

SPORTS

Rain, rain go or stay

■ Despite dreary weather, tournament went on without a hitch

By Jon Samples
Sports Editor

For the 33 different colleges who attended Saturday's Third Annual 7v7 Shootout, a little rain would not be enough to postpone their games.

The tournament pitted area college men's and women's teams, in a bracket style system, against one another.

The tournament was organized by Jason Hunter, Head Women's Soccer Coach, and William Fajkus, Director of intramural and assistant men's soccer coach.

Teams did not have a head coach, rather a captain was chosen to lead his or her team.

Maximum team size was limited to 12 players and teams were to have at least seven. Most were between 10 and 12 players.

The games were played with two two-minute halves and the fields were cut down to half-fields.

Games were officiated by IHSA, Illinois High School Association, and college ranked referees.

36 teams in all competed in the tournament.

20 were mens teams and 16 were womens teams.

The first and second place finisher's of the groups labeled A-F for the mens teams and G-J for the womens - teams would go on to play in the knockout phase of the competition.



Photos by Ryan Stuchy

Players fight for position in Saturday's Third Annual 7v7 Shootout tournament.

The college had two men's teams compete in the competition: DuPage Gold and DuPage Green, both of whom played three games apiece. The DuPage Gold team

had quite an opposite showing. They won two games against St. Xavier and Wisconsin's Rock County college's.

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Chaparrals win division

By Jon Samples
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It was all smiles for Lucy Gutierrez, Sonnie Krizek and Brittany Monkman Monday as they prepared for their final games of the season.

"We're looking foreword to regionals," said outfielder Lucy Gutierrez. "Right now we're 12-2 and we're first in conference."

Wednesday the Chaparrals would have one more hurdle, however, before they could take the title of Conference Champions.

The Chaps played two

games against conference rivals Harper College, which they went on to split.

Pitcher Kory Brunette had to sit out of Wednesday games to injury, leaving Sonnie Krizek the honor of starting both games.

The first game was all Chaps, as they went on to win 7-0.

Krizek played phenomenally on both sides of the plate.

Shegave up zero runs on four hits and went 3 of 4 from the plate.

Catcher Tiffany Witt also played well, hitting 2 of 4 with 2-runs.

The second game was not so good for the Chaps, despite starting the game with a 5-1 lead in the third inning.

The chaps gave up 3 runs in the bottom of the third and five more in the fourth.

The Chaps early offensive burst was not enough and four more runs in the fifth and sixth innings ended the evening early for the Chaps.

The game was called after the sixth and the final score was 5-13.

The Chaps finished the season with a very respectable

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Head coach search loses momentum

■ Football coach selection reaches 2-minute warning

By Jon Samples
Sports Editor

The decision on who will takeover as the new head football coach is back to step one, as the number one candidate has decided not to take the position.

"We're disappointed about our first candidate," said Kay Nielsen, Vice President of Student Affairs, "but we are actively pursuing the next most highly qualified candidate."

It is not clear why Jeremy Warren, head football and baseball coach at Rock Valley Community College, declined the position after entertaining the idea, but he reportedly did not feel it was the best move for him and his family.

Warren was not available for comment.

An eight member committee, which selected the initial pool of candidates must now move to the second candidate.

The committee has another candidate in mind, but at this

time cannot release any information regarding their identity.

New Athletic Director, Paul Zakowski, is in charge of checking the references of any potential candidates, but his exact role in the deciding process is not clear.

The football team is being run at this time by Interim Head Coach Ted Brom.

Brom would not comment on his status as a candidate or his future with the team.

A source close to the team did allude to the possibility of an entire change of personnel, but until the new coach is named this remains speculation.

The committee in charge of selecting the new coach is seated by Kay Nielsen, Vice President of Student Affairs; Max Bertman, athletic trainer; Deb DiMatteo, instructor; Don Klaas, head basketball coach; Ralph Miller, associate Dean of Athletics; Beth Mitchel, Head Womens Basketball Coach; LuAnn Zimmick, assistant athletic Director and Bjarne Ullsvik.



