

# SPORTS

## Chaps win regionals with complete effort

By Bob Bajek  
Sports Editor

Coming into last weekend's region IV tournament, the softball team knew they had to pitch, field and hit in order to beat their regional rivals and advance to nationals.

The Chaps executed all these phrases as they won the region IV tournament at Joliet.

"It wasn't a big shock," pitcher Megan Schroeder said. "We played good ball and expected to win."

Schroeder was part of a great pitching staff effort. The Chap pitchers gave up only six runs in three games. Head coach Ryan Connell said he was very excited with this showing.

"To keep your opponents under four runs is excellent," Connell said. "If we can keep it up for nationals, it would be great."

Schroeder and fellow pitchers Lyndsey Payne and Trisha Stock all contributed in the 8-4 region IV championship win against Rock Valley.

Schroeder said that she pitched against the Golden Eagles before and knew how to throw around their talented hitters.

Stock won the first two games and Payne had a save.

Fielding was a huge advantage for the Chaps. In the first game Saturday against Rock Valley, the field was very wet. Rock Valley committed five errors while DuPage had only



Photo by Aldo Blanco

Left fielder Danielle Curylo works on her fielding during Tuesday's practice. Curylo had a key 3RBI double that helped DuPage win 6-0 against Joliet Sunday in the regional semifinal.

two. Connell's squad made three errors to their opponent's 10.

"It's good to have a good infield and outfield because one error could be the difference," left fielder Danielle Curylo said.

DuPage hit very well in the tournament. They scored 20 runs in the three games and no less than six per game.

Connell said that his team struggled at the plate for the first five innings of the first game. They were trailing

Rock Valley	ab	r	h	rbi	e	Chaps	ab	r	h	rbi	e
Aarvig	4	0	2	1	0	McCoy	3	1	2	1	0
Santoalalla	3	0	0	1	0	LaDew	2	0	1	0	0
Bennett	4	0	2	1	0	Cole	1	0	0	0	0
Mortlock	1	1	0	0	0	Zinn	4	1	1	1	0
Adams	2	0	0	0	0	Stankus	1	1	0	1	0
Gresty	3	0	1	1	0	Schramm	3	1	1	0	1
Semevolos	3	1	1	0	1	Kotrba	2	0	0	0	0
Nance	3	1	1	0	1	Thayer	1	0	0	0	0
Seacrist	3	1	1	0	0	Jones	3	2	1	0	0
						Roden	2	1	0	0	0
						Curylo	3	1	1	0	0
						Scgrieder	0	0	0	0	0
						Payne	0	0	0	0	0
						Stock	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

Rock Valley	0011002
Chaps	0400220

E—Semevolos(1), Nance(6), Schramm(1). LOB—Rock Valley 5, Chaps 6. 2B—1. 3B—1. HR—0.

Rock Valley	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Mortlock	6	7	8	2	5	5
Chaps						
Schroeder	4	4	2	1	2	0
Payne	2	1	0	0	0	2
Stock	1	3	2	2	0	0

Rock Valley 2-1. However, the Chaps exploded for five runs in the sixth to take a 6-2 advantage and not look back.

"We hit the ball solidly," designated hitter Malia Cole said. "That's kind of our game. When we hit, we just annihilate them."

Curylo had a crucial hit in the second game against Joliet. The Chaps were up 1-0 in the fourth with the bases loaded and two out. The left fielder crushed Joliet pitcher Ericka Rodriguez for a three run double.

"It was a lot of pressure because we were up only a run and we needed insurance runs," Curylo said.

Chaps Mollie Thayer, Lauren Schramm, Katie Zinn and Stock were all named to the

All-Region Team. Connell received Region IV Coach of the Year honors.

These victories push DuPage's record to 30-14 overall and 13-6 in region IV play. The region champs are preparing for the national tournament that will be held May 15 through 17 in Rochester, Minn.

Cole said that the team is full of good hitters so it will be difficult for their opponents to beat them.

Another advantage she said the team has players that can play many defensive positions.

Connell said he is trying to keep nationals low key.

"We are keeping things as natural as possible for the girls," Connell said.



Photo by Bill Dabovich

Casey Schuenemann hits the ball against Olive-Harvey Saturday. Schuenemann was 4-for-5 with 2RBIs in the 20-14 victory.

