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RECORDS FALL AT OUTDOOR OPENER



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The Briar Cliff track team opened its 2008 outdoor season with an outstanding showing at Dana's Neil Moore Classic, Saturday. The Chargers set four school record on the day, including senior Katybeth Whited in the hammer throw. Whited won the event with a toss of 131-06, surpassing Alissa James' 2004 record of 126-00. It was one of five titles won by the BCU women's team and one of 13 top five performances. The Chargers also finished first in the 400m (senior Katie Meyerhoff), 800m (junior Sam Garay), 3000m steeplechase (sophomore Rosemary Bernth) and the shot put (senior Sarah Hummelgard). On the men's side, the Chargers registered four top five finishes and established a trio of school records. Freshman Erik Lindsay broke Matt Kennedy's 2003 school record of 15.87 in the 110m hurdles with a clocking of 15.62. Lindsay finished seventh in the event. Fellow classmate and hurdler Tony Cosentino broke the school record in the 400m hurdles with a time of 59.00. Consentino finished fifth as he bettered Jeff Dempsey's 2004 school record of 1:03.50. Freshman Zack Mullins became the Chargers' triple jump record holder, jumping 39-09.75 and finishing fourth. The Chargers will compete at Wayne State, Saturday.

CHARGERS MOVE UP STANDINGS

The Chargers have opened their conference schedule with a record of 6-2. This past Sunday, the Chargers swept league-leading Midland Lutheran, 5-1 and 4-3, climbing into a second place tie with the Warriors. Northwestern now leads the league with a conference mark of 5-1. The 7-15 Chargers will take a three-game winning streak into a pair of conference doubleheaders on slate for this weekend. The Chargers will play at Dordt, Saturday, before returning home to play Mount Marty, Sunday. As a team, the Chargers are hitting .291, while their opponents are batting .338. Senior Andrew Swank leads the team with a .438 average and a .603 slugging percentage. Swank leads the team with 32 hits. Freshman Jacob Olivas (.377) has had a productive spring, leading the Chargers with 26 RBI and a pair of homeruns. Junior Chris Davis (.354) leads the squad with six doubles and 10 stolen bases. Junior Charlie Benz and sophomore Stephen Keane both improved to 2-1 on the mound with complete game victories on Sunday. Benz leads the Chargers' pitching staff with 32.1 innings worked. Junior Eric Fox, who is 0-4 on the season, has struck-out a staff-high 16 batters.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS:

- Monday:** No Athletic Events
- Tuesday:** SB @ Mount Marty (POSTPONED - 4/6)
- Wednesday:** No Athletic Events
- Thursday:** MG @ Nebraska Wesleyan Invite, 9:00
TN vs. Morningside (Leif Erikson Park), 4:00
- Friday:** MG @ Nebraska Wesleyan Invite, TBA
- Saturday:** TR @ Wayne State Open, 10:00
BA @ Dordt, 1:00 (2x7)
SB @ Midland Lutheran, 1:00
- Sunday:** SB @ Mount Marty, 1:00
BA vs. Mount Marty, 1:30 (2x7)

ARENS LEADS BCU SOFTBALL

The BCU softball team has won six of its last eight games and owns an overall record of 9-11 and a conference mark of 5-3. The Chargers are currently tied with Hastings for the most wins in conference play. Last week, junior Amanda Arens produced big numbers for the Chargers, hitting .556 with 10 hits in 18 at-bats, including three doubles, two homeruns and six RBI. Arens is hitting .382 on the season, while leading the team in runs (12), hits (21), doubles (6), homeruns (2) and RBI (11). Freshman Tana Colt leads the Chargers with a .457 batting average and five stolen bases. As a team, the Chargers are hitting .269, while their opponents are hitting .260. Sophomore Camille Cruz has led the Chargers on the mound, producing a 5-5 record with a 2.33 ERA and 84 strikeouts. The Chargers will play at Midland Lutheran, Saturday and at Mount Marty, Sunday.

TENNIS HOSTS MUSTANGS

The Briar Cliff tennis team is scheduled to host Morningside, Thursday, at Leif Erikson Park. The Chargers are 0-4 overall and are coming off a 9-0 loss to Dordt, Saturday. The Chargers were 2-6 last year against GPAC opponents. Senior Kayla Boyd leads the team with a 2-2 singles record. Sophomore Alex Lawless has a squad-high two doubles victories, partnering for a win with both Boyd and junior Ronda Kachena.