Chipola wins national championship in softball

The Chipola Lady Indians softball team captured the 2007 NJCAA Division I Softball National Championship with a 6-3 win over Northern Idaho, Saturday, May 19, in Plant City, FL.

The Lady Indians scored three runs in the top of the third and added three more in the eighth to take the college’s first national championship in softball.

Chipola scored three in the top of the third after Martina Landrum walked, stole 2nd, and was batted forward to home. Tiffany Harmon singled, stole 2nd, and was batted in to score. Christal Kotchman singled and scored.

Northern Idaho tied the game at 3-3 in the bottom of the seventh. In extra innings in the top of the 8th, Sara Lovestrand reached on an error, stole 2nd, and was batted forward to home. Cassie Lasstter reached on a bunt stole 2nd, and was batted home. Tori Fobb doubled, and was batted home. Carolyn Moore doubled for one RBI.

Brittany Minton was the winning pitcher for the Lady Indians. She threw 1 and two-thirds innings. Lasstter threw four innings and Amber Weeks pitched 2 and one third innings.

The Lady Indians only loss of the tournament came earlier in the day on Saturday to Northern Idaho, 5-4. It was Chipola’s only loss of the post-season. Chipola finished with a 57-6 record.

Northern Idaho lost their opening game of the tournament and climbed out of the loser’s bracket to win seven straight. The Lady Indians helped make Florida history earlier this month when they won the FCCAA State Championship, one of four state titles Chipola won this season.

Chipola’s only other national championship was in men’s golf in the 1960’s.

Chipola began the national tournament with a 3-0 win over Crowder College (MO) in the first round on Thursday. The Lady Indians scored a 2-1 win over McLennan College. On Friday, Chipola scored a 3-0 win over Miami Dade and a 5-2 win over Eastern Arizona. The Lady Indians lost to Northern Idaho, 5-4, before rebounding to win the title game over Northern Idaho, 6-3.

Chipola’s Tori Fobb was named tournament MVP along with four teammates named to the All Tournament team: Christal Kotchman, Martina Landrum, Cassie Lasstter and Brittany Minton. Coach Belinda Hendrix was named coach of the tournament.

The Lady Indians entered the national tournament as the number one seed after spending more than two months on top of the NJCAA Softball poll and the FCCAA State poll.

Box scores and stats from the national tourney are available at http://njcaa.fixedit.com/

The Chipola website is www.chipola.edu

Chipola wins at Phi Theta Kappa national convention

The Nu Chi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Chipola College received the three major awards at the 2007 International Convention in Nashville.

Chipola earned the Leadership Hallmark Award and the Top 100 Chapter award. Nu Chi member Buddy Clark received the Distinguished Member Award.

Some 500 chapters competed for the Society’s Hallmark Awards Program recognizing excellence in programs that promote the Hallmarks of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship.

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Chipola meets Iowa Western in national tournament

The Chipola College Indians will face Iowa Western Community College at 9 a.m. (EST), Saturday, May 26, in the NJCAA National Baseball Tournament in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Games will be broadcast on WJAQ 100.9 FM and are available on the web at www.chipola.edu. The official site of the nation tournament is www.jucogj.org.

A win in the first round would give the Indians Sunday off and a spot in the 7:30 p.m. game on Monday, May 28. A loss would force Chipola into the 10 a.m. game on Sunday, May 27.

The championship game of the tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m.; however, the game could be played as late as Saturday, June 2.

The Chipola College Indians made history when they captured the Florida Junior College Baseball Championship Tuesday, May 8, with a 12-2 win over Central Florida.

The baseball title put Chipola in the Florida record books as the only community college to win four state championships in a single season, in addition to titles in softball and men’s and women’s basketball. Chipola’s only other state baseball title came under coach Bobby Pierce in 1983.

Several Chipola baseball players are among the best in the state. Jesus Barroso and Brandon Street lead the Indians offense, each hitting .341 on the season. Street has 42 RBI's in 51 games. A total of nine Indians are batting better than .300.

Tom Hatcher leads the state in homeruns with 11 and is second on the state RBI list with 59. Trey Manz has six homers on the year.

Three Chipola hurlers are among the best in Florida. Kevin McCoy is 4-0 with 55 strikeouts and a 1.705 ERA. Drew Parker is 6-2 with 59 strikeouts and a 2.577 ERA. Ryan Chaffee (6-2) is number two in the state in strikeouts with 75 in 60 innings.

