Chipola Brain Bowlers shine at FSU Nole Bowl

Chipola Brain Bowlers team members Mark Hodge and Jantzen Whitehead finished fourth and sixth respectively in individual scoring at the Nole Bowl III Academic Tournament held Jan. 25-26 at Florida State University.

Chipola coach Stan Young, said, “They (Hodge and Whitehead) have both firmly established themselves as two of the top players in the state of Florida.”

Chipola Baseball to host Rahal-Miller Classic and Alumni Weekend

Some of the nation’s top JUCO baseball teams and several major league ball players are expected for Chipola College’s first annual Baseball Alumni Weekend and Rahal-Miller JUCO National Classic Feb. 8-10.

A Chipola Alumni Baseball Golf Outing at Indian Springs Golf Course, is set for 12:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 8, followed by a 6:30 p.m. Night Social.

The Rahal-Miller JUCO National Classic begins Friday, Feb. 8, at 10 a.m. with Chipola vs. Walters State. At 1 p.m., the College of Southern Nevada takes on Walters State. St. Petersburg College and the College of Southern Nevada meet at 4 p.m.

While the Chipola team finished with only a 4-6 record in the tournament, Chipola defeated one of the two FSU teams in the tournament in round-robin play and narrowly lost to UF (220-210).

Chipola also defeated defending national JUCO champion Valencia Community College, the only other community college in the tournament. Teams from FSU, UF and USF competed in the tournament. The University of South Florida won the tournament.

The Chipola team will compete in regional competition at Okaloosa-Walton College, Feb. 1-2. The tournament is a qualifier for state tournament set for March 26-28 on the Chipola College campus.

Chipola Blue team members are: Mark Hodge, Jantzen Whitehead, Brandon (Chuck) Bryant, Julian (Trey) Paul and Mitchell Whitehead.

Math professor Stan Young and Humanities professor Dr. Robert Dunkle coach the Chipola teams.

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Chipola Professor uses math to improve cancer diagnosis

Chipola College mathematics professor Dr. Irma Cruz-White recently contributed to a poster session at San Francisco State University on Comparative Genomic Hybridization (CGH) array techniques for classifying breast cancer.

The project—Using Persistent Homology for clustering Breast Cancer CGH-Array Data—used mathematical techniques from algebraic homology to help distinguish between patients in stage I and II of the disease.

Breast cancer is the most frequent tumor in women worldwide. One of the most important handicaps in the breast cancer field is to identify patients with early tumor stage and bad prognosis. Proper analysis of the data is subject to difficulties due to the complex patterns of Comparative Genomic Hybridization profiles.

One of these difficulties is the proper interpretation of the multidimensional nature of the data.

Chipola to host reunion of Coach Johnson’s teams from Chipola and Campbellton High

Chipola College is hosting a reunion of Coach Milton Johnson’s Chipola and Campbellton High School basketball teams, Feb. 16, at the college.

All of Johnson’s former players, assistant coaches, managers, and their guests are invited to a luncheon with Coach Johnson on Saturday, Feb. 16, at from noon to 2 p.m. (CST) in the old college gym, now known as the Arts Center. The luncheon will feature a program highlighting Johnson’s legendary career, followed by a time to visit with old friends.

Event organizer Robert Trammell, said, “Not many people earn the title of legend during their lifetime, but Coach Milton Johnson has done just that. In addition to his phenomenal records on the court, the contributions he made to the lives of so many young people are tremendous.”

Trammell says he expects some 75 former team members to attend the reunion, including two father and son sets who played for Johnson: Cody and Zack Taylor from Bonifay and Sydney and Greg Granger from Blountstown.

ABA star Red Robbins is expected to return along with many of his 1965 teammates. The Hines brothers—Kevin, Keith and Sammy—who played for Johnson in the early 1990’s are also expected to attend.

Former Chipola player Ronnie Myers and his wife Kitty will host a 4 p.m. reception and 5:30 p.m. dinner at their home in Marianna on Saturday.

