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Area colleges: LLCC softball team splits with Parkland

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Kimber Meyer hit two singles for two runs with two outs in the fourth and sixth innings to help the Lincoln Land Community College Loggers beat nationally ranked Parkland College 8-7 in the first game of a doubleheader.

The Parkland Cobras, ranked 14th in the NJCAA Division II poll, scored four runs in the seventh to beat the Loggers 9-5 in the second game.

Nicole Garland (9-7) struck out seven to win the first game. Kelsey Wagahoff, Randi Martin and Brittany Parks each had two hits.

In the second game, Martin hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning for LLCC. The Loggers had 12 hits and Parkland managed eight.

Meyer went 2-for-3 and Parks had two hits for LLCC (27-25).

UIS splits to end season

ST. LOUIS — Brittany Morgan and Aubrey Watson each hit home runs Wednesday afternoon to help the University of Illinois Springfield gain a split of its season-ending Great Lakes Valley Conference doubleheader with Missouri Baptist.

Missouri Baptist won the first game 3-2 before the Prairie Stars came back to win the nightcap 9-1. The Prairie Stars finished 14-32 after winning just four games last season.

Morgan was 3-for-4 with six runs batted in, while Watson was 2-for-3 and also earned the pitching win as she gave up five hits and one run with four strikeouts.

In Game One, Morgan had a double and scored a run while Jessica Yocum and Emmarie Snyder each collected an RBI.

Men's golf

Jackson, Beavers take titles

STAUNTON — Blackburn College's Rob Jackson took medalist honors and the Blackburn Beavers claimed top honors in the 2010 St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Men's Golf Championships held at Timber Lakes Golf Course.

Jackson finished with a 221, nine strokes ahead of the runner-up, and was named SLIAC player of the year after placing first in a 34-player field.

Blackburn finished with a three-round team score of 927.

The Beavers' Dallas Gray placed fourth overall with 236 and earned first-team All-SLIAC honors, while teammate Trent Groves gained second-team honors with a seventh-place finish (239 points).

Blueboys in fourth

ROCKFORD — Mark Strain shot an 80 on Thursday to help Illinois College to fourth placed after the first round of the Midwest Conference Men's Golf Championship at Aldeen Golf Club.

Strain is in sixth place individually. Teammates David Kleckler and Dustin Shea both shot 84, and the Blueboys' Brady Frericks had an 85. I.C.'s 333 total is two behind third-place Carroll. Knox College leads with a 319.

Monmouth, in second place at 320, got a 79 from Sacred Heart-Griffin graduate Ted Starkey, who's tied for third individually. The tourney continues today and concludes Saturday.

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