

# Sports



Sgt. Kevin McSwain

From left, Staff Sgt. Jonathan Harrison, Pfc. Alton Propst, and Spc. Joshua Galbreath pose outside of Task Force Marne Morale Welfare and Recreation Center prior to playing a quick pick-up game.

## 3rd Inf Div takes third in 3-on-3 tournament

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**CAMP VICTORY, Iraq**—Soldiers of Task Force Marne placed third in an installation-wide 3-on-3 basketball tournament at the Task Force Marne Morale Welfare and Recreation Center, April 29.

Four Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Operations Company, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, formed the all-star combination to compete in the all-day event.

"I felt like we had a good chance to win it all," said Spc. Joshua A. Galbreath, and intelligence specialist.

Galbreath, who was part of the 2003 state champion Mason County Royals High School, said he played with only one of the players on the team regularly.

"Pfc. Propst and I played basketball together at Fort Stewart," he said. "We made a great team then so we figured we would try

our skills in this tournament."

Pfc. Alton W. Propst, an intelligence specialist, said he was glad to have an opportunity to play on such a talented team.

"We had a good combination of height and athleticism," he said. "We were able to keep our opponents off balance with our different weapons."

Galbreath, a 6-foot-5 small forward, said the team had not played together prior to the tournament.

"We all just love the game of basketball," he said. "We were able to adapt to each other's playing style and find a nice rhythm."

Though the team fell short - losing to the eventual winner and runner-up of the tournament - their performance received notice.

"We were offered spots to play for the Task Force Marne team in the next 5-on-5 tournament," said Staff Sgt. Jonathan D. Harrison, an operations battle noncommissioned officer.

"That was a good feeling to know that someone recognized our skill and wanted us on their team."

Propst said the invitation was a great honor and he would take the opportunity to play on the prestigious team.

"Last year the team that was formed was champions in Iraq," said Propst. "It will be nice to be a part of that and represent the Marne Soldiers."

Harrison said the blend of different styles of basketball was a great asset to their longevity in the tourney.

Harrison played basketball in high school where he received numerous awards for his performance. Galbreath, grew up in the heart of basketball country and loved the game.

Propst, who played basketball in high school, went on to compete in college football as a wide receiver for Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C.

The team, who played in a field of 15

teams, competed in seven games before facing elimination in a 12-10 loss to the Naval All Star team.

Propst lead the way with a tournament average of five points, six rebounds and two steals per game. Galbreath averaged five points, eight rebounds, and three blocks. Harrison added two points and five rebounds per game.

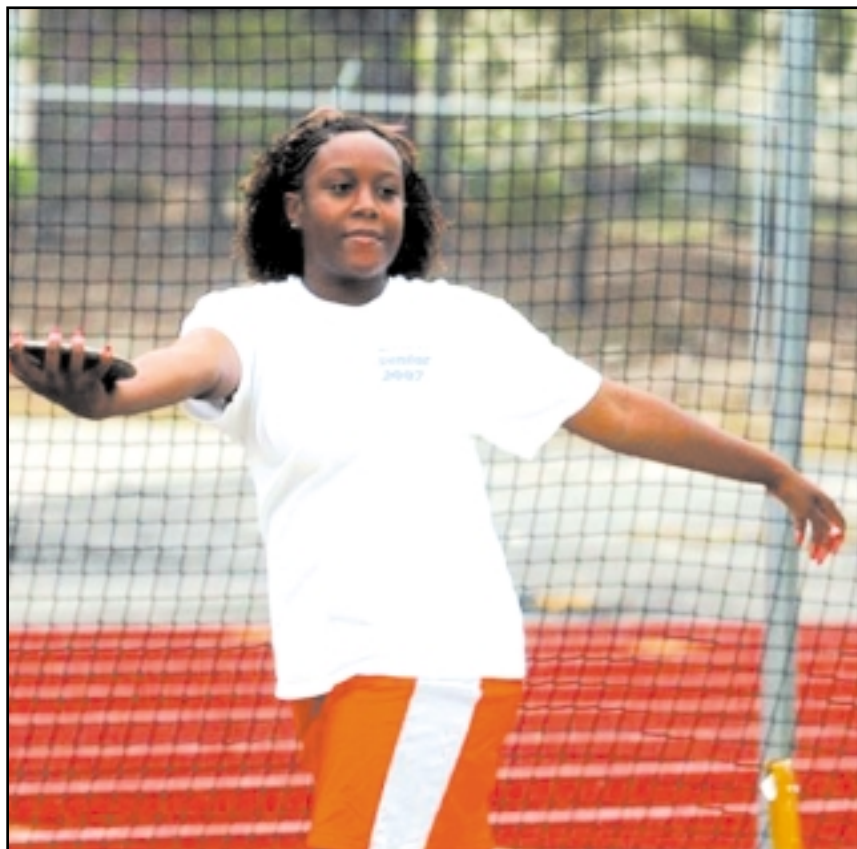
Harrison mentioned Chief Warrant Officer Derrick Adkinson, a substitute for the team, and his contribution to their success.