## Spears shuts down Olive-Harvey

By Bob Bajek  
Sports Editor

Saturday seemed like déjà vu for the Chaparral pitching staff. Starting pitcher Kevan Carpenter gave up eight runs in the fourth inning and 12 runs overall to Olive-Harvey on a rainy day.

Reliever Tyler Spears then came into the 12-7 deficit with two outs in the inning and a runner on. Spears had to dig deep and he did.

Spears pitched 4 1/3 innings of two run baseball to help lead the Chaps to a 20-14 home victory in the first game of a doubleheader.

Spears said that he had to adjust to the very wet conditions that Carpenter and Olive-Harvey pitcher Orlando Munoz couldn't master. The mound was so bad the Munoz would constantly clean his cleats between batters.

"It depends on the pitcher's mound," Spears said. "You

Olive-Harvey	ab	r	h	rbi	e	Chaps	ab	r	h	rbi	e
Marty	3	2	1	1	0	Barbosa	3	1	1	1	0
Butler	4	1	2	4	1	Ryan	3	4	2	3	0
Munoz	4	1	1	6	0	Martin	5	2	3	7	0
Thunderbird	3	1	1	0	0	Schuenemann	5	3	4	2	0
Boden	2	2	1	1	0	Rome	3	1	1	0	0
Loza	3	1	1	6	0	Francis	5	3	4	3	0
Nichols	3	2	1	2	0	Aygystune	5	1	3	1	1
Pewez	3	2	1	1	0	Delany	4	2	1	0	0
McCluns	3	1	2	1	0	Genovesi	3	3	2	3	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>

Olive-Harvey	0480200
Chaps	342632x

E—Butler(1), Pewez(6), Augustine(1). LOB—Olive-Harvey 4, Chaps 6. HR—0.

Olive-Harvey	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Munoz	4	15	15	14	2	4
McCluns	2	6	5	5	1	1
Chaps						
Carpenter	2 2/3	10	12	12	4	5
Tyler Spears	4 1/3	2	2	2	2	3

have got to find your footing and get comfortable."

Spears allowed only two hits while striking out three on 61 pitches. He was credited with the win.

"It was tough conditions," head coach Dan Kusinski said. "Spears came in and overcame the conditions and threw strikes."

The Chaparral batters continued their stellar hitting. They scored at least two runs each inning against Olive-Harvey.

Third baseman Brian Martin

dominated Olive-Harvey with his stick. Martin cracked two long homers in his first two at bats and amassed a total of 7 RBI.

Martin's biggest hit came in the bottom of the fourth. With the bases loaded, Martin crushed the ball to center field and drove home three runs on a triple for the 15-14 lead.

"I was just playing to win," Martin said. "I took it to the opposite field and got some runs."

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# Athlete of the Year



**Name:** Abby Conover  
**Sport:** Women's Tennis  
**Major:** Physical Education  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Age:** 19



Photos by Russel Augustine and Aldo Blanco

When watching the women's tennis team play, one athlete stands out.

She always tries her hardest every match and never gives up.

Abby Conover is that athlete and she is the *Courier's* Co-Athlete of the Year.

Conover was the number one singles and doubles player. She was 11-1 in her singles matches and 11-2 in doubles.

Head women's tennis coach Jim Bowers said that Conover is also a team leader who also pushes herself on the court and in the classroom.

"She is the embodiment of college athletics at its finest," Bowers said.

Conover commented on her drive to succeed.

"I'm a very competitive athlete

and just like anyone else, I don't want to lose," Conover said. "That brings out the desire to kick some ass."

Conover and her teammates are at Arizona this week competing at nationals.

She said that she is approaching each match individually and hopes that the Chaparrals will repeat as national champions.

Conover graduated from Naperville North and wanted to stay close to home for college.

She said she wanted to continue playing tennis so she jumped at the opportunity to play at DuPage.

Conover said that next year she plans on completing her Associate's Degree at the college and then transfer to a four-year university.

# Athlete of the Year



**Name:** Becca Smith  
**Sport:** Women's Cross Country  
**Major:** Finance/Political Science  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Age:** 20



Photos by Aldo Blanco

Cross Country athlete Becca Smith was an ordinary student until last Friday.

That's when she got the call informing her that she was the *Courier's* Co-Athlete of the Year.

"I'm really excited," Smith said. "My heart skipped a bit when I got (the call)."

