

Baseball sweeps weekend series with Ohio Valley

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After their scheduled season opening double-header against Milligan College was cancelled due to the threat of snow, the baseball team opened the 2009 season with a three-game sweep of Ohio Valley University.

In the first game of the Saturday double-header, the Tornados put two runs across the plate in the first inning and added another in the second. A leadoff homerun in the top of the third helped the Fighting Scots cut the lead to 3-1.

In the fifth inning however, the Tornados were able to rough up the Ohio Valley starter for three more runs and added an

extra tally in the bottom of the sixth to close out the scoring for the afternoon with the B.C. winning 7-1.

Freshman Matthew Pruitt started off his collegiate career by going 3-3 with two runs scored on the day while senior Brice Warner and sophomore Stephen Mullis each went 2-3. Senior Ryan Toney picked up the win, pitching five innings while giving up only one run. Junior Tommy Yearty shut the door by pitching two scoreless innings.

In game two of the afternoon, senior Seth Laughter threw a one-hit complete game, striking out two as the Tornados won 3-0. Juniors William Scholer and Jason Merrill each went 2-3 in the win, while Mullis broke the game open with a two-run triple in the bottom of the third.

On Sunday afternoon, junior Shane Gal-

loway, fresh off a game with the men's basketball team, took the mound in his first appearance of the year. Giving up two runs over five innings, Galloway picked up his first win of the year, striking out six while walking none in a 14-6 Brevard rout.

Offensively on the afternoon, Pruitt went 3-4 and Warner went 2-5 with both players scoring two runs. Junior Jackie Corn opened up the offensive onslaught with a two-run home run in the fifth inning and Mullis capped back-to-back six-run frames with a two-run shot in the sixth.

The Tornados continue their season-opening homestand this weekend against Mercyhurst College. The action begins with a doubleheader on Saturday followed by a nine-inning game on Sunday. First pitch on both days is at noon.

Football signing class released

Name	Position	Hometown	Previous School
Josh Richardson	LB	Pomaria, S.C.	Mid-Carolina HS
Drew Tiernan	P	Kernersville, N.C.	East Forsyth HS
Ashlin Butler	RB	Spartanburg, S.C.	Dorman HS
CJ Wilson	LB	Kernersville, N.C.	East Forsyth HS
Francois Gaudreault	OL	Summerville, S.C.	Pinewood Prep
Reece Poole	OL	Lamar, S.C.	Lamar HS
Eric Simms	OL/DL	Gastonia, N.C.	Highlands Tech
Justin Matis	K/P	Charlotte, N.C.	North Mecklenburg HS
Blake Shirey	DL	Newberry, S.C.	Mid-Carolina HS
Rashan Farid	OL	Spartanburg, S.C.	Spartanburg HS
Tyler Parker	DB	Charlotte, N.C.	South Mecklenburg HS
Dusty Holder	OL	Liberty, S.C.	Liberty HS
Josh Neratka	LB	Denver, N.C.	North Lincoln HS
Joe Reuter	OL	Prosperity, S.C.	Mid-Carolina HS
Trevor Warbington	DL	Buford, Ga.	Buford HS
Clay Hughes	QB	Prosperity, S.C.	Mid-Carolina HS
Phillip Curcio	DB	Pomaria, S.C.	Mid-Carolina HS
Don Craig	RB	Cherokee, N.C.	Cherokee HS
Michael Smith	TE	Andrews, S.C.	Andrews HS
Patrick Keller	DL	Acworth, Ga.	Harrison HS
Jamal Hall	WR	Charleston, S.C.	Fort Dorchester HS
Bret Thacker	OL/DL	Andrews, S.C.	Andrews HS
Trey Bostick	DB	Concord, N.C.	Central Cabarrus HS
Chris Jordan	WR	Los Angeles, Calif.	Hawthorne HS
Bryant Robertson	LB	Gray Court, S.C.	Laurens HS
Brett Lilly	QB	Harrisburg, N.C.	Hickory Ridge HS
Steven Archer	DB	Cherokee, N.C.	Cherokee HS
David Taylor	LB	Cherokee, N.C.	Cherokee HS
Colby Laughter	OL	Brevard, N.C.	Brevard HS
Michael Crumbaker	QB	Arlington, Texas	Feather River College
Nikko Scott	LB	Charleston, S.C.	Cathedral Academy
Richard Esslinger	DL	Fayetteville, N.C.	Pine Forest HS

Tornados defend home court from Crusaders

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Wednesday night was a night of career-highs as both the men's and women's basketball teams completed season sweeps against North Greenville University.

In the men's game, junior Jonathan Whitson set the all-time Brevard College scoring record as well as a career high in points as the Tornados defeated the Crusaders 78-62. Whitson put in 33 points on the night as he surpassed Tyjuan Campbell, who had scored 1,356 points in his career. Junior Cody Siniard chipped in with 11 points and classmate Darin Dellinger dished out a career-best ten assists.

In the women's game, junior Samantha Winn scored 32 points and grabbed nine rebounds leading the Tornados to an 82-62 rout of the Crusaders. Freshman Holli Flippo scored 13 and classmates Anna Schlobohm and Kelly Hudler chipped with eight points apiece.