"Chief Adkinson provided great support for us during the games," he said. "He was able to substitute for us when we needed a break and he continued the intensity we needed to win games."

Harrison said they plan to play in another tournament when they get a chance.

"We all work 14-hour days," he said. "We just have to find the time to practice and prepare for the next tournament."

## Liberty's Scott ready for State meet in Albany



Jimmy Currier

Jasmine Scott won the Region 3, AAA discus championship and will continue on to the State meet in Albany.

Jimmy Currier  
Coastal Courier Sports Editor

Liberty County High School senior Jasmine Scott won the Region 3-AAA discus championship with a throw of 98-feet, 5-inches last week.

Today, she competes among the best discus hurlers in the state at the Class AAA State track meet in Albany.

Scott is scheduled to throw at 1:30 p.m.

Her personal best is 103, but she has thrown 110 in practice.

Scott's opponent Thanithis Billings from Carrollton has the top throw at 135-5.

To improve her distance, Scott has been working hard this past week on her technique and form.

"I've been working on keeping my arms down and making sure I go straight up and down," Scott said.

She said she is not nervous but the competition looms heavy in her mind.

"When I go home tonight (Thursday) and sleep, it will be the first thing on my mind," Scott said. "It will be the first thing on my mind when I wake, so I'm going to get focused now and early."

She has thrown the discus for two years and is under the tutelage of discus pro Steve White, who has taught her how to spin, release and get the discus in the air.

Scott said it feels great to be acknowledged among the best discus throwers in the state.

After graduation, she will attend Albany



### Tiger's baseball season ends

Jim Currier  
Coastal Courier Sports Editor

Daniel Materne and the Bradwell Tigers will have to wait another year in their bid for a baseball championship after the Tigers lost 13-5 at Groves.

The Tigers finished the season tied for fourth with Johnson in the eight-team Region 3-AAAAA at 7-7, but the Atomsmashers have the tie-breaker thus advancing to the postseason.

The future, however, looks bright for the Tigers as they lose only one senior, Nick Franks, and several players have gained game experience that will help the team next year.

# Army slips past Longwood 3-2 in 10 innings

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**WEST POINT, N.Y.** – Caleb Love drew a bases-loaded walk off Longwood closer Deedham Jones with two outs in the bottom of the 10th inning and Drew Clothier fired a complete-game six-hitter as Army edged Longwood 3-2, May 6 at Doubleday Field.

Army (23-21-1) took a 1-0 lead in the third inning off Lancer starter John Farrell on a two-out triple to the left-center field gap by Barnes Connell. When Longwood shortstop Eric Kimble threw wildly into the dugout on the relay throw, Connell scored with the game's first run.

After managing just two baserunners against Clothier on a pair of singles over the first four innings, Longwood did all its damage in the fifth inning, parlaying the only walk Army's junior left-hander would issue and three hits into two runs. Frank Berry drew a leadoff walk and scored on Paul Heidler's double just inside the bag at first base. Following strikeouts by Kimble and Topher Ellis, Robbie Bailey delivered a clutch, two-out single to right field, plating Heidler with the go-ahead run.

