Chipola wins back-to-back state championships

The Chipola Indians successfully defended their Florida state baseball title with a 6-0 win over Manatee CC in the championship game of the FCCAA State Baseball tournament May 13 in Winter Haven.

The back-to-back championships were the first since Central Florida CC won consecutive titles in 1997 and 1998.

Chipola called on ace Ryan Chaffee who pitched a complete game to earn the win for Chipola. He chalked up 18 strikeouts in nine innings. Chaffee was 2-0 in the tournament with 28 strikeouts in 14 innings.

The Indians held a slim 1-0 lead heading into the ninth when Chipola’s Carlos Moncrief swatted a three-run homer to push the Indians to the 6-0 final.

Chipola chalked up six runs on two hits and committed three errors. Manatee had four hits, no runs and no errors.

The Indians won five straight games in the tournament including a 10-2 win over Pensacola in seven innings on Monday. Montero was three for three on the day with a homerun. Edmond Sparks also homered in the game. Jason Townsend pitched all seven innings to earn the win for Chipola. Pensacola won the conference championship this season, but Chipola’s win Monday put the Indians up 3-2 in this year’s series.

The Indians scored a 13-9 win over Manatee on Sunday. Pitcher Matt Jackson earned the win. Einar Atencio and Edmond Sparks both went three for four. Moncrief and Daniel Jones both went three for five.

Chipola scored an 8-7 win over St. Petersburg on Saturday. Marc Bourgeois was three for three. Adam Duvall was two for five. Chaffee was the winning pitcher.

The Indians scored an 11-3 win over Seminole in the first round of the tournament on Friday.

Chipola (44-12-1) will begin defense of their national title, Saturday, May 24, at 2 p.m. in Grand Junction, Colorado. The Indians scored a 13-9 win over Manatee on Sunday. Pitcher Matt Jackson earned the win. Einar Atencio and Edmond Sparks both went three for four. Moncrief and Daniel Jones both went three for five.

Chipola’s Young wins Kirkland Award

Math professor and Brain Bowl coach Stan Young was chosen by his peers to receive the 2008 Kirkland Award for Excellence in Teaching at Chipola College.

Young has taught a variety of math courses at Chipola since 2004. In 2007, the Chipola student body selected Young as Teacher of the Year. He also formulates questions and assists in competitions for the Chipola Math Olympiad.

Since 2005, Young has served as head coach of the highly successful Brain Bowl team with assistant coach Dr. Robert Dunkle. The team recently won the school’s first-ever state championship and finished second in the NAQT National Tournament.

In three of the four years Young has been head coach, the team has advanced to the state tournament. Young also established the Chipola Invitational Brain Bowl Tournament which provides a competition for high school teams from the five-county area.
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dians will face the winner of the South Central District, which is being played this weekend at Connors State (Okla.). Crowder (Mo.) and Delgado (La.) join Connors in that tournament.

Coach Jeff Johnson had help from assistant coaches Nick Fletcher, Jared Harrell and Brent Shelton.

In 12 seasons, Coach Johnson’s Indians have made it to the state tournament nine times with five appearances in the title game.


Chipola team members, are: Daniel Jones of Ormond Beach; Colton McCutcheon of St. Augustine; Brett Maxwell of Douglasville, Ga.; Adam Duvall of Louisville, Ky.; Marc Bourgeois of Montreal, Canada; Cameron Gray of Toronto, Canada; Kyle Regnault of Johnston, RI; Einar Atencio of Panama; Daniel Renfroe of Macon, Ga.; Jason Bailey of Colquitt, Ga.; Chris Berroa of Pennsauken, N.J.; Jordan Lucas of Venice, Fla.; Drew Parker of Surrey, BC; Matt Jackson of Haughton, La.; Ben Jeffers of Danielsville, Ga.; J.B. Johnson of Marianna; Tyler Bumgarner of Marietta, Ga.; Edmond Sparks of Hampton, Ga.; Ryan Chaffee of Niceville; David Buchanan of Fayetteville, Ga.; Carlos Moncrief of Jackson, Miss.; Moises Montero of the Dominican Republic; David Travis of Bristol; Jason Townsend of Albany, Ga.; Skylar Smith of Bainbridge, Ga.

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Dunkle said, “The Brain Bowl team has been so competitive the last four years because Stan is such an extraordinary teacher. He has a dynamic personality that holds our team member’s attention; he is always prepared when we begin practice sessions; he varies his pedagogical techniques daily, continually changing methods to efficiently coach up our players.”

Young’s fellow brain bowl coaches from the district selected him as the 2008 Florida Brain Bowl Coach of the Year. Gulf Coast coach Dr. Finley, says, “Stan is not only an excellent coach, but an excellent model for his team. His teams are always professional and good sports in winning or losing. They are models for how young men and young women should conduct themselves while representing their school.”

Of receiving the Kirkland Award, Young said, “I am humbled by this honor, and I am proud to serve with the distinguished faculty at Chipola. We are fortunate to work with such fine students.”

Young is a member of the Florida Association of Community Colleges and the Chipola Council of Educators.

Young is a Chipola graduate who earned a bachelor’s degree from FSU and a master’s degree from FAMU.

The Kirkland Award was established by brothers—J. R. Kirkland and David Kirkland—in honor of their parents Carolyn and the late Willis Kirkland of Marianna. The award provides $1,000 to the annual recipient. Previous winners include faculty emeriti Dr. Stephen Shimmel, Dr. Bill Brev vogel, Kathryn Roberts, Brenda Alford, Donald Holley, Paul Huang, Don Adams, Peggy Register, Charlene Lord and Lonnie Keene, former instructor Jean Taylor and current instructors Dr. Robert Dunkle, JoAnn Everett, Mary McClendon, Nancy Burns, Dr. Lou Cleveland, Rose Cavin, Dr. David Hilton and John Gardner.

Summer Programs set at Chipola

Chipola will offer programs for all ages this summer.

Chipola Baseball Coach Jeff Johnson will offer several camps. A Baseball Skills Camp for ages 8-12 will meet June 2-5. Cost is $75. A Young Pitchers Camp for ages 8-12 will meet June 9-10. Cost is $100. A Pitching Camp for ages 13-18 will meet June 11-12. Cost is $100. A Young Hitters Camp for ages 8-12 will meet June 16-17. Cost is $100. A Hitting Camp for ages 13-18 will meet June 18-19. Cost is $100. All baseball camps meet from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 718-2237.

Chipola Softball Coach Belinda Hendrix will offer Softball camps. Softball Skills Camps for ages 5-12 will meet June 25-26, from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is $100. Softball Skills Camps for ages 13 and up will meet June 25-26, from 2 to 5 p.m. Cost is $100. Softball Night Camp will meet June 9, 16 and 23, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is $20 per night. For information, contact Coach Hendrix at 718-2358.

Chipola Women’s Basketball coach David Lane will offer an Individual Camp for Middle and High School Students, June 2 and 4, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Cost is $90. Call 718-2423.

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 2-12; Session 2: June 16-26; Session 3: July 14-24; and Session 4: Aug. 4-14. Classes are available at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. or 7:00 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 class will meet June 30-July 3, 10 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. Cost is $40. Infant and Preschool Swimming lessons for children 3 and under will meet July 7-10 and July 28-31 with classes available at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Cost is $30. For information, call pool manager Rance Massengill at 718-2473.

Online registration for Summer Session II is available through June 12 at 3 p.m. To register online, visit www.chipola.edu, click Current Students, and click On-line Registration. Some restrictions apply.
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