

## GAME SCHEDULE

### BASEBALL:

3/1 SOUTHEASTERN  
(HOME)

3/3 CEDARVILLE (HOME)

3/4 GOSHEN DH (HOME)

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:

3/10-3/12 NATIONAL TOUR-  
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## Lady Cougars Win Regionals

(2/25/2011) The Cougars travelled to Toccoa Falls, Georgia, for the NCCAA D-II South Regional tournament. Facing Piedmont Baptist College in the first round, the Cougars came out strong. Leading by 11 at the half, 30-19, Clearwater looked to seal the opportunity of advancing into the championship game. Teamwork marked the balance attack of the Cougars as Clearwater finished 67-48.

Lauren Leabhart led the Cougars with a double-double, 12 points, 10 rebounds, and 6 assists. Amanda Ison had 12 points; Justina Bechtel added 11 points; Katie Jo Mullens had 10 points and 4 assists; Richelle Bucklin had 7 points, 10 rebounds and 4 assists; Kelly Fichtner had 6 points; Tiffany Pack had 5 points; Amanda Bucklin had 4 points.

(2/26/2011) The Cougars went up against a talented Atlanta Christian College in the NCCAA D-II South Regional Championship game on Saturday. The game was very physical. Although Clearwater held Atlanta to 22 points in the first half, Atlanta had the advantage, holding Clearwater to 11 points.

The Cougars came out in the second half trying to regain momentum. Atlanta extended their lead to as much as 17 points with 12 minutes left in the game. Clearwater didn't lose heart and continued to play physical. Clearwater's defense held Atlanta to 2 points in the final 6 minutes as they overcame a 14-point deficit to win the regional championship. Clearwater was led by Katie Jo Mullens with 14 points and 5 assists. Amanda Ison added 11 points and 6 rebounds. Lauren Leabhart had 10

points, 6 rebounds, and 3 assists; Richelle Bucklin had 5 points.

Four Cougars were recognized as All Regional Players. Katie Jo Mullens and Richelle Bucklin were named to the first team all-region, Amanda Ison was named to the second team all-region, and Justina Bechtel was named honorable mention.



## Athlete Spotlight: Brent Kirkley

Brent Kirkley is a 6'4" returning All-American from Hamlet, North Carolina. He is considered one of the major keys to the Cougar baseball team, as an intense pitcher and a deep player overall. Coach Hernandez values Brent's experience, saying "Brent returns for his junior year after receiving All-American recognition at the end of last season. He is expected to lead the pitching staff and team to a national tournament berth." Brent is a General Studies major.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Athletic Department at Clearwater Christian College is to provide a competitive intercollegiate athletic program dedicated to bringing glory to God by using athletics: first, to present an unshakeable testimony for Christ both on and off the playing field; second, to promote discipleship within the team setting; and third, to provide ministry opportunities for our athletes to share God's Word with others.



# Baseball Drops 3-Game Series to Truett McConnell

(2/25/2011) The Cougars opened up a 3-game series against a new NAIA opponent, Truett-McConnell College. Getting off to a great start, Brent Kirkley led the charge as Clearwater took an early 8-0 lead. Great pitching, solid hitting and fielding made it look as though the Cougars had finally found all of the components to shut down their NAIA visitors. However, this quickly changed as the team gave up 11 runs in the last 4 innings on 6 errors, bringing an unexpected defeat.

(2/26/2011) After a heart-breaker the night before, the Cougars appeared to be feeling the effects as the visitors from Truett-McConnell threw a no-hitter with 2 pitchers in

game one of Saturday's double-header. The Cougars could not put together any hitting, and strikeouts seemed to plague the lineup yet again. The team was looking for a leader on the field to step up and make big plays in the field and the plate, but was unable to score.

(2/26/2011) After a shutout first game in Saturday's doubleheader, the Cougar baseball team hoped for a redeeming second chance. Casey Nunez had a fantastic game behind the plate despite the woes of the day, going 3 for 3 with 2 doubles, a single and an RBI. Pitching was tough as the bats and gloves for the Cougars just could not shake the drama that had already unfolded as the

Cougars dropped game 2 with a score of 9-2, closing the series against NAIA team Truett McConnell.

# Men's Basketball Loses in Regional Semifinals

(2/25/2011) Eight Cougars scored 7 or more points in route to an 82-55 victory over Piedmont Baptist in the first round of the NCCAA South Region Tournament. Good defense and a solid bench were the keys to the win for CCC.

Matt Wells led CCC with 12 points, and Bryan Spears chipped in 10 for the Cougars.

(2/26/2011) The Cougars lost to Atlanta Christian College in the Regional semifinals, 90-66. After being down by just 4 at the half, CCC went cold at the start of the second half and was out-scored 20-4 in the first 8 minutes. After that the Cougars tried, to no avail, to play "catch up" to a very athletic Atlanta team.

Todd Wahlberg led CCC with 18 points. Bryan Spears had 13, and Luke Brigham chipped in 12 points for the Cougars.

