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BCU BASEBALL SECOND IN GPAC

The Charger baseball team has won more conference games than any other team in the GPAC. The Chargers are second in the conference with a record of 11-3. Overall, they 12-16. The Chargers are coming off a sweep of Dana, Sunday. They have won eight of their last nine games, sweeping three of their last four conference foes. Senior Andrew Swank continues to lead the Chargers with a .440 batting average and 40 hits. Junior Chris Davis is hitting .370 with team-highs of eight doubles, four triples and 14 stolen bases. A pair of freshmen Jacob Olivas and Andrew Benton round out the team's .300-plus hitters with averages of .345 and .305, respectively. As a team, the Chargers are batting .300. That number increases to .385 at Bishop Mueller Field. Sophomore Stephen Keane and junior Charlie Benz are both 3-1 on the season. Benz has thrown a team-high 38.1 innings, while junior Eric Fox leads the Chargers' pitching staff with 24 strikeouts. The Chargers are scheduled to play seven games this week, four of which will be at the friendly confines of Bishop Mueller Field.

CRUZ CONTROL



CRUZ

Sophomore Camille Cruz is closing in on a record which has seemed untouchable since it was established in 1999. Cruz has 117 strikeouts on the season and is only 22k's away from breaking Missy Jordan's record. Cruz is 8-6 on the mound this season, pitching a staff-high 100.1 innings. She owns an impressive 1.97 ERA and has thrown three shutouts on the season. Her performance on the hill has helped the Chargers climb to .500 on the season (13-13). The Chargers have won four-straight, sweeping their last two conference foes. In the GPAC, the Chargers are sitting in fourth place with a 9-5 mark. Junior Amanda Arens and freshman Tana Colt are leading the Chargers' offense, hitting .394 and .385, respectively. Arens sports team-highs of 28 hits and 13 RBI, while her and Colt each have 15 runs. Colt has a team-best five stone bases. As a team, the Chargers are hitting .269 on the season, while their opponents hit .238. The Chargers are scheduled to play eight games this week, six of which will be at home, where the Chargers are 4-0 on the season. At Bishop Mueller Field, the Chargers are batting .343, while holding their foes to an average of .202. Arens is 7-10 (.700) at the plate at BMF. Cruz boasts a 0.96 ERA and a 3-0 record at home.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS:

- Monday:** BA vs. Sioux Falls, 1:30
TR @ Wayne State's Sunshine Invite, 3:00
TN vs. Doane in Omaha, NE, 5:00
- Tuesday:** SB vs. Morningside, 4:00
- Wednesday:** SB vs. Dordt, 5:00
- Thursday:** BA vs. Morningside @ South Sioux, 6:00 (1x9)
- Friday:** WG @ Northwestern Invite, 9:00
MG @ Buena Vista Invite, 10:00
TR @ Sioux City Relays, Noon
SB vs. Concordia, 4:00
- Saturday:** MG @ Buena Vista Invite, 8:30
TR @ Sioux City Relays, 9:00
TN vs. Midland Lutheran, 10:00
BA @ Dakota Wesleyan, 1:00 (2x7)
SB vs. Doane, 1:00
- Sunday:** BA vs. Doane, 1:30 (2x7)

ONE WEEK, TWO MEETS

The BCU track team will get a preview of Morningside's Elwood Olsen Stadium, this weekend, when they compete at the 2008 edition of the Sioux City Relays. Olsen Stadium will be the site of this year's GPAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships, May 3. According to the last GPAC performance chart, the highest rated BCU men's track athlete is freshman Erik Lindsay, who is seventh in the 110m hurdles (15.62). On the women's side, junior Monica Gattrell is third in the 10,000m with a season-best time of 42:23.60, while senior Sarah Hummelgard is sixth in the shot put (39-03.25). Due to the cancellation of Saturday's Red Raider Invite, the Chargers will compete at today's nine-team Sunshine Invitational, hosted by Wayne State. Action will begin today at 3 p.m.

MEDIA CONFERENCE

The Briar Cliff University Athletic Department will formally introduce Tom Rethman as the school's new football coach at a 3 p.m. news conference, Wednesday, in the Stark Student Center, on the BCU campus.