All returning players and their guests will sit in a special section during Chipola’s men’s game with Okaloosa-Walton at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 16. During halftime, Coach Johnson and former team members will be recognized in a special ceremony.

The Feb. 16 celebration follows the Chipola Night of Champions last September which brought University of Florida Coach Billy Donovan to the college to raise money for an endowment in honor of Coach Johnson.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough said, “Chipola has developed a national reputation in athletics, and no one has contributed more to our success over the years than Coach Milton Johnson. His basketball teams won more than 800 games during his 32 years at Chipola. We are proud to honor Coach Johnson’s legacy by establishing a special scholarship in his name.”

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Chipola hosts Pensacola Tuesday


The women's game tips off at 5:30 p.m., followed by the men's game at 7:30 p.m.

The Indians lead four undefeated teams at the top of the NJCAA men’s basketball rankings for the eighth straight week. Chipola is followed by the College of Southern Idaho (2), Wallace State Community College - Hanceville (Ala.) (3) and Paris Junior College (Texas) (4).

Chipola is also number one on the FCCAA state men’s poll. OW is second in the state rankings. Tallahassee is eighth and Gulf Coast is ninth.

Chipola improved to 24-0 and 6-0 in conference play with a 65-51 win at Gulf Coast on Jan. 30. Mario Little led the Indians with 15 points. Chipola’s defense held Gulf Coast to 29 in the first half and only 22 in the second half.

The Indians held on for an 89-84 overtime win over Tallahassee Community College on Jan. 26. The win set a new Chipola record for consecutive wins in a season. The previous record of 22-straight victories dates back to the 1955 season.

Future Kansas Jayhawk Mario Little led the Indians with 25 points, 14 rebounds, including six offensive boards.

The men’s conference race is a two-team battle with Chipola (6-0), one game ahead of OW (5-1). Chipola plays at OW on Feb. 2. Tallahassee (3-4) is third. Gulf Coast is 2-5 and PJC is 0-6. The top two teams in the league make it to the state tournament.

The Lady Indians slipped to 3-5 in league play and 17-6 overall with a 71-46 loss at top-ranked Gulf Coast on Jan. 30. Ashley McCray led Chipola with 13 points. Lesheria Stevens scored 11 and Latoya Williams added 10.

Chipola’s women play at OW, Feb. 2, before hosting PJC on Feb. 5.

With seven games remaining in league play, Gulf Coast (8-0) leads the conference. OW (5-3) and TCC (5-3) are tied for second. PJC is (4-5). Chipola is (3-5). NFL is (0-9). The top two women’s finishers in the conference earn a berth to the state tournament.

Chipola Softball hosts Darton College on Thursday

The Chipola Lady Indians softball team hosts Darton College in a doubleheader, Thursday, Feb. 7, at 4 p.m.

The defending state and national champions host Shelton CC, Saturday, Feb. 16, in a 1 p.m. double-header.

The Lady Indians are on a five-game road trip with games in Texas and Louisiana, Feb. 1-5. Chipola plays a spate of non-conference games before opening conference play March 16 at home against North Florida.

Visit www.chipola.edu for the latest scores and information on Chipola softball.
Homecoming 2008 set for Feb. 18-23

Chipola will celebrate Homecoming 2008, the week of Feb. 18-23. This year’s theme is “On Top of Our Game: as the Indians hope to exceed the performance of the Commodores of Gulf Coast.

During the week before homecoming, candidates for Mr. Chipola and Homecoming Queen will be introduced at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13, in the Arts Center.

Student Activities for the week include: Monday, Feb. 18: Camouflage Day; Tuesday, Feb. 19: Hawaiian Day; Wednesday, Feb. 20: Pajamas Day; Thursday, Feb. 21: Favorite College Day; and Friday, Feb. 22: Chipola Blue and Gold Day. A campus building decoration contest will be judged Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 1 p.m. The Homecoming Talent Show is Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 10:05 a.m., in the Arts Center. Current students or groups are invited to perform. Cash prizes will be awarded to best overall and top places in solo, group and band categories. Performers must register by Monday, Feb. 18.