Connell ignited the Black Knights' offense once again in the sixth inning, lacing a leadoff double that actually hit the third base bag before rolling into left field. Milan Dinga promptly smacked a run-scoring single up the middle, knotting the score at 2-2. Army missed a golden opportunity to take the lead later in the inning, leaving the bases loaded with one out after Jones relieved starter John Farrell and retired Kyle Stramara and J.P.

Polchinski on a strikeout and flyout to right field, respectively.

Army mounted scoring threats in the seventh and ninth innings against Jones, but stranded a runner at second base in the seventh and another at third in the ninth.

While Jones worked in and out of trouble during the late innings, Clothier experienced no such difficulties. In fact, the hard-throwing southpaw retired 15 of the final 16 Lancer batters to step to the plate. He faced the minimum 15 batters over the final five innings, retiring Longwood in order during the sixth, seventh, eighth and 10th innings. Over the final five frames, Clothier permitted only a single to Phil Cerreto with one out in the ninth, but the Lancer third baseman was quickly erased when he was caught stealing on a perfect throw by catcher Chris Simmons.

Army won the game in the 10th inning as Tony Capozzi led off with a single off the glove of Jones. He advanced to second on the play when Kimble threw wildly to first base. After Jones fanned Connell, Dinga grounded out to second base, advancing Capozzi to third base. Cole White was intentionally walked and stole second base, placing runners at second and third with two outs. Jones then walked Simmons to load the bases before issuing a five-pitch walk to Love, pushing across the game-winning run.

In fashioning the finest mound effort of his Army career, Clothier (4-3) struck out a career-high nine batters to complement his six-hit, one walk effort. He allowed just four baserunners to reach scoring position all game and none after the fifth inning.

Connell also enjoyed a career-best outing,

collecting hits in each of his first three at-bats. He finished the day 3-for-5 with two runs scored, while also handling six defensive chances at second base flawlessly.

The Black Knights will close out their regular season with a non-league contest against New York Tech at Doubleday Field on Wednesday, before heading to the Patriot League Tournament next weekend in Easton, Pa. As the No. 2 seed in the tournament, Army will battle arch-rival Navy in the tourney's Elimination Game on Saturday at noon. The winner of that single nine-inning tilt will advance to face regular-season champion Lafayette in the best-of-three Patriot League Championship Series, beginning at approximately 3 p.m., Saturday.

**Postgame notes:** Army out-hit Longwood 9-6. The Black Knights took two of three contests from the Lancers during the spirited weekend series. Longwood entered the series with a 33-14 overall record. The Black Knights recorded their seventh "walk-off" win of the season on Sunday. Army notched two one-run victories over the weekend. The Black Knights are now 12-7 in one-run contests this season. Twenty-four of Army's 45 games have been decid-

ed by two runs or less. The Black Knights are 13-11 in those tilts. Army has won nine of its last 12 games overall. Seven different players garnered at least one base hit on Sunday. Barnes Connell was the only Black Knight to register more than one base hit. Connell notched the second triple of his career. He finished with a career-high six total bases. Army is now 7-3-1 in extra-inning contests. Cole White extended his hitting streak to 10 games.



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**Chris Simpkins, 19, and Andy Ernesto, 14, welcomes home Tony Capozzi, 13, as he returns to the dug out.**

