

Milligan Buffaloes take two from Tornados on Wednesday

Steele Myers had three RBIs in the first game of the doubleheader, while Randy O'Dell and Ron Patterson had two hits apiece in game two, but Milligan used big innings in both games to sweep the doubleheader over the host Tornados, 16-4 and 6-4.

Alex Litaker and Michael Bradley suffered the losses for Brevard (11-17), while Tyler Walker and Ethan Fleenor recorded the victories for the Buffaloes (16-13).

The Buffaloes saw their first 13 batters reach base in the top of the third and 11 came around to score to blow open the first game of the doubleheader as Milligan took down the Tornados, 16-4.

Milligan chased BC starter Litaker in the first inning as the first five batters all reached base and scored to take the early 5-0 lead.

The Tornados answered with a pair in the bottom half of the inning as Kramer Clark reached on a one-out error by the second baseman. O'Dell followed with a double to the left centerfield gap scoring Clark to put the Tornados on the board. Two batters later, Myers lifted a pitch from Walker to straightaway centerfield, scoring O'Dell from third to put the score at 5-2 after one.

Brevard plated runs in both the third and the fifth as Myers doubled down the line in the third to score Clark, and Myers again brought home the BC left fielder with a base hit through the left side of the infield in the fifth, but it was not enough as the Tornados fell in the first game, 16-4.

Bradley (0-1) pitched four effective innings in his first start of the 2011 season, but the Buffaloes used a four-run fourth inning to jump ahead and the Tornados rally fell short as Brevard was unable to prevent the sweep in

falling 6-4.

Cory Hilton led off the fourth inning with a double to left centerfield and came around to score on Tyler Hutson's one-out double down the right field line. Bradley retired the next batter on strikes, but Dustin Clawson followed with a base hit, scoring Hutson and Wesley Jones cleared the bases with a home run down the left field line to give Milligan the 4-0 lead.

The Tornados scored three in the bottom of the sixth to climb back into the game as Patterson brought in two with a base hit through the right side of the infield. The right fielder misplayed the grounder, allowing it to get past him and Clark and O'Dell came around to score with Patterson holding up at third. Merriken's single down the left field line scored Patterson and the relay from the left fielder into the infield bounced away, allowing Merriken to reach third base with none out. Sean Robinson was able to escape the jam as Merriken was thrown out trying to score on Myers' infield grounder and the pitcher retired the next two batters to end the inning with the lead intact.

Milligan plated a pair of insurance runs in the seventh as Luke Kirk doubled to lead off the inning, before coming around to score on Kyle Kolat's sacrifice fly. Cody Hyder also brought in a run, scoring Hilton with a single to give the Buffaloes the 6-3 lead.

The Tornados scored one run off J.J. Bergamin in the bottom half of the inning and had the winning run at the plate, but were unable to tie it up in falling 6-4.

Brevard takes to the road this weekend as they travel to Salisbury, N.C. and Newman Park, as they take on the Catawba Indians. First pitch of the SAC weekend series will take place on Friday, March 25th, at 7 p.m.

Tennis wins sixth straight over Lenoir-Rhyne

The BC women's tennis team continued their winning ways, winning their sixth consecutive match on Wednesday afternoon in defeating visiting Lenoir-Rhyne, 8-1.

The streak, which began on March 11 over Charleston, improves the Tornados record to 9-5, 2-0 SAC on the season, while Lenoir-Rhyne falls to 1-10, 1-6 in conference play.

Kelsey Love and Emily Mauser took the first point for the Bears, winning at no. 1 doubles, 8-6, over Brevard's Lindsay Hostetter and Claire Dillman.

The Tornados evened the score as Lindsay Shaeffer and Jennifer Nyman on court 2, 8-0, while Elise Labus and Michelle Prata put

Brevard ahead with their 8-4 victory at the no. 3 position.

In singles action, the Tornados took five of the six matches in straight sets, with Labus sweeping her opponent in a 6-0, 6-0 victory. Hostetter's match on court no. 2 went to three sets, and the junior won the tiebreaker in defeating Love, 4-6, 6-0, 10-5 to complete the afternoon for Brevard.

The Tornados return to the courts on Friday afternoon in Salisbury, NC as they take on SAC opponent Catawba College.

First serve at the Johnson Tennis Center is set for 2 p.m.

Women's golf takes 17th at Pinehurst

Alisiya Klochkova led the Tornados as they improved on yesterday's results, moving up in the tournament to finish 17th overall at the Pinehurst Challenge hosted by Wingate University on Monday and Tuesday.

The Tornados recorded a two-round score of 922, dropping 50 strokes from their first round total to finish 17th in the tournament. UNC Pembroke took home the team title in the tournament.

Klochkova dropped five strokes from her first round score to finish in a tie for 42nd overall with a two-round score of 167. Ashley Allen also dropped 10 strokes from her score to move up to 85th in the tournament, while Rebecca Schoonover dropped 16 strokes from her first round score and Kelsey Wyatt carded a 19 stroke difference on the second day as the Tornados completed the tournament.

Brevard returns to the links on April 4th and 5th as they take part in the Agnes McAmis Memorial Tournament at the Link Hills Country Club as hosted by Tusculum College.

Stamper leads men's golf at Montreat spring invitational

Michael Stamper finished tied for ninth overall at the rain-shortened Montreat College Spring Invitational on Monday in leading the Tornados to a fourth place finish at nearby Glen Cannon Country Club.

The Tornados finished the round with a combined score of 310, finishing 11 strokes behind overall champion North Greenville University as they closed out a tough Spring Break stretch of two tournaments in five days.

Stamper finished the round carding a 76, 4-over par on the day to six in a five way tie for ninth place overall to lead the Tornados.

BC continues on the road as they travel to Charlotte to take part in the Hargett Memorial Invitational, beginning on March 28.

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