



# This Week in Cavalier Athletics

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## Region Tournament up Next for Lady Cavaliers after Convincing Defeat of Middle Georgia

On Sophomore Night the Darton College Lady Cavalier Basketball Team jumped out to a double-digit lead early and controlled the game throughout in the regular-season finale; beating Middle Georgia, 63-47, at Cavalier Arena.

Justina Brownlee led the team, recording a double-double with a game-high 19 points and 11 rebounds. Jessica Jenkins kept the statisticians busy all night as she added seven points, six rebounds, six blocks and 13 assists.

Darton (17-12 overall, 8-4 in the region), and the winner of four consecutive games, is the 4<sup>th</sup> seed in the upcoming NJCAA Region XVII tournament that begins on Tuesday at 4pm at South Georgia Tech College in Americus. The Lady Cavs will face Truett-McConnell in the opening round. The region tournament is Feb. 26-28.

Thursday game versus Middle Georgia, Darton avenged an 81-61 loss from earlier in the season.

"We had our minds set that we were going to go out and just play like we've been playing," said Freshman Shannon Coleman, who finished the game with nine points.

"I think we stunned them early, and their shots just weren't falling," Blackwell said. "We also stopped them from driving up the middle of the floor."

"Jessica did a good job controlling the tempo," Blackwell said. "It was the first time she had someone really pressuring her, and that kind of wore her down, but she did a great job of handling it."

Middle Georgia got within eight on a couple of occasions after halftime, but Darton responded with a 12-2 run, capped by a Brownlee layup that stretched the lead to 55-36 during the game's final five minutes.

The Lady Cavs will enter the region tournament with plenty of confidence. The four game winning streak coupled with the fact that the only region team Darton failed to beat during the regular season was South Georgia Tech.

### **Upcoming Events** **HOME GAMES IN** **BOLD**

**Baseball - 02/25/2008**  
**Chipola Jr. College**  
**5:00**

**Softball - 02/26/2008**  
**Chipola FL. 5/7 p.m.**

**Baseball - 03/01/2008**  
**Ga. Perimeter 2:00**  
**DH**

**Wrestling -**  
**03/01/2008**  
**NCWA Regional**  
**10am**

**Golf - 03/02/2008**  
**Callaway Collegiate**  
**Invitational**

**Baseball - 03/02/2008**  
**Ga. Perimeter 2:00**

## Darton Golfers Finish Second at Faulkner State Invitational

Despite leading after the first round, the Darton College Cavalier golf team finished second in the Faulkner State Community Spring Invitational on Tuesday. Their final round score of 18-over 306 left them with a two-day total of 611.

Central Alabama was the winner shooting a final day 294 to finish with a two day total of 605.

"We made too many mistakes," Darton coach Dale Dover said. "We just made too many double bogeys."

Aaron Elrod led the Cavaliers with a two day 150. Matt Smith and Jin Chung shot 153, followed by Chesley Gunn and Ridge Purcell's 155's.

"It was just one of those days where we had a little meltdown," Dover said. "We shot one stroke worse (Tuesday) in better conditions than we did Monday. "It was a poor coaching job on my part. I didn't do a good job of coaching. There were a couple of times I should have interjected with their choice of shots."

"I think it was a good learning experience for the players," Dover said. "It's all about getting experience."

The Cavaliers will look to return to their consistently winning ways as they head to the Callaway Collegiate Invitational at Pine Mountain, Georgia on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Weather Forces Changes for Cavalier Baseball – Get Split on Road versus Gulf Coast

Due to weather, the Cavaliers lost two games scheduled with the Brewton Parkers JV from their 2008 schedule. The home game against Gulf Coast scheduled for Friday, February 22, was rescheduled for Sunday in Panama City, Fl. Instead of playing a single game Sunday the Cavaliers played a double header at Gulf Coast. The Cavs won 3-2 and lost 3-4 earning the split on the day.

The possibility of inclement weather on Tuesday will force the Cavaliers to move Tuesday's game versus Chipola to Monday, February 25. Monday's game against Chipola will begin at 5:00.

### Recent Results

#### **Softball**

Lake City

3-5 Loss

8-0 Win

#### **Baseball**

Chipola Jr. College

2-6 Loss

Gulf Coast CC

3-2 Win

3-4 Loss

#### **Basketball**

Middle Georgia

63-47 Win

#### **Golf**

Faulkner St.

Invitational

Finished 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Lady Cavalier Softball Splits at Home with Lake City

The Darton College Lady Cavalier Softball team split a pair of home games last week versus Lake City. The Lady Cavs fell in the first game 3-5. However a strong effort in game two saw the Lady Cavs get back in the winning column by the score of 8-0.

Statistically Sophomore Pitcher Tiffany Timmons continues to lead the staff with a 4-1 record and a 2.33 ERA. In 21 innings she has scattered 15 hits only allowed 7 runs on the young season.

Offensively Darton College ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the NJCAA in team batting. Freshman Tatiana Zhuchkova leads the talented hitting group with a .654 batting average (20<sup>th</sup> nationally). Freshman Lisa Williams (.556) and Cali Lovett (.500) each are ranked nationally in the top 50 in individual batting average as well. Freshman Hanna Layton leads the team with 11 runs batted in.

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