Smith was First Team All-American and Team MVP. She also won fifth place overall at the national meet.

Head coach Jane Vatchev said that Smith deserves the award.

"She is hard working not only on the track and practice but also the classroom," Vatchev said. "She has persevered through difficult situations and came out a winner."

Smith is a graduate of Wheaton-

Warrenville South High School and attended Eastern Illinois University on a cross country scholarship. The Wheaton resident said that she wasn't ready to leave home and returned home after a semester.

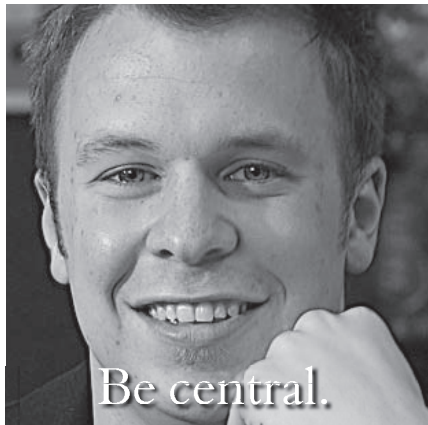
Smith then decided to attend the College of DuPage and run both track and cross country where she has excelled.

"It was a good way for me to bridge between my high school running and my next college," Smith said.

Smith said that she is planning on attending North Central College in the fall and study both finance and political science.

She wants to also compete in track and cross country at North Central.

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# Football's back in business

By Bob Bajek  
Sports Editor

Hopes are riding high that 2007 was not a fluke seasonal win for the Chaparral football team, which fought a wave of failures after achieving a national consecutive win record more than 10 years ago.

The Cinderella turnaround has been sweetest for the College Board Chair Mike McKinnon whose sports devotion to COD has been nothing short of fanatical.

The last season that held any kind of gridiron dominance was 1996 when the team led by former coach Bob MacDougall set the national record of 36 consecutive victories, a record COD still holds.

The streak was the highlight in a Hall of Fame career for MacDougall. The Chaps were the *crème de la crème* of the nation for years and won eight region IV titles in a row between 1989-1996.

The program, however, took a hit when former college president Michael Murphy sacked it in 1997 with cost and too many out of district players among the main reasons. McKinnon then aggressively lobbied for the sport to return.

Since being reinstated as a team sport in 1999, the gridgers staggered to a 22-61 record and spun through four coaches for the next eight seasons.

This year things changed dramatically as the football team made some noise. The Chaps stomped their rivals Harper, Joliet and Grand Rapids in the regular season before losing in the playoffs to Harper. They also triumphed in all their road games.

Second-year head coach Fred Fimbres



Photo by Aldo Blanco

Head coach Fred Fimbres has brought stability and a winning attitude to DuPage football. His strong recruitment could push DuPage back to elite status.

turned the program around. Fimbres came from Fort Valley State University in 2006 to breath life into the inert program.

Fimbres said that stability in the coaching staff is the ingredient to winning consistently. MacDougall stayed 26 years. Fimbres is entering his third season as coach, the longest in the new era.

"If I had new coaches this year, I would spend more time coaching coaches than players."

Another difference the last two years has been recruitment. In 2005, there were only 22 in district and five out of state athletes.

Fimbres noticed that recruitment was very poor in DuPage County. He made it a goal to improve it because the district is

rich in talent. In 2007, in district players numbered 33.

Fimbres said talented out of state athletes who need to go to a community college for academic reasons are targeted. He said only 18 out of state athletes can play in a game. The team had 21.

Fimbres said that a program's success isn't about winning. It's about giving athletes a chance to compete and receiving scholarships to a four-year institution. Fourteen players received scholarships after the season.

With his mix of local and out of state recruiting and stable coaching staff, Fimbres will challenge MacDougall's success and could be eyeing a championship soon.

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Teammates Tim Ryan, Josh Genovesi and Jake Francis each had 3RBIs each. Casey Schuenemann, Caesar Barbosa and Spenser Augustine added the other 4RBIs.

The third baseman said that scoring 20 runs is a big boost to the team's confidence.

"It shows that we can hit as a team," Martin said.

The Chaps began the game storming out of the gates with three runs in the first. Carpenter then gave up four runs in the second.

