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Written by Dee Loflin, SMT Manager/Writer

Charleston, Missouri - They may not be called Flying Squirrels, but they are flying to Alabama! The Charleston Fighting Squirrels are headed to the Babe Ruth World Series!

It will be the second World Series appearance for the Fighting Squirrels, who are coached by Michael Minner.

"We've got a bunch of good kids," according to Coach Minner. "They play the game the right way."

Listen to all the action on Rock 107 FM, Thursday night as they take on the host team, Covington County, Alabama at 7:00 p.m.

The Squirrels are now 50-9 on the season with a 10 game winning streak! They have their sights set on winning the World Series in Covington County, Alabama. We're cheering for you in Missouri!

"We've had a great run," Minner said. "We just played incredible baseball at the Midwest Plains Regionals and we're excited to be going to the World Series.

"We're going to go out there and represent Charleston, Southeast Missouri and the Midwest Plains with the utmost class." stated Coach Minner.

To follow the Charleston Fighting Squirrels, go to the Babe Ruth World Series website by clicking on the picture below. The ShowMe Times will try to post as many updates as possible on our Facebook page.

We wish the Squirrels luck and God speed on their journey to win the National Championship!

Go Nuts Squirrels!!!

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Submitted by

Beth Farrah, SMT Writer

Pittsburg, Pennsylvania – After seven straight losses from the St. Louis Cardinals, they finally got back on track after defeating the Pittsburg Pirates in their rivals' very own stadium.

Joe Kelly threw six shutout innings and the Cardinals got two RBI from Allen Craig, Jon Jay, and Tony Cruz in a 13-0 rout at PNC Park.

The Cardinals, who pounded out 17 hits and scored eight times in the seventh inning, won for the first time on this road trip, which will conclude with a three-game set at Cincinnati.

"It's definitely a change in attitude and a change in atmosphere and a good way to leave here," Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said.

Kelly (2-3) allowed three hits and also went 2-for-3 at the plate and scored a run.

The Pirates were limited to five hits, two of them coming from Starling Marte. Despite their only loss in this five-game set, the Pirates will head into Friday with a 1 1/2 game lead in the division.

"We held a team in the bag for four days and the cat got out tonight," Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said.

Charlie Morton (3-3) surrendered 10 hits and five runs over six frames. He has gone 0-5 in his last six starts against the Cardinals.

Singles from Jay and Cruz put runners at the corners with two outs in the second. Morton then uncorked a wild pitch and was late covering the plate, allowing Jay to come home with the first run.

Morton struck out to leave the bases full in the bottom portion, and the Cardinals scored three times in the fourth. Jay was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and Holliday then Matt Holliday scored on Cruz's double-play groundout. Pete Kozma followed with an RBI base hit to center.

St. Louis couldn't score after the loaded the bases in the fifth and Neil Walker grounded out with two men in scoring position in the bottom of the frame.

Carlos Beltran made it 5-0 in the sixth with an RBI double, which scored Kelly.

The Cardinals shelled Jeanmar Gomez in the eighth. The right-hander was pounded for seven runs -- five earned -- on four hits and a pair of walks.

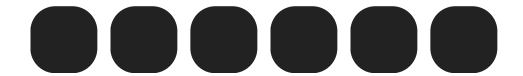
Jay singled in a run and Cruz doubled to the left field corner to drive in two for an 8-0 margin. Matt Carpenter lifted a bases-loaded sacrifice fly to right.

Vic Black entered with the bases full again and Craig doubled to left for two RBI. Holliday's run-scoring groundout and Freese's RBI double capped the huge inning.

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Holden Named All-American Scholar

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Jonesboro, **Arkansas** - The Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) has announced that three members of the 2012-13 Arkansas State men's golf team, including Wessel Zwiegers, **Chance Holden** and Easton Key, have each been named a *Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-America Scholar*.

The three A-State golfers are among 152 Division I-A players across the nation to receive the honor recognizing student-athletes who are either a junior or senior academically, competed at least three full years at the collegiate level, participated in at least 70 percent of their team's competitive rounds or in the NCAA Championships, held a stroke average under 76.0 and maintained a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2.

"I'm extremely proud of these three young men," said A-State head men's golf coach Steve Johnson. "They have demonstrated that they've embraced the concept of 'student-athlete.' Not only have they excelled in the classroom, but all have been permanent fixtures on the starting lineup and missed the most class time. Taking that into account, plus the difficulty of their majors, makes them even more deserving of this award."

