

BC Softball victories

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NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. (March 11, 2020) - The Brevard College softball team (7-5) extended its spring break winning streak to five games, claiming victories over Penn State Harrisburg and Albertus Magnus on Tuesday afternoon at the Fastpitch Dreams Spring Classic.

The Tornados used a big five-run sixth inning to thump the Nittany Lions, 10-3, while freshman Alyssa Flynn won her third-consecutive start in a 6-0 shutout victory over the Falcons.

GAME ONE - BREVARD 10, PENN STATE HARRISBURG 3

Freshman pitching sensation Jordan Kielson (4-1) earned the start and the victory for the Tornados, pitching four innings without allowing an earned run in her outing. Fellow freshman right-handed hurler Lea Kindrick threw three quality innings of shutout ball for her second save of the 2020 season.

Junior slugger Emily White led four Tornados who logged multi-hit outings against the Nittany Lions, going 3-for-4 with two runs scored, one RBI, and a season-high three doubles. Ali Grace Hartman, Mikayla Morgan all tallied two hits apiece, while Hartman and Micayla McCoy each posted an extra-base hit.

White began her big day at the plate with a

two-out double but was thrown out at the plate on a Morgan single that kept BC off the board. Kielson forced three groundouts in the bottom of the first frame, leaving the score at 0-0.

After back-to-back one-out singles from Hartman and Bearden, Dowell laid down a sacrifice bunt that moved the runners over to second and third base with two outs in the inning. A squeeze bunt by Franks forced a fielder's choice attempt, however, Hartman beat out the throw at the plate, giving the Tornados an early 1-0 lead. Surrendering just a one-out single, Kielson kept the score in favor of BC with a strikeout and groundout.

White led off the top of the third frame with her second double of the contest that was followed by a McCoy double to left field that scored White and extended BC's advantage to a 2-0 margin. Kielson erased a two-out double from PSH with a groundout, helping the Tornados maintain their advantage.

Brevard scored a trio of runs in the top of the fourth off three hits and two Nittany Lion errors to swell its lead to a 5-0 margin. Franks drove in her second run of the game on an RBI single that was followed up by a White RBI double - her third double of the game - that scored Beth Hyatt, extending the BC advantage to four runs. White was brought home after an error, giving

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Kielson pitched six innings, allowing two runs on just three hits while striking out five and walking none. Kindrick then came on to pitch a perfect seventh inning to earn the save.

At the plate, Hartman went 2-for-3 with two RBI's, a run scored and a stolen base to lead the Tornados' attack. Left fielder Makenzie Rice was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Folkers and White also registered runs scored, while Morgan and catcher Lil Bearden also recorded hits.

After two scoreless innings, Iowa Wesleyan took a 2-0 lead with a pair of runs in the third inning.

The Tornados answered in the fourth inning with an offensive attack that began with a one-out single by White. Following a walk by Folkers, Hartman then belted a sharp ground ball to right field to score both White and Folkers and tie the game 2-2. Rice then singled up the middle to score Hartman for the

go-ahead run.

Kielson then protected the lead with a 1-2-3 inning in the fifth before stranding a runner at second in the sixth.

Kindrick entered the game to close out the game in the seventh. The freshman from West Columbia, South Carolina proceeded to strike out the first two batters she faced before forcing a flyout that was caught by BC's Hyatt in right field for the final out.

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BC Track & Field relay highlights

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PEMBROKE, N.C. (March 6, 2020) - Brevard's 4x100 meter relay team of Jerel Dewalt, Jakob Morris, Jamerial Parks, and Mitchell Yoder claimed a win in Friday's 4x100 meter relay race to highlight a strong overall showing for the Brevard College men's and women's track & field teams at the Braves Track Classic on Friday in Pembroke, North Carolina, hosted by NCAA DII UNC Pembroke.

The relay squad posted a time of 42.91 to lead the way in the five-team field. Morris started the race, with Dewalt and Yoder in the middle, while Parks served as the team's anchor to clinch the victory down the stretch.

The Brevard 4x100 team defeated second-place Guilford (43:95) by 1.04 seconds with North Carolina Wesleyan (44:54) placing third.

Freshman distance runner Michael Fader set his collegiate personal record in his first career track & field race with a 4:52.21 time in the men's 1,500-meter event.

Also in his first collegiate race, BC's Rami Kadri finished 10th out of 25 racers with a time of 53.99 in the men's 400-meter dash. Sophomore Timmie Searcy ran a 59.03 in the same event, good for a 15th-place result.

On the women's side in the 400-meter dash, Brevard College freshman Kyndall Cochran also made an impactful collegiate debut as well with a 10th place overall result and a second place in her section with a time of 1:11.05.

Seven BC Tornados raced in the 100-meter dash with 4x100 Relay team members Parks (13th, 11:52), DeWalt (16th, 11:60), Yoder (19th, 11:80) and Morris (22nd, 11:85) leading the way for the Tornados.

The Field events were highlighted by a number of results in throwing competitions.

Five Tornados placed in the top-15 in the men's shot put led by an eighth-place finish by sophomore Ari Drake (10.73). Junior Gabriel Covington (10th, 9.88), freshman Evan McAdams (11th, 9.82), freshman Walt Robinson (12th; 9.19) and freshman Nathaniel Hill (14th, 6.54) also placed for Brevard.

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