DuPage countered with four runs in the bottom of the second. Carpenter then gave up the lead to Olive-Harvey in the third. The Chaps then outscored their opponents 13-2 to seal the comeback victory.

The Chaps won the second game 15-5. On Sunday, they faced Carl Sandburg and lost both games by scores of 10-7 and 8-7. This pushes DuPage's record to 22-22 overall.

The team's next challenge is the region IV tournament that will be held at Waubensee Community College Thursday through Sunday.

Kusinski said that every team will be chasing Joliet but his team will do well if they remember their fundamentals.

"We better be ready," the coach said. "It's up to us to throw strikes, field and hit well. We'll be fine if we do that."



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## BASEBALL

**FEBRUARY**  
 Thu., 7 at Delgado CC L 5-8  
 Fri., 8 vs. Pensacola at Delgado CC L 0-9  
 Sat., 9 vs. Pensacola at Delgado CC L 5-11  
 Sat., 9 at Delgado CC L 0-8  
 Sun., 10 at Delgado CC W 9-5

**MARCH**  
 Sun., 2 at John A. Logan L 7-14, L 4-14  
 Mon., 24 at Lincoln Land W 8-4, L 7-3  
 Wed., 26 at Moraine Valley W 7-6  
 \*Sat., 29 JOLIET L 12-11, W 1-11  
 \*Sun., 30 at Joliet L 0-10, L 4-14

**APRIL**  
 Wed., 2 at Oakton W 22-4  
 Thu., 3 WAUBONSEE W 5-3  
 Sat., 5 KANKAKEE W 9-8, L 4-8  
 Sun., 6 CARL SANDBURG W 5-4, L 2-12  
 Wed., 9 at Aurora W 10-5  
 \*Sun., 13 HARPER L 5-6, W 4-3  
 \*Mon., 14 HARPER W 7-2, W 5-4  
 Tue., 15 SOUTH SUBURBAN L 7-21  
 Wed., 16 PRAIRIE STATE W 15-14  
 Thu., 17 at Waubensee L 4-9  
 Fri., 18 MCHENRY W 4-3  
 \*Sat., 19 at Rock Valley W 6-4, W 13-2  
 \*Sun., 20 ROCK VALLEY W 10-4, W 8-0  
 Mon., 21 NORTH CENTRAL L 6-8  
 Tue., 22 at Benedictine W 14-9  
 Wed., 23 MORAIN VALLEY L 9-11  
 Thu., 24 at Kishwaukee 3 p.m.  
 \*Sat., 26 TRITON L 5-20, L 17-28  
 \*Sun., 27 at Triton W 10-3, L 5-12  
 Wed., 30 at Benedictine 6 p.m.

**MAY**  
 Sat., 3 OLIVE-HARVEY W 20-14, W 15-5  
 Thu., 8 REGION IV TOURNAMENT  
 Sun., 11 at Waubensee TBA  
 Sun., 17- NJCAA Division III World Series  
 Sun., 24 at Tyler, Tx. TBA

## SOFTBALL

**MARCH**  
 Sat., 22- at Snowbird Classic W 9-8, W 9-0, W 24-2,  
 Sat., 29 Myrtle Beach, S.C. W 10-1, W 4-1, W 9-1,  
 W 7-4, L 2-6, L 1-5

**APRIL**  
 \*Thu., 3 JOLIET L 3-5, L 8-10  
 Fri., 4 at Madison Area Tech L 6-13, W 6-3  
 Sat., 5 at Judson Tournament W 9-1, W 3-2  
 \*Wed., 9 ROCK VALLEY L 2-5, W 6-2  
 Fri., 11 PRAIRIE STATE W 17-10, W 8-2  
 \*Mon., 14 at Harper W W  
 \*Tue., 15 HARPER W 10-0,  
 Thu., 17 at South Suburban W 9-0, W 11-0  
 Fri., 18 MORAIN VALLEY L 7-4, L 8-7  
 \*Sat., 19 at Rock Valley W 8-0, W 6-1  
 \*Mon., 21 at Triton W 7-6, L 9-5  
 Tue., 22 at Lake County L 4-7, L 6-7  
 Wed., 23 ELGIN W 12-3, W 9-1  
 Thu., 24 KANKAKEE L 0-10, L 0-6  
 \*Sat., 26 TRITON W 7-6, L 8-14  
 \*Tue., 29 at Joliet W 11-7, W 13-2

## SOFTBALL CONT

**MAY**  
 Fri., 2- REGION IV TOURNAMENT W 6-2, W 6-0,  
 Sat. 3 at Joliet W 8-4  
 Thu., 15- NJCAA Division III Nationals  
 Sat., 17 at Rochester, Minn.