Photos by Robert Bykowski

Lucy Gutierrez (left), Sonnie Krizek (middle) and Brittany Monkman (right) take time out to pose.

Stay on track

By Jon Samples
Sports Editor

The college track and field team is peaking at the right time, according to head coach Jane Vatchev, and last weekend's results seem to support her claim.

The NJCAA Super Region Championship was held last weekend at Vincennes University in Vincennes, IN.

Both the men and womens team performed well in the competition.

Overall the womens team picked up a fourth place finish, right behind Harper College, and the men's team finished fifth.

John Fry had a third place Super Regional Finish and a second place Regional finish in the 1500 meter, where he also picked up a personal record with a time of 4:04.75.

Fry also had a great showing in the Men's 5000 meter run.

He placed first in Super Regional with a time of 16:06.62, and he placed second in the Men's 10000 meter run

Aside from Harper, the college was the only community college team that competed in the meet.

The team's next meet is the Wisconsin Twilight Invitational, held Saturday at the University of Wisconsin.

This is the teams last meet before Nationals, which will be held Thrsday, May 11 thru Saturday, May 13 at Erie Community College in Buffalo, NY

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24-14 record and a dominating 13-3 conference record.

Despite Wednesday's loss the Chaps went on to claim the crown as Conference champs.

Region IV playoffs begin today for the Chaps, who are placed number one overall.

"It's been tough, we've had so many issues to deal with this season," said center fielder Tatiana Gibson. "As long as we pull together as a team we have a good shot."

The playoffs stretch through Saturday and are double elimination.

"Kory wasn't able to play in this game, but we'll have a full squad

for Friday's games," Said Head Coach Cline.

The games will be played at the Inwood Sports Complex in Joliet.

The Chaps begin the series against Rock Valley college, a team which they have beaten all four times they've played.

In their season series against Rock Valley the Chaps have won with sinister regularity, outscoring Rock Valley a total of 40-6.

The Chaps second game is played later this afternoon against the winner of the Joliet/Harper game.

If the Chaps win at Regionals they'll be heading to Nationals.

Nationals are held Thursday, May 18 through Saturday, May 20 in Rochester, MN

COD 7, Harper 0

COD	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG.
Bohannan 2B	4	0	0	0	338
Herff 3B	4	0	1	1	197
Ekstrom SS	3	1	0	0	353
Krizek P	4	1	3	1	361
Hruska CF	4	1	2	0	313
Linkinhoker LF	3	1	0	1	231
Witt C	4	2	2	1	343
Cree 1B	1	0	0	0	240
Monkman RF	2	1	2	1	262
Totals	29	7	10	5	

HARPER	AB	R	H	RBI
Walton SS	3	0	0	0
Hoffman P	3	0	1	0
Arceri 1B	3	0	0	0
Matayka C	3	0	1	0
McLemore 2B	2	0	1	0
Bennett RF	3	0	0	1
Sassano 3B	3	0	1	0
Barry LF	1	0	0	0
Jahn PH	2	0	0	0
Haglund CF	2	0	0	0
Totals	25	0	4	0

COD	AB	R	H	RBI
0	3	2	0	0
Harper	1	0	3	5

Pitcher	IP	R	ER	BB	AB
COD Krizek	7	4	0	0	1
Harper Hoffman	7	10	7	7	3

COD 5, Harper 13

COD	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG.
Bohannan 2B	4	0	1	1	338
Herff 3B	0	0	0	0	197
Ekstrom SS	4	0	2	0	353
Krizek P	4	1	1	0	361
Hruska CF	3	2	1	1	313
Linkinhoker LF	1	1	0	1	231
Witt C	3	1	1	0	343
Cree 1B	2	0	0	1	240
Monkman RF	3	0	1	0	262
Syverson DP	1	0	0	0	197
Totals	25	5	7	4	

