

Sports

Baseball improves to 5-1 season record

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A two-out, two-run walk-off single by freshman Matthew Pruitt finished off a dramatic come-from-behind win Sunday for the Brevard College baseball team against Mercyhurst College. The 7-6 win improved the Tornados' record to 5-1 and gave BC a series win against the Lakers.

On Saturday, the Tornados split a double-header against Mercyhurst. After dropping the first game 6-5, the Tornados were able to bounce back with a 12-9 win in the night-

cap setting the scene for Sunday's clash.

After falling behind in the first inning, the Tornados scored two in the bottom of the first to take a 2-1 lead. The Lakers tied the game up in the top of the second and took a lead with a four run fifth inning forcing junior starting pitcher Shane Galloway out of the game. The bullpen, however, stopped the bleeding, shutting down the Lakers offense the rest of the way.

Trailing 6-2 entering the eighth inning, the Tornados bats came alive putting two runs across in the bottom of the inning to cut the lead to 6-4. After sophomore Luke

Smithson (1-0) retired the side in order in the top of the inning, the Tornados loaded the bases with two outs. A bases-loaded walk to senior Brice Warner drove in one run and on the following at-bat Pruitt ended the game with his walk-off single.

The Tornados return to action on Thursday with a game at Erskine before returning home to open their conference season with a 3 game series against Newberry this Saturday and Sunday. The double-header on Saturday begins at high noon, with a single game to follow on Sunday with first pitch scheduled for 1 p.m.

Softball: Tornados snakebite Cobras

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The Brevard College softball team started off their season in fine fashion, sweeping Virginia Intermont last week.

After winning their opening two games in Bristol, Virginia, the Tornados were able to repeat the feat on Sunday afternoon, winning both ends of the double header.

In the season opener, junior Jennifer Gift surrendered three unearned runs in the bottom of the first, but calmed down, giving up only five hits the rest of the game while striking out seven to get the complete game

win. The Tornados answered the early 3-3 tie with a run in the third inning, three runs in the fourth and another single run in the sixth inning to win 8-3. Junior Kristina Clayton went 4-5 on the game while freshman Chelsi Mallory crossed the plate four times in the win.

In the second game, junior Liz Houser pitched a complete game, three-hit shutout as the Tornados blasted the Cobras 14-0. The game was shortened to five innings because of the NAIA 8-run rule.

On Sunday, the Cobras travelled to Brevard, yet the results followed the same pattern despite the change of venue. In game

one, Gift picked up her second win while hurling a complete game five-hit shutout. Mallory continued her early offensive success going 4-4 with a double and scoring two run.

In the nightcap, Houser improved her record to 2-0 giving up only two unearned runs and five hits, in a 4-2 Tornado win. Clayton went 3-4 with an RBI and a run scored to lead the Tornados offensively again.

BC softball returns to action today with a double-header against North Greenville University. First pitch is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Hoops: Tornados hold off Carson-Newman

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In a must win game, the Brevard College men's basketball team was able defeated Carson-Newman 101-97 in overtime to keep their chances alive for a berth in the South Atlantic Conference Tournament. The win improves the Tornados record to 12-12 overall and 3-10 in the SAC.

Coming out of halftime with a 15 point lead, the Tornados saw the Eagles come back to hold a three point lead with under a minute to go. However, a three-pointer by senior Joseph Chilton with 10.7 seconds

remaining forced overtime. In the extra period, Chilton put in eight more points, and clutch shooting was able to bring home the victory.

Junior Jonathan Whitson led all scorers with 30 points along with 11 rebounds, and five other Tornados scored in double figures. Junior Sam Carlisle, along with Whitson, recorded a double-double scoring 11 points and snatching down 12 rebounds.

On the night the Tornados shot a scorching 71.4% from three-point land to aid the victory. The Tornados return to action at home on Saturday against Tusculum College. Tipoff is scheduled for 4 p.m.



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Sam Carlisle finishes around the rim during Wednesday's 101-97 win over Carson-Newman at the "Think Pink" basketball game to benefit the Kay Yow Foundation.