Homecoming Night, Saturday, Feb. 23, begins with the Lady Indians game against Gulf Coast at 5:30 p.m. An Alumni Reception hosted by Chipola President Dr. Gene Prough and his wife Priscilla, begins at 6 p.m. All alumni and friends are invited to attend the reception. Chipola’s 2008 Homecoming Queen and Mr. Chipola will be crowned during halftime.

Cheerleading Extravaganza set for Feb. 10

The Chipola Cheerleaders will host the annual Cheerleading Extravaganza Sunday, Feb. 10, at 2 p.m. at the Milton H. Johnson Health Center.

Squads will compete at the middle school, junior varsity, and varsity levels. New this year will be the Grand Champion winner, which will be the squad with the highest overall score of all the competing squads. Several all star squads from the JAGS and MEGA cheer gyms will also perform exhibition routines.

Admission is $5 for school age and up.

Cast selected for ‘How to Succeed . . .’

Chipola director Charles Sirmon recently cast the following actors in “How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying”: Kevin Russell as J. Pierpont Finch, Lindsey Baxter as Rosemary Pilkington, Garrett Brolund as J.B. Biggley, Aaron Moore as Bud Frump, Jessica Lawson as Hedy La Rue, Brittney Holmes as Miss Jones, Dianna Glaze as Smitty, Nathan Hauser as Bert Bratt, Jonathan Keeman as Mr. Twimble, Keith Watford as Mr. Gatch, Austin Sims as Benjamin Burton Daniel Ovington, Chris Manasco as Mr. Jenkins, Kevin Shores as Mr. Johnson, Richie Cooper as Mr. Matthews, Kris Sampson as Mr. Peterson, Rowdy Wilbur as Mr.ackberry, Audrey Brown as Miss Krumholz, Courtney Corbin as Mrs. Toynbee, Keith Watford as Company Policeman, Courtney Haile as Scrubwoman, Felicia Gibson Walters as Scrubwoman, Charles Sirmon as Wally Wonper, and Kristina Lopez, Kara Jumper, Shannon Griffin, Cassie Mitchell, Courtney Haile, Felicia Gibson Walters as Wickets and Wickettes. The crew includes: Choreographer, Chris Manasco; Choral directors, Joan Stadskev and Angie White; Pianist, Dr. Josh Martin; Conductor, Daniel Powell; Set Designer, Keith Pugh, and Stage Manager, Rick Sims.

The show opens a five-day run. March 12.

PHI BETA LAMBDA MEETS. Phi Beta Lambda will meet Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. in M202. Refreshments will be served. All students interested in business are encouraged to attend.

FREE TAX HELP. Chipola business instructor Lee Shook and student volunteers are providing free tax preparation and free electronic filing. The free service—for individual tax returns only—is available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Fridays, through April 11. The free service usually takes no longer than 30 minutes. For faster refunds, taxpayers are asked to bring a personal check which has routing information needed for electronic refunds. Call Lee Shook at (850) 718 2368.

BLOOD DRIVE. Southeastern Community Blood Center will be on campus Feb. 6, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The bloodmobile will set up in from of the Health Sciences building. All students and employees are welcome.

FIREARMS COURSE. Chipola will hold a 16-hour Firearms Familiarization course Feb. 18-21. Completion of the course may be used in applying for a Concealed Weapons Permit. The 16-hour course will meet from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Pre-registration and $55 is due prior to the first class meeting. Call (850) 718-2394 or e-mail williamsd@chipola.edu.

FINANCIAL AID $$$$$. Expected disbursement of Financial Aid checks (Pell, Bright Futures, etc.) is February 18.

THANKS TO YOU Chipola College met its United Way goal of $2,850. All employee donors received a free jump drive courtesy of college president Dr. Gene Prough. Pat Barfield won the drawing for Dinner at Madison’s courtesy of Mark Panichella.