HARPER	AB	R	H	RBI
Walton SS	3	3	0	0
Hoffman P	5	3	3	3
Arceri 1B	4	4	4	2
Matayka C	4	0	3	4
McLemore 2B	4	0	0	0
Bennett RF	4	0	0	0
Sassano 3B	4	1	2	0
Jahn PH	2	1	0	0
Haglund CF	3	1	0	0
Totals	33	13	12	9

COD	AB	R	H	RBI
1	1	0	3	0
Harper	0	0	0	0

Pitcher	IP	R	ER	BB	AB
COD Krizek	5	12	13	8	5
Harper Hoffman	6	7	5	5	5

SportsSchedule

Spring Sports schedules and results

BASEBALL		
FEBRUARY		
Sat., 18	at SWIC	cancelled
Sat., 19	vs SWIC	cancelled
Sat., 25	at Southeastern Illinois	L 6-11, W 4-3
Sat., 26	at Southeastern Illinois	L 7-8, W 5-4
MARCH		
Sat., 4	at Lincoln Land	L 1-2, W 6-4
Sun., 5	at John A. Logan	cancelled
Fri., 10	vs Central Lakes (MN)	W 6-0, W 16-5
Sat., 11	vs. Southwestern CC (IA)	W 4-1, W 5-2
Fri., 17	at Monmouth	W 7-1, W 4-2
Sat., 18	at Carl Sandburg	L 1-2, W 11-5
Sun., 19	at Carl Sandburg	L 0-1, L 2-3
Sat., 25	at Waubensee	W 7-3, W 5-4
Sun., 26	at Waubensee	W 4-1, W 4-1
Wed., 29	Trinity Intl at Veteran's Park	W 11-8
APRIL		
* Sat., 1	at Harper	W 11-1, L 2-3
* Tue., 4	HARPER	L 5-6, W 11-6
Wed., 5	at Oakton	W 5-3
Thu., 6	PRAIRIE STATE at Village Green	cancelled
* Sat., 8	ROCK VALLEY	W 3-0, W 9-1
* Sun., 9	at Rock Valley	W 11-0, W 4-3
Tue., 11	OLIVE-HARVEY	W 10-0, W 18-1
Wed., 12	at Benedictine	W 11-1
Thu., 13	MORAIN VALLEY	L 7-13
* Fri., 14	JOLIET	W 6-3, W 11-6
* Sat., 15	at Joliet	L 4-7, W 7-6
Mon., 17	at Prairie State	cancelled
Tue., 18	SOUTH SUBURBAN	L 4-8
Wed., 19	LAKE COUNTY	L 5-6
Thu., 20	at McHenry	L 15-16 (11)
Sat., 22	KANKAKEE	L 8-14, W 7-6
Sun., 23	MORTON 12:00 pm	W 10-0, W 13-11
Tue., 25	OLIVE-HARVEY 7:00 pm	cancelled
Wed., 26	KISHWAUKEE	7:00 PM
* Sat., 29	at Triton	W 6-3, W 5-3
* Sun., 30	TRITON	cancelled
MAY		
Wed., 3	at Moraine Valley	4:30 PM
Sat., 6	McHENRY	noon
Sun., 7	ST. FRANCIS JV	noon
Thu., 11-Sun 14	Region IV Tournament	noon
at Waubensee		
Sat. 20-Fri 26	NJCAA Division III World Series	