Zwiegers, a senior on last year's squad, carried a 75.8 stroke average per round that ranked tied for second on the team behind only Key. He collected two top-25 finishes, including a season-best tied for 10th place at the Bill Ross Intercollegiate. The Cape Town, South Africa, native posted his best round at the Cobra-PUMA Invitational with a 2-under par 70.

Key held a team-best 75.2 stroke average as a junior last season while posting three top-20 finishes, including a championship effort at the Bill Ross Intercollegiate. His season-low round of 69 was also shot at the Bill Ross tournament. The Meridian, Miss., native finished tied for 18th place at the Sun Belt Conference Championships to lead the Red Wolves.

Chance Holden, from Dexter, Missouri, averaged 75.8 strokes while competing in a team-high 32 rounds. The junior recorded three top-25 finishes, including a season-best tied for 11th place at the Mobile Bay Intercollegiate and tied for 22nd place at the Sun Belt Conference Championships. His low round of 70 was posted at the Jackrabbit Invitational. Holden also recently qualified to compete at the U.S. Amateur, set for Aug. 12-18 in Brookline, Mass.

The Dexter Community is proud of Chance and his accomplishments! Congratulations! We wish you success in Brookline, MA!!

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Greenwing Event at Otter Slough

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Greenwing Event at Otter Slough

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Dexter, Missouri - For the last several years, the Dexter Chapter of Ducks Unlimited and the Missouri Department of Conservation have held a Greenwing Event during late July at Otter Slough Conservation Area.

The 2013 event is this **Saturday**, **July 27** and begins at 7 am. This event is free and open to the public. They will meet in the large parking lot next to Cypress Lake.

Department of Conservation biologists are going to demonstrate electrofishing techniques in Cypress Lake. Everyone in attendance will have a front row seat while fisheries biologists run a shocking boat along the shoreline.

Wildlife biologists and Ducks Unlimited volunteers will be checking traps for mourning doves and wood ducks. Any ducks and doves trapped that morning will be banded and released.

They hope to capture enough birds to allow each youth to help band and release their own dove or duck. If you have attended past events, you know that trapping ducks can be unpredictable.

Our duck trapping success has ranged from one to fifty-two for this event.

They have caught mourning doves each year, but those numbers have also fluctuated. Regardless of trapping success, this will be an excellent opportunity to spend some quality family time in the outdoors and meet Conservation Department and Ducks Unlimited folks in person.

They have a couple other activities planned which are sure to be fun for everyone. The day's activities should be completed by 10:00 a.m. depending upon weather and trapping success.

For more information please contact Mark Reed at 573-421-3240, Otter Slough at 573-624-5821, or Mike Wilburn at 573-421-3713.

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Hanna Moore To Compete in the AAU Junior Olympics

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Dexter, Missouri - Hanna Moore, daughter of Tisha Moore, of Dexter will be competing in the 2013 AAU Junior Olympics to be held on the Eastern Michigan University Campus in Ypsilanti, Michigan, just outside of the Detroit area.

Athletes from all over the country will invade Eastern Michigan University Campus to take part in the 2013 AAU Junior Olympics. This year's Junior Olympics will host the following events across six different venues: Baton Twirling, Bowling, Cheerleading, Cricket, Field Hockey, Feats of Strength, Gymnastics, Jump Rope, Karate, Powerlifting, Sport Stacking, Swimming, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Track & Field / Multi-Events, Trampoline & Tumbling, Weightlifting, and Wrestling.

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Along with the great competition between athletes of all ages from all over the United States, there will be also be great events like the Celebration of Athletes on Monday, July 29th at 7:30 p.m.

Competitions begin on Friday, July 26th and end on Saturday, August 3rd on the Olds-Marshall Track at Rynearson Stadium. In order to compete at the Junior Olympics, Hanna had to be one of the top five finishers at the St. Louis 2013 AAU Track & Field National Qualifier Meet.

Medals will be awarded to the top eight finishers in each age division and a plaque will be awarded to the first place relay team in each age division. Hanna will be competing in the 13 year old age group and has qualified in the 800 meter and long jump. Her longest jump recorded so far has been over 14 feet. She also will participate in the Multi-Events category running the 800 meter, 200 meter hurdles, and performing the long jump, high jump and shot put.

Congratulations Hanna and the Dexter Community is cheering for you! Make us proud in Michigan!

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