



# This Week in Cavalier Athletics

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## Cross Country Receives Academic Recognition From Coaches Association

The NJCAA Cross Country Coaches Association named the Darton College Women's Cross Country team as one of their Academic All American Teams. The team had a 3.15 GPA and ranked 15<sup>th</sup> nationally. Individuals receiving Academic All American status were Kathryn Higgins on the Women's team and David Marley on the Men's team.

"I can't tell you how proud I am of this team," said Head Coach David Mann. "In our very first season, they trained hard and won races - including the Region XVII Championship - and then to achieve this in the classroom environment... it's just a great honor."

"They are a great bunch of individuals to be around, and their work ethic has put this program in a very positive light."

Marley, an Albany native, also received All Region and All Georgia honors and holds the school record for the 8K.

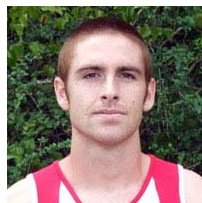
He will graduate Darton with an associate's degree in exercise science and will study biology at Columbus State University this fall.

Higgins' impact on the team has been a positive one, and she is presently the team captain. She is an Albany native and is seeking a degree in nursing.

"Kathryn keeps a very optimistic, positive attitude and is a natural leader," said Coach Mann. "She deserves this award and she is a great asset to this program."



Kathryn Higgins



David Marley

## DC Softball Splits with Coastal Georgia

The Darton College softball team opened its NJCAA Region XVII schedule Sunday, splitting a doubleheader with Coastal Georgia. Coach David Dews' Lady Cavaliers won, 8-3, in the opener and then lost, 5-4, in extra innings.

"The second game could have gone either way," said Dews, "we're still in the process of learning as we go."

### Upcoming Events HOME GAMES IN BOLD

**Baseball - 03/17/2008**  
@Truett Mc. CC, 2:00

**Baseball - 03/18/2008**  
**Southern Union CC**  
3:00

**Softball - 03/19/2008**  
**Andrew 1/3pm**

**Baseball - 03/20/2008**  
**Three Rivers CC,**  
**TBA**

**Baseball - 03/21/2008**  
**Andrew College 6:00**

**Softball - 03/22/2008**  
@Gordon @ 1/3pm

**Baseball - 03/22/2008**  
**Andrew College 2:00**  
**DH**

Heather Crews and Morgan Jones both hit three-run homers Sunday, and Tiffany Timmons was the winning pitcher in game one. Darton's record is 9-9 overall and 1-1 in region play.



Fr. Heather Crews



Fr. Morgan Jones

### Recent Results

#### **Softball**

Costal Georgia

8-3 Win

4-5 Loss

Georgia Military

1-3 Loss

5-2 Win

#### **Baseball**

Truett McConnell

7-3 Win

5-6 Loss

5-4 Win

John Wood CC

2-1 Win

10-1 Win

#### **Golf**

2<sup>nd</sup> at Goose Pond

Spring Fling

## Darton Wrestlers Have Two Recognized as All-Americans

The Darton Wrestling team recently returned from competing at the National Wrestling Club Championships. Darton finished 14<sup>th</sup> out of more than 80 teams competing at the championships. Darton College All-Americans were Jarrett Williams 6<sup>th</sup> place at 141 pounds and John Hill 8<sup>th</sup> place at 285 pounds. The wrestling team qualified 9 for nationals and had several miss All-American honors by one or two wins.

## DC Shells John Wood CC, Takes 2 of 3 From Truett McConnell

Seth Farmer pitched five innings last Wednesday and picked up his first win of the year as the Cavaliers defeated John Wood Community College 10-1.

Reserve outfielder Roscoe Walls went 2-for-2 with an RBI, backup catcher Brock Vickers had two RBIs, and regular third baseman Levi Futo closed the game by pitching the eighth and ninth innings, striking out three batters.

Head Coach Glenn Eames was able to give his role players plenty of playing time in the blowout.

"When you're not playing in the conference, you want to give some of your reserves a chance and see what they can do," Eames said.

The only blemish from Darton's night was a total of five errors.

Offensively, regular starter Montoya Young went 2-for-5, and Futo went 2-for-5 at the plate with an RBI.

After Darton loaded the bases in the fifth, among the runs it scored came when Taylor Whitenton reached on an error, and Ben Inman and Vickers drew bases-loaded walks. Eames' team also got a little bit of luck when a short popup by Matt Fountain landed just in front of home plate where no one could catch it, scoring another.

Darton returned to region play over the weekend as they traveled to Truett McConnell for a three game series. Due to inclement weather, Saturday's double header was pushed to Sunday, with game three rescheduled for Monday.

DC split the double header, winning game one 7-3 before dropping game two on a walk off home run by Truett by the score of 5-6. Darton led game three 3-0 in the eighth inning only to find themselves down 3-4 entering the ninth. The Cavs persevered scoring two in

the ninth to secure a 5-4 victory.

## Golfers Finish Second

Darton College's Jin Chung received medalist honors via a tiebreaker in the annual Spring Fling Golf Tournament at Goose Pond Colony Golf Club. He finished with a two-day total of 143 (71-72) on the par-71 course.

Severe weather halted play at the third hole thus nullifying Saturday's scores and Friday's total scores counted toward the final standings.

Central Alabama was named team champion over second-place Darton by 10 strokes with an 11-over 579. DC's has finished in second place in the last three tournaments this spring. However, Darton Coach Dale Dover has a sense his team is starting to turn the corner.

"After we got ourselves in a little hole Friday, the guys were really pumped about playing and finishing," Dover said. "They wanted to see if they could make up the 10 shots. They were excited, not down at all. I was pleased they wanted to compete."

Aaron Elrod and Matt Smith tied for 12th with two-day totals of 148, followed by Coleman Calhoun at 150 (T-21st) and Andy Lewis at 154 (T-31st). Ridge Purcell played as an individual and also tied for 12th.

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