Black and Gold Player Spotlight

The Pine Needle sits down with UNCP pitcher Tyler Wood after the diamond Braves’ hot start

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What are your expectations for yourself and the team as you begin the season?
The expectation for myself, as well as the rest of the pitching staff, is to go out and do our best to not give up any runs, let our defense work and give the team a chance to win the game. Being nationally ranked in the 3rd spot is nice, but if we keep playing the kind of baseball we are capable of playing, there is no doubt in my mind that we will be at the top of the list at the end of the season.

Describe your experience as a UNCP student athlete.
You find out what kind of person you really are and just about life in general.

What is your most exciting baseball moment?
Most exciting baseball moment is being nationally ranked 3rd, the highest in school history, but we’ve got a long road to the end of the season.

Talk about what goes on with the team before games.
The night before games we’ll try to relax. Going out to eat, watch a movie or play Xbox or something. On game day everyone has their own little things they like to do before the games to get ready.

Who/what are your biggest inspirations, in baseball and life?
My inspirations are God and my family.

What do you do personally before a game?
Before games I try to get focused on the task at hand. I’ll watch the opposing hitters take batting practice and try to get a idea of how to pitch them.

What was the last movie you watched?
The last movie I watched was “Friday.”

2011 Stats - Through March 13
3-1 record, 4.09 ERA, 33.0 innings pitched, 40 strikeouts

Bio of the week
Tyler Wood
Year - Senior
Sport - Baseball
Position - Pitcher
Hometown - Raleigh, NC
Major - Environmental Science