SOFTBALL		
MARCH		
Fri., 17-24	Disney Spring Games	W 13-0, W 1-0, W 9-6 W 4-2, W 8-2, L 5-6, W 4-3, L 8-10, L 2-7
Tue., 28	KISHWAUKEE	L 1-4, L 4-8
Fri., 31	MORTON	W 11-5
APRIL		
* Sat., 1	HARPER	W 7-0, W 7-0
* Tue., 4	at Triton	L 4-7, W 11-1
Thu., 6	at South Suburban	rescheduled
* Sat., 8	at Rock Valley	W 11-3, W 7-1
Tue., 11	KANKAKEE	L 3-11, L 0-8
Wed., 12	at McHenry	W 2-0, L 2-10
* Sat., 15	at Joliet	W 8-0, W 10-5
* Tue., 18	ROCK VALLEY	W 11-1, W 12-1
Wed., 19	at Lake County	W 9-1, W 9-5
Fri., 21	WAUBONSEE	W 7-4, L 5-1
Sat., 22	MORAIN VALLEY	W 9-2, L 2-5
* Tue., 25	JOLIET	rescheduled
Wed., 26	JOLIET	W 7-6, L 10-12
Thu., 27	SAUK VALLEY	L 0-5, L 4-6
* Sat., 29	TRITON	W 3-2, W 7-4
MAY		
* Tue., 2	at Harper	W 7-0, L 5-13
Fri., 5-Sat., 6	Region IV Playoffs @ Joliet	tba
Thu., 18-Sat. 20	NJCAA Division III Nationals	

TENNIS		
MARCH		
Wed., 15	LEWIS UNIVERSITY	L 0-9
Fri., 31	DAVID WEBSTER DOUBLES	2p.m.
APRIL		
Sat., 1	DAVID WEBSTER DOUBLES	9a.m.
Wed., 5	at Waubensee	W 9-0
Sat., 8	vs. Calvin College at UIC	L 0-9
Sat., 8	at University of Chicago	L 0-9
Thu., 13	OAKTON	postponed
Sat., 15	at Vincennes University (IN)	4th place
Mon., 17	at Rock Valley	L 1-8
Thu., 20	JOLIET	W 9-0
Tue., 25	ELGIN	L 3-6

TRACK AND FIELD		
FEBRUARY		
Sat., 4	Tadd Metzger Indoor Invitational	11a.m.
Sat., 11	Carthage College (Kenosha, WI)	10a.m.
Sat., 11	Lewis Indoor Invitational	10a.m.
Sat., 11	Lewis University	10a.m.
Fri., 17	Women's Indoor Championship	4p.m.
Sat., 18	Lewis University	10a.m.
Sat., 18	Men's Indoor Championship	10a.m.
Sat., 18	UIC	10a.m.
Fri., 24	University of Chicago Indoor	6p.m.
Fri., 24	University of Chicago	6p.m.
MARCH		
Fri., 3	Gill Athletics Last Chance Meet	5p.m.
Fri., 3	Carthage College (Kenosha, WI)	5p.m.
Fri., 10	COD INTERSQUAD	tba
Fri., 10	College of DuPage	tba
Sat., 18	Early Spring Opener	noon
Sat., 18	Augustana College (Rock Island)	noon
Sat., 25	Benedictine Invitational	11a.m.
Sat., 25	Benedictine University	11a.m.
APRIL		
Sat., 1	Elmhurst College Quadrangular	10a.m.
Sat., 1	Elmhurst College	10a.m.
Thu., 6-Sat. 8	Chicagoland Championships	10a.m.
Thu., 6-Sat. 8	North Central College	10a.m.
Fri., 14	Red/White Invitational	1p.m.
Fri., 14	North Central College	1p.m.
Sat., 15	Wheaton Invitational	10a.m.
Sat., 15	Wheaton College	10a.m.
Fri., 21	Wheaton Twilight Meet	3p.m.
Fri., 21	Wheaton College	3p.m.
Fri, 28-Sat. 29	Super Regional Championship	4p.m.
Fri, 28-Sat. 29	Vincennes University (IN)	4p.m.
MAY		
Sat., 6	Wisconsin Twilight Invitational	2p.m.

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ASEP coaching certification

The College of DuPage Physical Education department will offer an American Sport Education Program (ASEP) coaching certification class over the Internet on June 12 to Aug. 6. Coaching certification is required by the state from club teams to the high school level.