## 2007 INTRAMURAL SPORTS

### SCHEDULE

549th MP Co. vs USAG MP Co. (A)	6:30 p.m.	May 14	USAG MP Co. (B) vs USAG MP Co. (A)	6:30 p.m.	June 4
MSC, STB vs USAG MP Co. (B)	7:30 p.m.	May 14	549th MP Co. vs 632nd Maint. Co.	7:30 p.m.	June 4
632nd Maint. Co. vs 135th QM Co.	8:30 p.m.	May 14	MSC, STB vs 135th QM Co.	8:30 p.m.	June 4
MSC, STB vs 135th QM Co.	6:30 p.m.	May 16	USAG MP Co. (A) vs 632nd Maint. Co.	6:30 p.m.	June 6
USAG MP Co. vs USAG MP Co. (B)	7:30 p.m.	May 16	135th QM Co. vs USAG MP Co. (B)	7:30 p.m.	June 6
632nd Maint. Co. vs USAG MP Co. (B)	8:30 p.m.	May 16	MSC, STB vs 549th MP Co.	8:30 p.m.	June 6
USAG MP Co. vs MSC, STB	6:30 p.m.	May 21	MSC, STB vs USAG MP Co. (A)	6:30 p.m.	June 11
632nd Maint. Co. vs USAG MP Co. (B)	7:30 p.m.	May 21	USAG MP Co. (B) vs 632nd Maint. Co.	7:30 p.m.	June 11
135th QM Co. vs 632nd Maint. Co.	8:30 p.m.	May 21	549th MP Co. vs 135th QM Co.	8:30 p.m.	June 11
549th MP Co. vs USAG MP Co. (B)	6:30 p.m.	May 23	USAG MP Co. (B) vs 549th MP Co.	6:30 p.m.	June 13
135th QM Co. vs USAG MP Co. (A)	7:30 p.m.	May 23	USAG MP Co. vs 632nd Maint. Co.	7:30 p.m.	June 13
632nd Maint. Co. vs MSC, STB	8:30 p.m.	May 23	MSC, STB vs 632nd Maint. Co.	8:30 p.m.	June 13
135th QM Co. vs USAG MP Co. (B)	6:30 p.m.	May 29	USAG MP Co. (B) vs MSC, STB	6:30 p.m.	June 18
632nd Maint. Co. vs USAG MP Co. (A)	7:30 p.m.	May 29	USAG MP Co. (A) vs 549th MP Co.	7:30 p.m.	June 18
549th MP Co. vs MSC, STB	8:30 p.m.	May 29	135th QM Co. vs 632nd Maint. Co.	8:30 p.m.	June 18
USAG MP Co. (B) vs MSC, STB	6:30 p.m.	May 30	USAG MP Co. (B) vs USAG MP Co. (A)	6:30 p.m.	June 20
549th MP Co. vs USAG MP Co. (A)	7:30 p.m.	May 30	135th QM Co. vs MSC, STB	7:30 p.m.	June 20
632nd Maint. Co. vs USAG MP Co. (B)	8:30 p.m.	May 30	632nd Maint. Co. vs 549th MP Co.	8:30 p.m.	June 20

### Softball Standings

#### SouthEastern Conference

	Won	Lost	PCT
632nd Maint. Co.	2	0	1.000
USAG MP'S (B)	1	1	1.000
MSC, STB	2	0	1.000
USAG MP's (A)	0	2	0.000
135th QM Co.	0	0	0.000
549th MP Co.	1	1	0.000

### Hunter Volleyball Standings

	Won	Lost	PCT
U.S. Coast Guard	7	2	.000
Riggers	5	7	.000
MSC, STB	1	0	1.000
224th M.I (A)	6	6	0.000
224th M.I (B)	6	9	0.000

# Army captures major awards, four named to All-Patriot League Team



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The Patriot League named Army's Niki Flach, Player of the Year.

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**CENTER VALLEY, Pa.** – Niki Flach became the first player in Army women's tennis history to be dubbed the Patriot League "Player of the Year" and head coach Paul Peck was tagged the "Coach of the Year" for the eighth time in his career when the league office named the 2007 Women's Tennis All-Patriot League teams on May 7.

Four Black Knights were honored in total as Brooke Jones, Sarah Giles-Madden and Kristin Beehler joined Flach on the all-league squad.

Flach followed up her "Rookie of the Year" campaign by becoming the first player in conference history to win both major awards and did so in back-to-back seasons.

The Naples, Fla., native went 13-14 this spring with a 6-1 mark against Patriot League competition at No. 1 singles. Flach's lone loss came to this year's top freshman, Tania Varela of Bucknell, but she redeemed herself with a three-set victory in the championship match. It marked the second time in her career that she was named to the first team.

