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BCU BASEBALL SECOND IN GPAC



SWANK

The Briar Cliff baseball team has won six of its last seven, including a sweep of Mount Marty, Sunday. The Chargers have swept two of their last three conference foes on their way to an overall record of 10-16 and a conference mark of 9-3. They are second in the GPAC standings behind preseason favorite Northwestern. Senior Andrew Swank leads the Chargers with a .442 batting average and 38 hits. Junior Chris Davis is hitting .370 with team-highs of six doubles, four triples and 12 stolen bases. Freshman Jacob Olivas (.346) and sophomore Jeremy Majeres (.309) round out the team's .300-plus hitters. As a team, the Chargers are batting .301. That number increases to .362 in conference play. In GPAC games, the Chargers have four .400-plus hitters and another four .300-plus hitters. Sophomore Stephen Keane and junior Charlie Benz are both 3-0 in their conference starts. Keane owns a 1.50 ERA against GPAC teams, while Benz sports a 1.89. Overall, Keane has a 4.33 ERA, while Benz sits at 4.93. This week, the Chargers will host Sioux Falls, Saturday, before playing at Dana, Sunday.

COLT LEADS CHARGERS

The Chargers swept Mount Marty, Sunday, their second conference sweep of the season. With the wins, the Chargers improved to 11-13 overall and 7-5 in the GPAC. The Chargers only have two games on slate for this week, a mid-week home doubleheader with Dakota Wesleyan. The Chargers have a trio of players with .300-plus batting averages, led by freshman Tana Colt's .413 average. Junior Amanda Arens is hitting .373 with two homeruns and team-highs of 25 hits, 14 runs and 13 RBI. Junior Andrea Parkinson, who is hitting .309, has a team-best seven doubles. The Chargers are hitting .265 on the season, while their opponents are batting .240. Sophomore Camille Cruz is 6-6 on the mound, while leading the Chargers' pitching staff with 88.2 innings, 107 strikeouts and a 2.13 ERA.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS:

- Monday:** No Athletic Events
- Tuesday:** No Athletic Events
- Wednesday:** SB vs. Dakota Wesleyan, 3:00
- Thursday:** MG @ Briar Cliff Invite (Green Valley), 9:00
- Friday:** No Athletic Events
- Saturday:** TR @ Red Raider Open, 10:00
TN vs. Concordia/Doane, 10:30/1:30
BA vs. Sioux Falls, 1:00 (2x7)
- Sunday:** BA @ Dana, 1:30 (2x7)

INSTANT IMPACT



MULLINS

Zack Mullins was one of five BCU freshmen who qualified for the NAIA National Wrestling Championships this past March. Now, he has his sights set on becoming possibly the first Charger to compete at nationals in two different sports during the same year. Mullins became the Chargers' triple jump record holder, jumping 39-09.75 and finishing fourth at Dana's Neil Moore Classic, March 29. On Saturday, at the Wayne State Classic, Mullins soared to 42-02.25. The national automatic qualifying distance is 47-00, however, the provisional standard is one foot shorter. The Chargers also re-established another school record Saturday, as senior Katybeth Whited improved her mark in the hammer throw to 134-10. Another sparkling performance for the Chargers came from junior Monica Gattrell, who outdistanced the competition in the 10,000m, setting a meet record with a time of 42:23.60. The Chargers will take to the track again, Saturday, at the Red Raider Open.

MEN'S GOLF OPENS SEASON, HOSTS BCU INVITE THIS WEEK

The Briar Cliff men's golf team opened its 2008 spring season with a sixth place finish at the Nebraska Wesleyan Invite, last Thursday and Friday. The Chargers shot a two-day 662 and finished 33 strokes off the lead. Senior Ben Keane tied for seventh overall after firing a 79-78-157. Keane is one of only two seniors on this year's team. Keane and his Charger teammates will host the Briar Cliff Invite, Thursday, at Green Valley Golf Course. Aside from Briar Cliff, Dordt, Morningside, Northwestern and Sioux Falls are expected to participate. The meet will serve as another tune-up for the Chargers, who will also host this year's GPAC Men's Golf Championship, April 21-22, at Green Valley. The Chargers won the GPAC title in 2003, their first year in the conference.