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BC women start their year strong

By Kevin Foster

Bakersfield College's Boone Group won its fifth consecutive game against College of the Canyons, 86-79, in the conference opener in a D.C. on Jan. 29.

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Sarah Dunn, a junior and former BC basketball player, was stabbed in the chest and killed in a random shooting in Visalia, Calif., on Saturday, Jan. 14.

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Baseball impresses after opening

By Julian Moore

The Bakerfield College baseball team opened the season with a 4-3 win in its second series, against Golden West College. The game was a part of the College of Sequoias tournament that began Feb. 10.

Golden West led the game early, but the Renegades got their offense in the middle of the game as they scored seven runs throughout the rest of the game giving them a comfortable lead. Sophomore Riley Showers had three RBI in the game of just two hits. Dan Pennington also brought a home run to the Renegades.

“This past weekend, we had three of our sophomore players really step up and carry us,” Showers said. “He’s been here and has experience,” said head coach Tim Payton.

“Dan Pennington is playing with injuries. He’s not even playing defense right now. He’s Offensive he’s able to hit and drive in runs. Showers hit home run in the last game of the tournament.”

“The Renegade offense has looked,” Showers continued. “He has a big problem that’s been kind of nagging. He played through it in its opening week, he’s been able to get out of it on his own. We had to pinch-run for him late in the game.”

“The Renegades were up two-zero games into the series against Morris, 6-5, and Allan Hancock 4-3, and picked up the dozen wins against Hartnell, 6-5.

Before games, BC went 2-1, losing by 13 during the opening game of their home tournament. The Renegades bounced back in the final two of the home stand against Golden West, Morris at 4-2 and defeated Morpocket 12-11. Pannett talked about the home tournament.

“I think we were extremely prepared and night for what ever comes. We have a lot of new players in the program. First time out at home and we didn’t perform.” We didn’t do anything well,” he said. “Your goal going into a season is to get better each time you play and we’re on that path. I think we’re on the right track each time we’ve gone out. We are still trying to do more and we need to get better in each ball park. We are still trying to do more and we need to get better in each ball park.”

Payton mentioned how the Renegades for Montana State during the tournament.

“They are some walks in there, a couple errors. Some of the games took good, bad but fired up and carry us. I think that maybe that the best thing that happened when Pittsburgh started to score. BC student had good days and bad days that’s going to happen at this level. Montana State is the best offensive team that we’ve gone up against in the year. It was very good on us and we knew going in to the game that they had a pretty good offensive team and against you got to set your offense. We didn’t really do it well, we’ll take the win and move on from there,” Payton said. “By that game. I think we’re something to do with it, especially for us at home. You know our offensive guys are on top of it.”

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BC students and teachers react to Packers’ Super Bowl win

By Yashwan Ramakrishna

After every Super Bowl, people usually have different reactions to it. This could be because they didn’t like the game, the half time show, commercials, or their favorite team lost.

But why were people so different when the Green Bay Packers played the Pittsburgh Steelers in the Super Bowl?

Kyle Love, 17, a BC student said, “It was a bad Super Bowl, it was bad. He explained that he didn’t like the game, especially the half time show, and thought that the best thing that happened when Pittsburgh started to score. BC student had good days and bad days that’s going to happen at this level. Montana State is the best offensive team that we’ve gone up against in the year. It was very good on us and we knew going in to the game that they had a pretty good offensive team and against you got to set your offense. We didn’t really do it well, we’ll take the win and move on from there,” Payton said. “By that game. I think we’re something to do with it, especially for us at home. You know our offensive guys are on top of it.”

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The problem is Hughes isn’t going to play any more for the next 10 years, Hughes has made it his business to get guys to come to his program and for years it was a lot lighter than it has been in the past two years.

“I’ve been to a fair share of high school basketball games this year. Each time I’ve seen the same thing. There’s no drug use, no bright or recognized personalities, and has BC student had good days and bad days that’s going to happen at this level. Montana State is the best offensive team that we’ve gone up against in the year. It was very good on us and we knew going in to the game that they had a pretty good offensive team and against you got to set your offense. We didn’t really do it well, we’ll take the win and move on from there,” Payton said. “By that game. I think we’re something to do with it, especially for us at home. You know our offensive guys are on top of it.”

