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## Chancellor grad Barnes Southern Conference pitcher of the week

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**S TARTER OR RELIEVER**, which is it going to be? A tough decision to be sure, but right now it appears the coaching staff at Western Carolina University cannot make a wrong decision in how to use Brian Barnes (Chancellor).

The senior left-hander was effective doing both jobs last week. On Tuesday, he picked up a save with four innings of hitless ball as the Catamounts defeated Georgia Tech 8-5--marking the first time WCU has ever beaten a No. 1 ranked team.

Then on Sunday, Barnes escaped a bases-loaded, no-outs jam in the first inning with no damage on two ground outs and a liner to third base. He went on to strike out a career-high seven batters in 5 innings while surrendering five hits, three walks and two runs en route to a 7-4 victory over Davidson.

The strong showing earned Barnes Southern Conference's Pitcher of the Week honors.

"Brian did an unbelievable job for us," WCU head coach Todd Raleigh said. "With our top three starting pitchers sidelined with injuries, he filled a void for us big time.

"He's so tough on lefties, and he has the best arm on the team. He can come back and pitch just about every day," he added.

Raleigh contends that Barnes' pitches are not much different from previous seasons, but that he is more consistent and has a better idea of what he wants to do when he takes the mound.

While Barnes seems to thrive on plenty of work, the Catamounts (18-10, 7-5) may be forced to use him more as a starter than as a reliever until some of the injured starters return.

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Filling dual roles would upset a lot of pitchers, but it does not seem to bother Barnes, according to his coach.

"Right now, we don't have a lot of choice. If he can work six to seven innings, we'll have to use him that way," Raleigh concluded.

### Temple blanks MW women

Defending national champion Temple University topped Mary Washington 15-0 in the Middle Atlantic Rugby Football Union Division II women's rugby title game at Princeton, N.J., on Sunday.

In the previous day's semifinals, Temple defeated Maryland 15-10 and MW turned back York 15-0, assuring both squads a berth in the Round of 8 national championship scheduled April 16-17 at Santa Cruz, Calif.

In compiling an 8-2-1 record this semester, MW suffered its only other loss to Virginia and tied another club team like itself--the Norfolk Storm. This will mark the third time in four years that MW has qualified for nationals, finishing third in both the 2001 and 2004 events.

The squad's postseason showing is not totally surprising, since six players were named to the Virginia Rugby Union U-23 All-Star team last semester: senior flanker Katie Miller, sophomore center Emily Newton, sophomore scrumhalf Erin Ridout, junior 8-man Andrea Wyatt and senior wing Marie Zezula. The all-star squad is selected from nine collegiate teams and four club teams.

The club is looking to raise approximately \$14,000 for the trip to nationals. Interested persons are asked to contact the University of Mary Washington Foundation at 540/654-1024 and specify that the donation go to the UMW women's rugby club. All donations are tax deductible.

### Longwood golfers shine

Sophomore Chris Shuford (Colonial Forge) was one of four Longwood golfers to break 80 in leading the Lancers to a second-place tie at the George Washington Invitational played at the 6,858-yard Swan Point Yacht & Country Club course last weekend.

Shuford shot a six-over-par 78, finishing three shots behind team leader Trey Deal of Martinsville. Villanova University topped the 26-team field with a team total of 303, two shots better than Longwood and Indiana U.-Purdue U. Indianapolis (IUPUI).

### Foster finds a niche

Freshman Lara Foster (Liberty) is making her presence felt both as a pinch hitter and late-inning defensive replacement for the West Virginia Wesleyan women's softball team.

Foster has appeared in 16 games for the Bobcats (17-14) and leads the club in both batting average (.417) and slugging percentage (.625). She has 10 hits, scored eight runs and has six RBIs and has not committed any errors in the outfield.

### Mozingo shuts the door

Sophomore Harold Mozingo (Essex) fired a four-hitter and retired the final 16 batters he faced in leading the Virginia Commonwealth baseball team to a 7-5 victory over James Madison on Saturday. The win was the fifth in six decisions for the 2003 Group A high school player of the year after leading Essex to a state title.

## Around the track

Area athletes turned in a number of stellar efforts last weekend, particularly in the jumping events and hurdles:

Former James Madison standout Anthony Wallace (Courtland) topped a field of 25 long jump competitors with his leap of 24 feet, 2 inches at the Liberty Invitational in Lynchburg.

Virginia Tech's Jason Fludd (Brooke Point) placed third in the men's triple jump (48-) and Keosha Sanders (Brooke Point) finished fourth in the women's 400 hurdles (1:04.81) at the Charlotte (N.C.) Invitational

Christopher Newport's Marquita Mines (Caroline) and Tiffany Jones (North Stafford) recorded high finishes at the Captains Classic--Mines winning the women's long jump (18-) and Jones taking second in the triple jump (34.3). Meanwhile, Salisbury's Marcus Tines (Liberty) placed third in the men's 400 (52.73).

Air Force's Rachel McIntosh (Brooke Point) finished third in the 100 hurdles (15.16) and fourth in the 400 hurdles (1:01.51) in the Falcon Open held in Colorado.

Akron's Jon Morgan (North Stafford) captured third place in the men's 400 hurdles (56.63) at the Catamounts Classic in Cullowhee, N.C.

Georgia Tech freshman Jerome Miller (Colonial Forge) achieved a fourth-place finish in the men's high jump (6-8) at the Yellow Jacket Invitational.

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