Region IV Hall of Fame Inductions

Student/athletes and coaches of the 27 teams that won National Junior College Athletic Association championships dating back to 1980, will be inducted into NJCAA Region IV Hall of Fame. The ceremony will be held on May 6 in SRC room 2800.

Basketball Fundraiser

June 23 Foursomes can take part in the Chaparral Scramble. For \$80 faculty and staff, along with friends, family etc. can take part in a day of team golf. The event will be held at Hughes Creek. Proceeds go to mens basketball team.

New Athletic Director

The Board of Trustees officially named Paul Zakowski as the new Director of Athletics. Zakowski will take over for interim Director of Athletics, Earl Reed, starting May 22.

Spring intramurals

The intramural department will be offering basketball, volleyball, outdoor soccer, ultimate Frisbee and flag football.

Information and sign up sheets are available in the P.E. office. For more information call 942-2364.

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College, and tied their game against Greenville College.

The Green team then went into the knockout phase as a number one team.

The first round of the mens knockout phase was only for number two teams, thus giving the college's green team a free ticket to the second round.

It was here that the college lost to Elmhurst college.

Elmhurst lost in the next round to Loras college who went on to lose to the 2006 Men's Division Champions, St. Xavier College.

This fine showing for the college's Green team earned them a spot in the knockout phase of the competition.

The womens team also lost two of their games and tied the third.

"We look at this tournament as more of a tune up as opposed to a win at all cost scenario," explained Coach Hunter.

Of the 20 mens teams who competed 17 were four-year schools, and of the 16 womens teams 13 were four-year schools.

"If you want to get better you have to play better competition," Coach Hunter said. "A good thing about



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College player dribbles in Saturday's tournament.

playing these four-year schools is it's a great opportunity to showcase our kids from a recruiting standpoint."

