

GAME SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 12, 2011
Men's Baseball
vs. Southeastern (Away) at
7:00 PM.

Tuesday, April 19, 2011
Men's Baseball
vs. Lincoln Christian (Home*)
at 5:00 PM.

Tuesday, April 19, 2011
Men's Baseball
vs. Lincoln Christian (Home*)
at 7:30 PM.

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Men's Soccer Team Holds Clinic

On Saturday, March 26, the Clearwater men's soccer team conducted a soccer clinic in Pinellas Park for the CCSP Youth Soccer League. The league is directed by Luis Hernandez, assistant coach for the Cougar men's soccer team. Around 100 children, ages 3-16, were divided into four different groups based upon their ages. Cougar players were able to connect with the kids, teaching them the fundamentals of soccer through a series of activities including fun drills, ladder tournaments, and finishing with a "Coaches vs. Kids" soccer match. The players and coaches were also able to share the Gospel with all of the children and parents in attendance using the J316 soccer ball.

Cougar player, Mac Hildebrand, enjoyed his time with the CCSP

Youth Soccer League. "Helping with soccer clinics in the local church has been a consistent way for our team to have a ministry with our sport," he said.

"Every time we get the chance to be involved and meet kids, we are not only doing what we love, but also getting the chance to share the gospel in a big and yet still personal way. We are excited about lasting fruit coming from this ministry every time we connect with kids through soccer."

Coach Whitaker said this about this opportunity: "I love to see our guys using soccer as a tool to minister and share the Gospel with others. The clinic was similar to what we did on our Guatemala mission trip this past summer. Ministry is an important element

of the mission of our soccer team and we want to take advantage of every opportunity that God gives us in this area."



Nick Gilmore



Athlete Spotlight: Matt Vasquez

Matt is a senior returner. This 6' 1" outfielder is a key component of the Cougar baseball team. He is a versatile player who can play the outfield and the infield for the Cougars. Matt has great power at the plate and can add some much needed right handed power. Matt is majoring in Exercise and Sport Science. His life verse is Proverbs 16:3: "Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established."

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.



Vickie Denny Named Alumnus of the Year

Vickie Denny, professor of Exercise and Sport Science and Teacher Education, Chair of the Department of Exercise and Sport Science, and the women's volleyball coach at Clearwater Christian College, was recently named the Alumnus of the Year at Bob Jones University, her alma mater. Coach Denny graduated from BJU in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science degree in health and physical education. Continuing her education, she received her master's degree in physical education from the University of Illinois and her doctoral degree in physical education/teacher education from Florida State University. She has 31 years of coaching experience on various levels of competition and has coached at the college level for 27 years, 22 of which have been at CCC.

"Coaching means ministry," she said. "It is an avenue to work with young people and challenge them to grow physically, socially, mentally, and spiritually. It provides a platform for discipleship. Teaching techniques and tactics of the sport is an oppor-

tunity to teach Biblical principles within a sport's context. Seeing the young ladies grow both as players as well as Christian women who love God is the great joy I have had over these many years."

Taking her own personal walk to the next level is a constant goal for Coach Denny. "Recently the Lord has impressed upon me the importance of living a life of integrity. It is always a challenge to keep the proper balance between my own efforts, while acknowledging the grace I am afforded by Christ to 'work out my salvation.' The Bible speaks a lot about finishing strong in the Lord; that is what I want to do. 'To be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord,' forasmuch as I know, my labor will never be in vain if it is in the Lord. By His grace, that is what I want to do."

Coach Denny is also the acting president of the National Christian College Athletic Association and serves as a contributing writer to the American Volleyball Coaches Association's (AVCA) journal

"Volleyball ACE Power Tips." Her life verse is Galatians 2:20. She is married to Mr. Lou Denny who assists her with the volleyball team and was the recipient of the Assistant Coach of the Year (2010) award by the NCCAA.

"Looking back over the last 30 years, I see that God has been faithful. He has given me a ministry in teaching and coaching; the two things I love to do."



Coach Vickie Denny

Cougars Drop Both to NCAA II St. Leo Lions

(4/8/2011) Clearwater opened up their first series with NCAA II opponent, St. Leo University. Starting pitcher Spencer Nunez kept the Cougars in the game for the first 4 innings, but several key hits by the Lions gave the home team a 5-0 lead that could not be overcome. The Cougars didn't seem to be able to string hits together, taking only 2 runs on 5 hits. The bright spot in an otherwise disappointing game was the return of first baseman Zach Weber from a hand injury, returning with a solid double and several great

fielding plays. The home team's solid hitting performance proved the difference as the final score posted 8-2.

(4/9/2011) The second game of the series against St. Leo progressed much like the first for the Cougars as they struggled to get any offense going to back the pitching. Once again, the boys managed only five hits against a solid performance by the St. Leo pitching staff. The home team seemed to see the ball well,

driving in 11 runs on 10 hits with a big home run in the 6th inning. Defense and pitching looked good for Clearwater, but the offense could not back up the good defense, with ten batters striking out. Matt Vasquez and Ethan Barba led the Cougars with 2 hits each but were left stranded with no hits behind them. St. Leo pitching finished off the game, closing the door in an 11-0 shut out.