Jones joined Flach on the conference's first team after competing in her first full sea-

son.

Jones, who was limited to doubles play her freshman year due to injuries, recovered nicely to the tune of a 19-6 record this spring.

The Woodlands, Texas, native was 5-1 versus league opponents, retiring in the first set of her only conference loss, at No. 2 singles.

Flach and Jones also teamed up to form Army's top doubles tandem. The duo registered a 17-3 doubles record this spring, going unbeaten in conference matches, and has won their last 12 matches playing together.

The duo shared the Patriot League Tournament co-"Most Valuable Player" honors after leading the Black Knights to their third straight league title.

Giles-Madden was named to the All-Patriot League second team for the second straight year.

The sophomore registered a 12-12 mark this spring with an unblemished 5-0 record opposite league competition at No. 3 singles.

The Columbia, S.C., native was just as solid in doubles action where she went 10-7 partnered with Jessica Shurtz dropping only one league match at No. 2 doubles.

Beehler received second team recognition as well following her first season in the Black, Gold

and Gray. The freshman posted a 14-11 record primarily at No. 4 singles and was a perfect 5-0 versus Patriot League schools.

The Wichita, Kan., native was even more impressive in doubles where she teamed with Paige Ford to author a 18-6 mark at No. 3 doubles going undefeated in league contests.

Peck was honored as the conference's "Coach of the Year" for the third straight season after year leading Army to its seventh tournament crown in the last nine years.

The Black Knights went 5-0 in league play during the regular season to extend their record winning streak to 28 consecutive matches.

Army will make its seventh NCAA appearance on Saturday, when it travels to Fresno, Calif., to face No. 14 Fresno State in the opening round of the 2007 NCAA Division I Women's Tennis Championships.

The match is slated for a 4 p.m. start EST, 1 p.m. PST.

The Army players selected for the 2007 Patriot League Women's Tennis All-League Team were Niki Flach, Brooke Jones, Army, for the first team; and Kristin Beehler, Army and Sarah Giles-Madden, Army for the second team.

Niki Flach was named player of the year. Army's Paul Peck was named Coach of the Year.

## Flach, Thomas named 'Athlete of the Week'

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**WEST POINT, N.Y.** – Women's track and field standout Ebony Thomas and women's tennis star Niki Flach were named co-recipients of the Army Athletic Association's "Athlete of the Week" Award following a pair of outstanding performances in Patriot League championship action.

Thomas set an Academy record and had a hand in a pair of Patriot League meet standards, May 5 as the freshman helped lead the women's track and field team to a third-place finish at the confer-

ence championships.

The Philadelphia, Pa., native, whose clocking of 24.26 seconds in the 200m dash broke the Academy record and established a new conference meet standard, earned "Rookie of the Meet" laurels.

Thomas' list of impressive feats continued in the 400m dash, where the first-year standout took home the first-place ribbon in a time of 55.62.

The clocking, which represents a personal best, vaults her into third place on Army's all-time Top 10 list.

Thomas capped her busy day by helping the Black Knights' 4x100m

relay team to the gold in a Patriot League meet record time of 46.88.

The Army men's and women's track and field teams will return to action this May 12, when the Black Knights travel to Princeton, N.J., to take part in the IC4A/ECAC Championships, May 11-13.

Flach, meanwhile, led the Army women's tennis team to its third straight Patriot League Tournament title.

The sophomore, who went a perfect 4-0 during the team's two matches during the tourney, earned co-MVP honors.

The league player of the month

for April, Flach was selected as the conference's player of the year after compiling a 6-1 mark versus conference foes at No. 1 singles.

Flach posted a 9-1 record during April, authoring a 4-1 singles mark and tallying an unblemished 5-0 record in doubles action.

The Naples, Fla., native has won her last 13 doubles matches, tying an Academy record.

The Black Knights will be making the program's seventh trip to the NCAA Tournament on Saturday, when make a cross-country trek to Fresno, Calif., to face No. 14 Fresno State at 4 p.m. EST.



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Ebony Thomas