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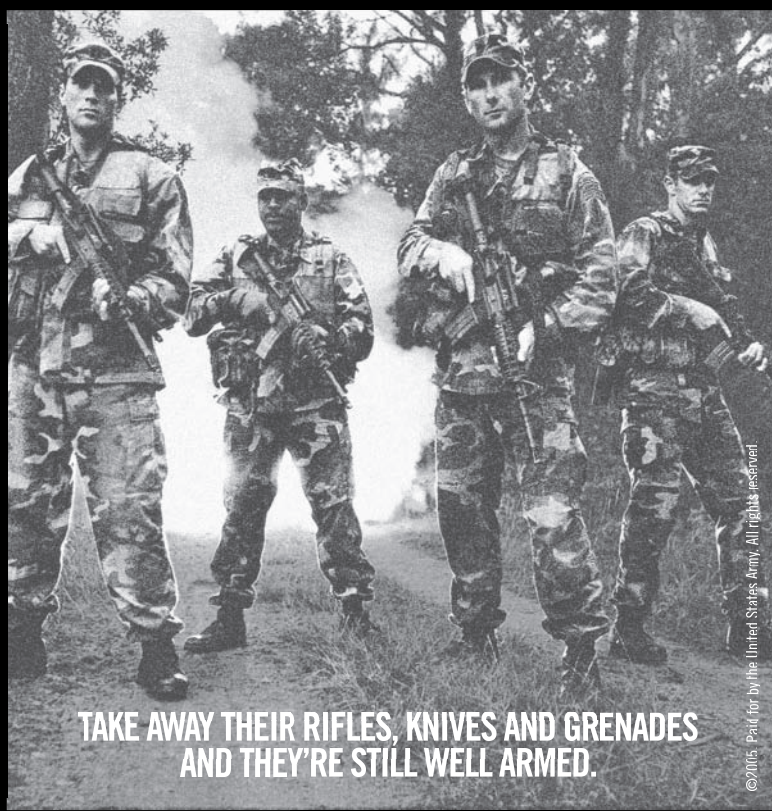
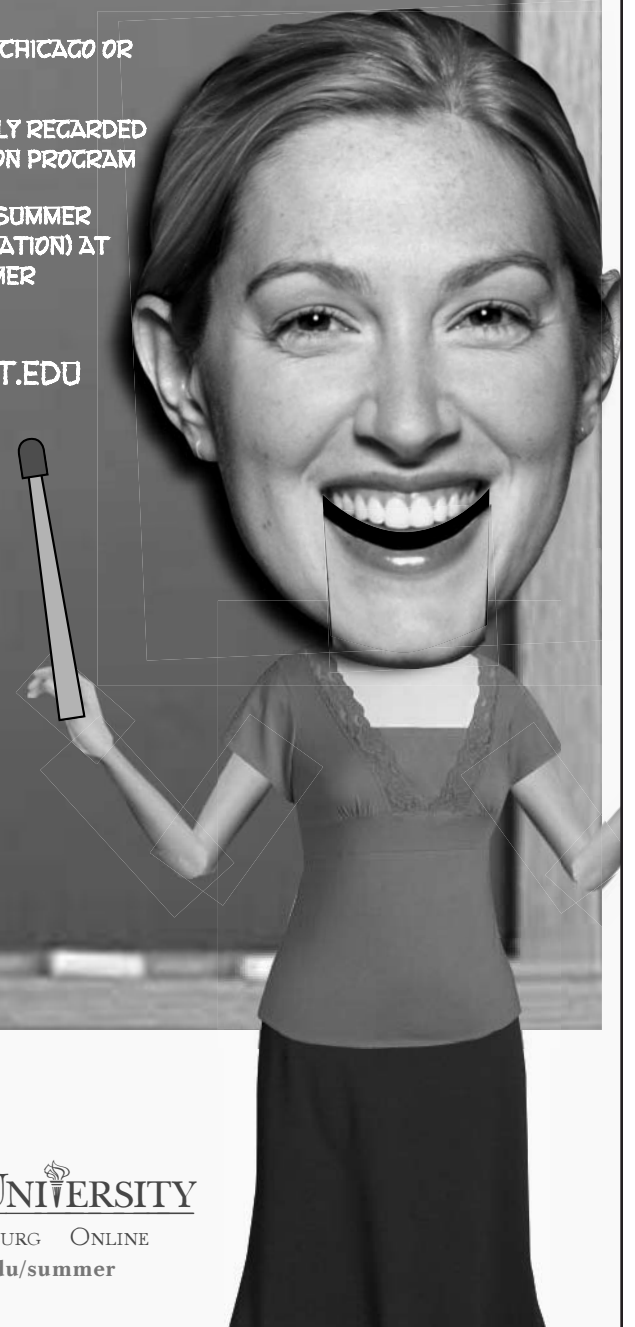
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Athlete of the Week

Name: Kristen Ruge
Sport: Track and Field
Major: Interpreting for Sign Language
Year: Sophomore

to?
A: I went to Hinsdale South.

Q: Why did you decide to do track over a different sport?
A: Well, I did softball for 12 years, until I threw my arm out, and since I already had the upper body strength I decided to do track. Plus it's a fun sport.

Q: What school are you planning on attending when you graduate?
A: Either ISU or Columbia because they both offer interpreting degrees.

Q: Did you do track in high school?
A: I did, yes, my sophomore, junior and senior year.

Q: When you move on from the college to you plan of continuing with track?
A: Hopefully, ISU has some good players.

Q: What were you better at track or softball?
A: I'm probably better at track, but I like softball more because growing up that's all I did.

Q: What's your proudest moment in track?
A: I have two. My senior year I was most improved player on the track team and last year at our regional meet I took first place Shotput, hammer and javelin.

Q: How are you doing this year compared to last year?
A: I'm not doing as well this year because I sprained my ankle and since I sprained it I've sprained it like three other times.



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Kristen Ruge, Track and Field.

Q: What high school did you go

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