## TRACK AND FIELD

**FEBRUARY**  
 Sat., 2 at Carthage College (Kenosha, Wis.) 11 a.m.  
 Sat. 9 at Lewis University (Romeoville, Ill.) 11 a.m.  
 Fri., 15 Chicagoland Women's Indoor Championship (Lewis University) 5 p.m.  
 Sat., 16 Chicagoland Men's Indoor Championship (Lewis University) 11 a.m.  
 Sat., 23 at University of Chicago 11:30a.m.

**MARCH**  
 Fri., 7 Gill Athletics Last Chance Meet at Carthage College (Kenosha, Wis.) 5 p.m.  
 Fri., 14- COD INTERSQUAD  
 Sat., 21  
 Sat., 29 Viking Olympics at Augustana College (Rock Island, Illinois) 12 p.m.

**APRIL**  
 Thu., 3- Chicagoland Championships TBA  
 Sat., 5 Men's Results at North Central College TBA  
 Fri., 11- Wheaton Invitational at Wheaton College TBA  
 Sat., 12 Wheaton Twilight Meet TBA  
 Fri., 18 Eagle Invitational at Benedictine University 10 a.m.  
 Sat., 19 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Loras College (Dubuque, Iowa) TBA

**MAY**  
 Sat., 3 Butler Twilight at IUPUI (Indianapolis, Ind.) TBA  
 Thu., 8- NJCAA Division III National Tournament at SUNY-Delhi (Delhi, New York) TBA  
 Sat., 10

## MEN'S TENNIS

**MARCH**  
 Mon., 17 at Elgin W 6-3

**APRIL**  
 Sat., 5 DAVID WEBSTER CLASSIC 9 a.m.  
 Wed., 9 OAKTON W 7-2  
 Thu., 10 at Rock Valley W 7-2  
 Mon., 14 at North Central W 9-0  
 Thu., 17 at Elmhurst W 5-4  
 Sat., 19 U. of ILLINOIS (club) cancelled  
 Mon., 21 at Waubensee W 9-0  
 Thu., 24 at Calumet College of St. Joe's W 8-0  
 Sat., 26 N4C & REGION IV TOURNAMENT at Rock Valley W 7-2

**MAY**  
 Sun., 11- NJCAA Division III National  
 Fri., 16 TOURNAMENT at Plano, Tex. TBA

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# SportsBriefs

### Tennis Carnival

There will be a Tennis Carnival on May 21, 6:30 p.m. until late at night at the COD tennis courts.

You will be able to practice your game and meet fellow tennis players in your community while playing competitive live ball games, round robin matches, and learning a thing or two on the drill courts.

If you have any questions email Coach Jim Bowers at: bowers@cod.edu or just come on by at 6:30pm. There might even be a few prizes!

### Men's Tennis

The Chaps will compete in nationals at Plano, Texas.

The tournament will be held from this Sunday through May 16.

### Track and Field

The men and women's track team are competing at nationals this Thursday through Saturday at Delhi, N.Y.

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To use the athletic facilities students must be enrolled in at least six credit hours and have a P.E. pass.

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The P.E. and Community Recreation Center includes the strength complex, P.E. arena, diving and lap pools, fitness center, and racquetball.

Contact the Athletics office for more details.

### PE passes available

Obtain a student I.D. in the PE building for \$5. You can obtain a pass from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday.

You can also get an athletic pass for \$10 The I.D.'s are both convenient and versatile. The card can be used as a library card, as a PE pass, and as a student I.D. for local discounts.

### Calling all writers

If you want to write and have experience in sports, the *Courier* is looking for a sports editor to write for the sports section next fall. Contact the *Courier's* Sports Desk at 942-2531 for more information.

### Chaparral Golf Outing

The men's basketball team is sponsoring the 27th Annual Chaparral Golf Outing on Friday, June 13. Proceeds go to sponsor the men's basketball team.

The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. for golfing and it will continue until 1:30 p.m. Their will be a dinner following the event at 5:30 p.m.

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