florida State is the Panhandle Champion. The Raiders take on Indian River in a first round game in the state tournament at 3 p.m. game on Wednesday, March 7.

The final Panhandle Conference standings are: Northwest (11-1), Chipola (7-5), Pensacola (6-6), Gulf Coast (3-9), and Tallahassee (3-9).

In the Feb. 28 FCSAA poll, Chipola’s men were ranked sixth. Northwest is first. Pensacola is seventh.

For the latest scores visit www.chipola.edu or by call 718-2CJC.

State JUCO basketball tournament begins March 7 at Chipola

The top 16 community college basketball teams in Florida will begin arriving in Marianna Tuesday for the Florida Junior College Men’s and Women’s State Basketball Tournament set for March 7-10 in Chipola College’s Milton H. Johnson Health Center.

Some 400 basketball players along with coaches, cheerleaders and fans will fill nearly 200 hotel rooms during the tourney. Teams will begin practice Tuesday in the Johnson Center and in local high school gyms. Each team is assigned a local host family to help with any need that may arise during the tournament.

Numerous Division I College coaches and recruiters also are expected to scout the talent in the competition. Tournament officials estimate that more than $250,000 will flow into the area during the tournament from food, lodging, recreation and incidental expenses.

The men’s tournament tips off Wednesday, March 7, at 1 p.m. as St. Petersburg takes on Santa Fe. At 3 p.m., Northwest Florida takes on Indian River. Chipola faces Central Florida in the 6 p.m. game. Palm Beach and Polk meet in the 8 p.m. nightcap on Wednesday.

Women’s action begins Thursday, March 8, at 1 p.m., as Palm Beach takes on Northwest Florida. At 3 p.m., Hillsborough meets Pensacola. The 6 p.m. game features Gulf Coast and Broward. Daytona and St. Petersburg play in the 8 p.m. nightcap on Thursday.

Men’s and women’s semi-finals are set for Friday, March 9, with men’s games at 1 and 6 p.m. and women’s contests at 3 and 8 p.m. The State Championship title games are set for Saturday, March 10, with the men at 5 p.m., and the women at 7:30 p.m.

Waste Management is official host sponsor for the event. The Jackson County Tourist Development Council awarded a grant to help promote the tournament. The Florida Lottery is also a major sponsor of the event.

Tournament passes—$25 for adults and $15 for students—will get fans into all 14 exciting tournament games. Single session tickets—two games—are $10 each.

For ticket information, call 718-2220, or visit the official tourney web site at: www.chipola.edu

Chipola hosts FBLA awards

The Chipola College chapter of Phi Beta Lambda recently hosted the District 2 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) awards ceremony. Awards were handed out in more than 40 competitions in middle and high school categories. Pictured from left, are newly-elected FBLA District 2 president Brason English of Ponce De Leon; Ciara Baxley of Cottondale High, first place in Sports Management and Joelle Pickens, second place in Sports Management.
Decemberadio and Flying Backwards in concert at Chipola

The Chipola Huddle of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will host a Spring Concert on Saturday, April 21, featuring Christian recording artists Decemberadio and local favorite Flying Backwards.

The Spring Concert is the second event featuring outstanding nationally-known performers following the Remedy Drive Concert last Spring.

The free concert starts at 7 p.m. and is being promoted by Shane Corbin with One Shot Entertainment, and financed by the Ministry Partners of the Chipola College Huddle of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Chipola Homecoming Court

The 2012 Chipola College Homecoming Court was presented on Feb. 25. Pictured from left, are: (front) Shicola Weston, Charles (PJ) Buggs, Jr., Lindsay West, Jonathan Carrell, 2011 Queen Alexa Sanchez, 2012 Queen Ashton Williams, 2012 Mr. Chipola Daunta Bell, 2011 Mr. Chipola Cody Hughes, Travis Bontrager, Rachel Pelt, John Whittington and Kaylee Toole.

International trade seminar set at Chipola

Chipola College will offer a small business seminar entitled, “International Import/Export Trade Basics” on Friday, March 9. The first five Chipola students to register get free admission. The seminar will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

This class provides an overview of import and export opportunities for Florida businesses. Participants will learn about global businesses and trade investments. The seminar will discuss ways to develop a trade plan and provide resources for starting a trade business.

The seminar will meet in Room M-108 of the Chipola Business and Technology building. Pre-registration is required. Cost of each seminar is $30. Students should contact Elissa Severson at 718-2441 to register, or sign up in person in Building M, Office 208A.

Additional seminars scheduled, include: April 6, “Steps to Starting a Small Business”; and April 13, “Ultimate Business Plan.”

Register at http://clients.floridasbdc.org/center.aspx?center=41230&subloc=4 or email seversone@chipola.edu.

Johnson’s Generations

A life-size bronze statue of legendary Chipola basketball coach Milton H. Johnson was unveiled during Chipola’s homecoming game on Saturday, Feb. 25. Here, Johnson’s son David and grandson Lane get a first look at the statue.

Johnson’s Teammates

Here, three of Johnson’s teammates on the 1947 Chipola basketball team pose with the statue. They are, from left: Brantley Ditty, David West and Tom Kelley.
Godspell

The Chipola production of Godspell runs March 9 and 10 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 11 at 2 p.m.

Davis is top Chipola employee

Karan Davis has been selected the Chipola College Faculty/Administrator/Other Professional Award of the month for March. Davis has served as an Associate Vice President of Human Resources and Equity Officer since 1986. Here, congratulated by (left) Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, Karan Davis.

Three Rivers visits

Faculty from Three Rivers College in Missouri recently visited the Chipola Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) Lab. Three Rivers has received a Title III grant to centralize academic support and redesign the college curriculum. Chipola’s ACE Lab has hosted many such visitors because it is recognized as a model program for academic support.

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such schools as Harvard, Yale, Michigan State and MIT. Chipola finished 10th overall in last year’s ICT.

Chipola team members are: Paul Kelson, Annmarie Nichols and Travis Bontrager. Chipola Brain Bowl coach Stan Young said, “We are very proud of the work that our players have done to reach this goal. Coach Dr. Robert Dunkle and I thank the college and community for the continued support.” Chipola also is the four-time defending state Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA) Brain Bowl champion.

Stats for the ink to the Community College National Championship stats: http://www.naqt.com/stats/tournament-teams.jsp?tournament_id=3891

Link to the field for the ICT and the seedings: http://www.naqt.com/stats/tournament-values.jsp?rating_group_id=1026