Headrick named men’s basketball coach

Jake Headrick has been named head men’s basketball coach at Chipola College.

Headrick served as an assistant to coach Greg Heiar during the 2008-09 season and in 2006-07.

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough said, “Jake is a fine young man whose first concern is our student-athletes. He has an excellent record as a coach and player. I have complete confidence in his ability to lead our program.”

Headrick said, “I am grateful for the opportunity to coach Chipola’s men’s basketball program. I thank Dr. Prough, Dr. O’Daniel and the community for the chance to continue the great traditions here.”

Headrick joined the Chipola basketball staff for the second time in 2008-09 after serving as an Operations assistant and video coordinator at Ole Miss in Oxford, MS. during 2007-08.

While at Ole Miss Headrick helped the rebels, a preseason last-place pick in the SEC West, to the NIT Semifinals and 24 wins (second most in school history). He handled administrative duties and assisted with academics and on-campus recruiting.

An assistant coach at Chipola in 2006-07, Headrick helped lead the Indians to a NJCAA runner-up finish and the most wins in school history (33). While at Chipola, Headrick coached National Player of the Year Jamarcus Ellis and a total of six players who signed Division I scholarships. Headrick assisted with on-floor coaching, recruiting and scouting at Chipola.

Before arriving at Chipola, Headrick served as an assistant coach at the University of Montevallo for one season, where he helped the Falcons reach the NCAA Division II Elite Eight and set a school record for victories with 29. At Montevallo, Headrick coached the Gulf South Conference Player of the Year James Hall and two All-Americans.

A native of Hamilton, Ala., Headrick graduated from the University of Montevallo in 2005 with a B.S. in Kinesiology. A two-year letterman for the Falcons, Headrick helped the team win back-to-back Gulf South Conference championships and reach the NCAA Division II Sweet Sixteen both season. Over his two seasons, Headrick helped the Falcons to a 49-16 record. He attended Bevill State Community College before transferring to Montevallo.

Headrick graduated from Hamilton High School in 2001, where he was a three-time all-county selection. He averaged 21 points per game his senior season and helped the team to its first 20-win season in seven years.

Chipola players moving on to Division I

Eight members of Chipola College’s state championship basketball team have signed scholarships with Division I colleges.

NJCAA Player of the Year Casey Mitchell (6’5”) of Savannah, Ga., has signed West Virginia University. Mitchell also earned Panhandle and FCAA Player of the Year honors.

Torye Pelham (6’6”) of Nashville, TN, and Gary Flowers (6’8”) of Dallas, TX, have signed with Southern Mississippi. They will join their former Chipola coach Greg Heiar who recently took an assistant coaching job at Southern Miss.

Justin Brownlee (6’7”) of Tifton, GA, will play at St. Johns University. Trevor Deloach (6’4”) of Saluda, SC has signed with the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Josh Sain (6’6”) of Jackson, TN, will play with Tennessee State University. Jeremy Jacob (6’8”) of Baton Rouge, LA and Malcolm Armstead (6’0”) of Florence, AL, both signed with the University of Oregon.

Chipola had eight players on the All-Panhandle Conference team: Flowers, Sain, Armstead, Pelham, Jacob, Brownlee, Mitchell and Jon Kret.

Four Indians—Brownlee, Jacob, Flowers and Mitchell—made the FCAA All-Tournament team. Chipola finished 3rd in the National Tournament with a 34-2 record.
Chipola’s Heiar leaving for Southern Miss

Chipola College men’s basketball coach Greg Heiar will be leaving Chipola to take an assistant coaching job at the University of Southern Mississippi. He will serve under head coach Larry Eustachy. USM is a member of Conference USA.

Heiar will have some familiar faces on the USM roster, as two of his top Chipola players—Torye Pelham and Gary Flowers—signed with USM earlier this year.

Coach Heiar led Chipola to four state championships in five seasons at the helm of the Indians program, compiling a 165-15 career record. Last year, his Indians finished third in the 2009 NJCAA national tournament. He guided the Indians to seventh place in the 2008 National Tournament. His 2008 Indians also set a school record for most wins in a season, finishing with a 35-2 mark. In 2007, Coach Heiar and the Chipola Indians finished second in the National Tournament.

Coach Heiar said, “When I was 27 years old, Dr. Prough gave me the opportunity of a lifetime to coach the Chipola Indians. I’m so appreciative to all the folks who have helped get our program to the national level. Marianna and Jackson County is a fabulous place to live and raise a family. Chipola is a fine institution with great traditions, and I’m thankful for the part I was able to play in continuing those traditions.”

Chipola president Dr. Gene Prough, said, “We are very pleased that coach Heiar will have the opportunity to fulfill his lifelong dream of becoming a Division 1 basketball coach. We wish him and his family the best.”

Heiar served one season (2003-04) as top assistant to former Chipola coach Chris Jans. The 2004 season included a Conference Championship, State Championship and a sixth place finish at the 2004 National Tournament.

Heiar and his wife, Jessica, have a seven year-old daughter, Alexis.

Summer programs set at Chipola

Chipola College will offer programs for children of all ages this summer.

**Chipola Baseball** Coach Jeff Johnson will offer several camps. A **Baseball Skills Camp** for ages 7-12 will meet June 15-18. Cost is $75. A **Pitching Camp** for ages 8-18 will meet June 22-23. Cost is $100. A **Hitting Camp** for ages 8-18 will meet June 24-25. Cost is $100. All baseball camps meet from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 718-2237.

**Chipola Softball** Coach Belinda Hendrix will offer five Softball camps. **Tear ‘Em Up Tuesday** for all ages will meet June 9, 23 and 30, from 6 to 7 p.m. Cost is $20 per date. A **Pitching Camp** for ages 8-18 will meet June 24-25. Cost is $100. All softball camps meet from 9 a.m. to noon. Final camps are **Fielding, Hitting, and Hustling Camp** for all ages will meet June 15-16, from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is $50 and includes insurance. For information, contact Coach Hendrix at 718-2358.

Swimming lessons will be offered for ages four and up. Lessons are based on a combination of nationally-recognized methods. The following sessions are scheduled: Session 1: June 1-11; Session 2: June 15-25; Session 3: July 13-23; and Session 4: Aug. 3-13. 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 and pre-registration is required, with a $5 late registration fee. An **Adult Swimming class** will try and schedule with request of 5 or more students. **Infant and Preschool Swimming lessons** for children 3 and under will meet July 27-29 with classes available at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Cost is $30. For information, call Rance Massengill at 718-2473.