



Midland College Athletics

#8 MC Chaps Win Region V Title, Headed to JUCO World Series

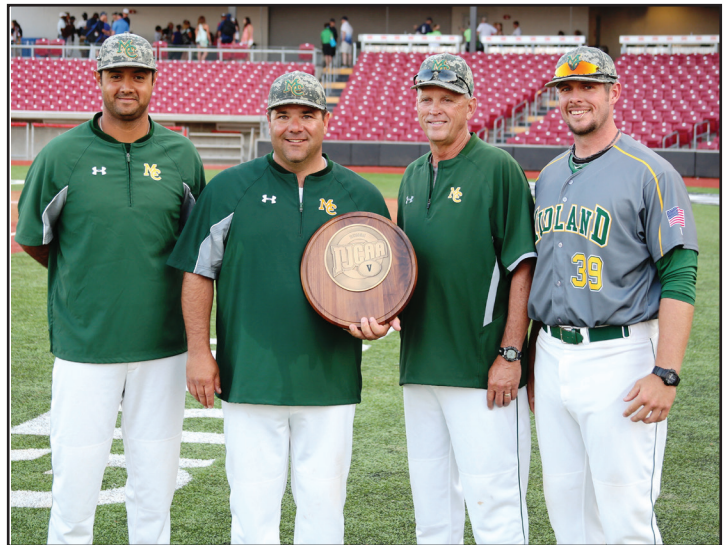
Chaparral Baseball

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QuikTrip Park @ Grand Prairie, TX

The Midland College baseball team went 4-0 in the 2013 NJCAA Region V Baseball Championship Tournament, winning games on four consecutive days and against teams with strong traditions of excellence on the diamond. The Chaps defeated Weatherford College, Temple College, WJCAC stalwart Howard College and national-power Grayson County Community College to secure the Region V title. It was the first-ever Region V Baseball title in the school's history and advanced the Chaparrals to the 2013 Alpine Bank JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, CO (May 31-June 1).

In an unusual bit of baseball efficiency, Midland College head coach David Coleman only used a total of five pitchers in four games. In Midland's opening game win over Weatherford College (2-1), starting pitcher Thomas McIlraith went 6 2/3 innings before handing the ball to closer Jared Robinson. Robinson, a University of Houston signee, closed the door on the Coyotes giving Midland a narrow one-run victory. Offensively only Ethan Kohnle and Blair Beck could muster a hit each for the Chaparrals. Matt Reyes and Jay Gonzalez each recorded RBIs for Midland College.



MC Coaching Staff, Hector Rodriguez, David Coleman (head coach), Jim Lawler, Chris Rowland

In the Chaps second game, sophomore starter Jason Zgardowski (an Angelo State University signee) threw a two-hit, shutout versus Temple College for MC's second win in the tournament (7-0). The MC bats came alive, with Jeremie Fagnan, Chris Shaw, Hunter Redman and Gonzalez each recording two hits in the contest. MC's Daniel Vargas chipped in with two RBIs.

Game three saw Cody Brown take the hill versus a very familiar Howard College Hawks team. The two teams, both from the Western Conference, played five games against each other this season with the Chaps winning three games. Brown went 5.0 innings before being relieved by Robinson who gave up only four hits in his four full innings of duty in the Chaps' razor-thin victory over the Hawks (7-6) in the bottom of the ninth inning. Chaparral batters Kohnle and Redman had two hits apiece with Redman driving in three runs in the game.

The win over HC moved the Chaps into the championship game versus Grayson County CC. The Vikings entered the tournament ranked 10th nationally. Midland's Jeremy Filipek (a UTSA signee), was in control from the outset, spreading out eight GCCC hits over 9.0 innings. The Midland College 'hit parade' was led by Vargas, Shaw and Redman with two hits each, including Shaw's grand slam homerun (four RBIs).

The Region V Tournament championship advances Midland College into the JUCO World Series where they will open play on Saturday, May 25th @ 12:00 p.m. against Kaskaskia College, IL. Kaskaskia advanced to the national tournament by winning the Northern District title on Saturday versus Wabash Valley College, IL by a score of 17-7. Kaskaskia's season record stands at 39-10. Midland College, 47-13 this season, is the Southwestern District representative.

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