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Black and Gold Player Spotlight

The Pine Needle sits down with UNCP baseball player Brantly Hattrich as the 2011 season winds down

By Nick Phillips
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What are your expectations for you and the team as you enter the final weeks of the season?

My expectations for the rest of the season are to rebound from the tough weekend and win out the rest of the season. I think we are more than capable of doing that, but the ultimate goal is to make a regional tournament because I believe that we can play with anybody.

Describe your experience as a UNCP student athlete.

As a student athlete I have had a wonderful experience here at UNCP. Being a student-athlete has made me work much harder in the classroom because you can’t be a athlete if your grades don’t qualify. I enjoy waking up every day and either playing or practicing. We get to go eat breakfast, and on the way there we listen to Chill by Wale and Lady Gaga. We get to the gas station and get sunflower seeds, and on the way back we listen to Show Goes On by Lupe Fiasco. Fellow reliever Braxton Lewis and I always throw on the wall and stand at the line for the national anthem.

What/who are your biggest inspirations, in baseball and life?

My inspiration in baseball has to be my summer coach of four years, Jeff McNeely. Without him and his guidance, I wouldn’t even be a college athlete. He has helped me improve in the classroom and on the field. My family’s support in life has to be my mom and my dad. My mom has been to every game I can remember, and she is still my biggest fan. My father has instilled in me a hard work ethic and to never say you can’t do something.

What do you do personally before a game?

I am a very superstitious athlete. I do the same thing every game day. I wake up and put on my 3 Phiten necklaces and my Energy Armor wristband. Once we’re done with pre-game batting practice we get to go eat breakfast, and on the way there we listen to Chill by Wale and Lady Gaga. We get to the gas station and get sunflower seeds, and on the back way we listen to Show Goes On by Lupe Fiasco. Fellow reliever Braxton Lewis and I always throw on the wall and stand at the line for the national anthem.

2011 Stats
16 appearances, 3-0 record, 1.50 ERA, 30.0 innings pitched, 32 K’s

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As a squad, the Lady Braves ended the tournament with a 12-over-par 73 in day one and a one-under-par 69 in the final round to win the PBC title by four strokes over Armstrong Atlantic State University. Dannmann shot a one-under-par 71 in the final round to take home individual medalist honors.

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