The Indians’ two closers are in the state’s top 20. Daniel Jones is tenth in the state with four saves in 46 innings of work. Josh Storm is number 15 on the state saves list with four saves in 15 innings.

The Indians (36-17) are perfect in the post-season with four wins in the state tournament including a 12-2 win over Central Florida, a 6-4 win over Palm Beach and a pair of wins over Manatee, 4-3 and 7-6.

In 11 seasons at the helm of the Chipola baseball program, head coach Jeff Johnson has advanced to the state tournament seven times. The Indians finished second in the state tournament in 2005, 2002 and 2001, third in 1998, and among the top four in 2006.

Chipola has won the Panhandle Conference championship six times in the last seven years. Coach Johnson has guided more than 75 players on to professional baseball or to four-year college programs.

Media specialists meet at Chipola

Some 15 media specialists from area high school and middle schools attended the Second Annual Chipola Information Literacy Seminar.

Dr. Dan Latham and Dr. Michelle Gross of the FSU School of Information discussed using information literacy to prepare students for success in higher education. The American Library Association defines information literacy as a set of abilities requiring individuals to recognize when information is needed and possessing the ability to locate, evaluate and use effectively the needed information.

The seminars are designed to help improve the information-gathering skills of high school students to prepare them for post-secondary education and the workforce. The meeting also promotes cooperation between Chipola and local schools.

Pictured from left, are: (back) Faye Cope, Chipley HS; Erika Dotson, Vernon HS; Mary Flowers, Liberty County HS; Lucy Etheridge, Holmes County HS; Wendy Eubanks, Blountstown Middle; Jan Whitcomb, Roulhae Middle; Christy English, Ponce de Leon HS; LuAnne Law, Marianna HS; Teresa Snell, Poplar Springs School; Winifred Waldorff, Altha School; Kyla Rushing, Bonifay Middle School; Renee Hopkins, Chipola; Charlene Merrifield, Marianna Middle; Linda Attaway, Carr School; Dr. Dan Latham, FSU; Merle Houston, Chipola; Tracy Cloud, Sneads HS; Jane Stephens, Chipola; and Dr. Michelle Gross, FSU.

Colbert multi-media art show on display

"Just Under the Surface," an art exhibit by Jeremy Colbert, will be on display in the gallery of the McLendon Fine Arts building at Chipola College through June 8, Monday through Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The original works include creations of wood, cast iron, foundobjects, paper, rope, mixed media and video.

Colbert teaches sculpture and ceramics at the University of South Alabama in Mobile. He earned an MFA from Florida State University in Sculpture and Ceramics. Colbert says, “The exhibition is a body of work reflective of a rediscovery through evaluation of ones self.”
Chipola honors theatre excellence

Chipola College Theatre director Charles Sirmon handed out awards for excellence in theatre at the recent annual theatre banquet.

Mike Milton was named Chipola’s Outstanding Theatre student and Best Actor. Also recognized at the evening’s event were: Best Actress, Katie Brown; Best Supporting Actor, Kevin Russell; Best Supporting Actress, Brittney Holmes; Best Character Actor, Justin Carr; Best Character Actress, Jessie Lawson; Best Male Cameo, Chris Calton; Best Female Cameo, Shannon Grice; Best Male Newcomer, Rowdy Wilbur; Best Female Newcomer, Jessie Lawson; Technical Excellence, Rowdy Wilbur; Best Ensemble Actress, Danuta Jacobs; Best Ensemble Actor, Seth Basford; Dance/Choreography Award, Chris Manasco; and Backstage Excellence, Zack Carroll.

Director of Theatre, Charles Sirmon led the award-winning season which included “I Hate Hamlet” by Paul Rudnick, “Oklahoma” and “The Golden Goose.”

For information about Chipola Theatre, call 718-2227.

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The Chipola students participated in a number of service programs during the school year. Through the Adopt a School Program, Chipola adopted North Bay Elementary School in Bay St. Louis, MS, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Chipola students provided manpower for clean-up and a uniform drive for the students. Chipola’s Project Prom helped hurricane victims at Bay St. Louis High School. Students collected prom gowns and decorations and helped organize the prom for students at the hurricane-ravaged high school.

The “Behind the Scenes” program encouraged reading and creative expression among middle school students. Characters with Class encouraged reading in elementary schools. Volunteers dressed in costumes and read to elementary students.

The Leaders of Promise Conference offered a day of leadership activities and seminars for area ninth and tenth graders. The Senior Leadership Conference provided leadership activities for area seniors. Profiles in Leadership seminars focused on the consequences of the leadership styles of famous leaders.

Chipola environmental projects included: restoring the campus nature trail, encouraging recycling on campus, beach and river clean up projects and Keep America Beautiful Projects with local 4-H, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts

Chipola students also participated in: the American Heart Association Heart Walk; voter registration drive; and domestic violence seminar/self-defense class.

Chipola students also provided toys, books and companionship to children at the Shriner’s Hospital in Tampa and held a drive for a local battered women’s shelter.

Attending the event were: Kristen Cotton of Marianna; Sarah Cartwright of Marianna; Timothy Kleiser of Sneads; Charles Isabella of Marianna; Alicia Hatcher of Graceville; Blake Chambliss of Malone; Krystle Shelton of Altha, and Pam Rentz, advisor.

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society of the Two-Year College with more than 1,200 chapters at community and technical colleges. Membership is based primarily upon academic achievement.

Chipola helps Sunland

The Chipola College Cosmetology program recently donated hair-care products and supplies to Sunland Center. Dawn Glover, volunteer service manager and Wanda Lisle. Pictured from left, are Chipola cosmetology instructor Paige Vanderwerf, and Sunland representatives Dawn Glover and Wanda Lisle.
Summer programs set at Chipola

Chipola College will offer programs for children of all ages this summer. Swimminig 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: May 29–June 7; Session 2: June 18–28; Session 3: July 9–19; and Session 4: July 30–Aug. 9. 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. Infant and preschool swimming lessons for children 3 and under will meet June 11-14 and July 23-27 with classes available at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Cost is $30. For information, call pool manager Rance Massengill at 718-2473.

Chipola baseball coach Jeff Johnson will offer several camps. A Skills Camp for ages 8-12 will meet June 4-7. Cost is $75. A Young Pitchers Camp for ages 8-12 will meet June 11-12. Cost is $100. A Pitching Camp for ages 13-18 will meet June 13-14. Cost is $100. A Young Hitters Camp for ages 8-12 will meet June 18-19. Cost is $100. A Hitting Camp for ages 13-18 will meet June 20-21. Cost is $100. All baseball camps meet from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 718-2237.

Chipola basketball coach David Lame will offer a Girls High School Team Camp, June 8-9 and 10-11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Cost is $25 per team. For information, call 718-2234 or 209-0083.

Chipola basketball coach Greg Heiar will offer Boys Basketball Camps for two age groups, June 11-13. A camp for ages 7 to 11 meets from 9 a.m. to noon. A camp for ages 12 to 15 meets from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is $75. The Chipola coaching staff and players will help youngsters learn the fundamentals of basketball. For information, call 718-2364 or 209-1010.

Ground Water Outreach Program set for area teachers

The Chipola Area Ground Water Outreach program invites all secondary science instructors to sign up for the LIFE curriculum professional development program.

An overview of the program is set for Wednesday, May 30, at Chipola College. A science curriculum learning activity is Thursday, May 31, at Florida Caverns Park.

Greg Ira from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection is the instructor.

Professional development credit for one or both days is available through local school boards. A small stipend is available for participants.

For information, call Vicki Mathis at 718-2290.

Cheerleader tryouts this week

Chipola College will hold Cheerleader tryouts, May 29 and 30, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center. The Cheerleaders (pictured) will host a Junior Varsity Cheerleader Camp on June 18-19. Registration is $70 per cheerleader. For information, contact Geraldine DeFelix at 718-2322 or e-mail: defelixg@chipola.edu

CONTINUING ED. Chipola will offer an Observing & Recording Child Behavior course will meet Mondays and Wednesdays, June 25 through August 6 from 6 to 9:20 p.m. Cost is $191.

Galatin Education Services (GES) offers online courses in: health care, internet graphics/web design, business, law and travel. Register online at www.gatlin.education.com/chipola.

Education To Go offers online programs in many areas. For dates and course outlines, visit www.ed2go.com/chipola.

For information about any of these non-credit courses, call 850-718-2395.
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If there are three teams at Game 18, the team with the most games played shall receive a bye to game 19. If there is a tie for most games played, a coin toss will be used to determine the bye.

All games except game 19 will have the run rule.

10 runs after 5 complete innings.

8 runs after 7 complete innings.

All games are scheduled for 9 innings.

The tournament committee has the right to change the bracket prior to the start of the tournament.