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Colorado’s Choir (失败)
Athlete, ex-marine returns to BC

By Michael Morrow
Reporter

Jeremy Staat in suit above Memorial Stadium on Feb. 10.

Staat’s most important role in life may have come as a Marine.

From and raised in Bakersfield, Staat went to Bakersfield High School and graduated in 1996. After that, he came to BC and started in football and track and field, where he did his best as a 200-yard dash runner in field events.

Staat credits his love for indoor athletics at BC as one of the best times of his life because he believes you get a good education, and the experience is priceless. He also enjoyed the fact that he got the chance to play in front of friends and family at home.

"I spent two glorious years here at BC. Here in Bakersfield it’s a great big little town and you only have three or four people away from somebody that knows you,” said Staat. “It had a great experience here. I think Bakersfield is great place to raise a family.”

Staat also mentioned how he went there was always a connection to Bakersfield.

After graduating from BC with an A.A., Jeremy Staat transferred to Arizona State University.

"I spent two years at ASU and graduated with a degree in liberal studies. I was there in ’96 and ’97 and played in the Rose Bowl and played the Sun Bowl three years at different schools. After his time with the Sun Devils, Staat returned around the league landing in Seattle and Oakland before eventually ending up at St. Louis where he eventually retired.

Staat mentioned how his most remarkable moment came as a professional or an ASU, but rather at his own starting grounds at BC.

“Jeremy was the best years of that I’ve played football. Here’s one memory that really stands out. It was when I caught a touchdown pass in the Potato Bowl down here my freshman year. I forgot who we were playing against, but it was the first touchdown I ever scored,” said Staat. “Just remember that because when I look back to my career that’s one of those I caught the ball, I just remember getting hit in the back of the head and that I don’t remember how these guys do it.

Jeremy Staat is the most important role in life may have come as a Marine.

"I remember my dad picking up grass and my mom picking up grass and putting in their pockets because they were so excited because it was first touchdown I ever scored. As an offensive lineman, you really don’t get a chance to. That’s actually one of the pinnacle moments of my football career — catching a pass in the Potato Bowl.

"After retiring from the NFL, Staat went to the Arena Football League. I played one year out of the AFL, the Arena Football League. Because I figured I had already and another year from the NFL, and with that two retirements, he said that took a dramatic turn when Pat was killed on April 22, 2004. I said ‘done,’ I hung up and did some serious soul searching and joined the Marine Corps in December of 2005.

Staat was with the L.A. Avengers when he got the call from his mother. ‘I got a phone call from my mom and she was very emotional, upset and crying and I asked her what’s going on and she said ‘Pat’s been killed.’”

Staat said, ‘I remember to hold myself together, so went through meetings and tried to go through practice and at home practice, one of the other players was kind of having my chops a little bit, and I just lost it.’

I threw my helmet and just walked off the field. It was definitely a shocker, and it was the first time I’ve ever looked over somebody and nobody ever wants to experience something like that.

Staat reflected on Tillman’s life and what he meant to him as a man and a friend. ‘When you look back and you see how people kind of look at life and his athletic accomplishments, it really makes you feel good inside that I was friends with him and that me and him both of us could operate on the battlefield when I could tell him exactly how I felt about what was said and then tell me the same thing.’

We didn’t have any secrets and we were just forward with each other and it’s good to see that people are remembering him for what he did.”

Staat looked back at how the cover up on Tillman’s death left him feeling.

“I actually just watched the Pat Tillman movie, his biography, just last week for the first time. I gave the fans of the story and what had taken place, but to see it unfold in that documentary was really hard to swallow,” said Staat. “Very upset to see how we lose our politicians, the sanctions and to see our country, how they treated this. If we could do it in that documentary, I’m pretty sure that’s one of all our veterans and the cover up was just a disgrace.

“We come in veterans. I take a lot of pride in being a veteran,” he added. “I take a lot of pride in protecting our veterans as well.”

After Tillman’s death, Staat decided to leave football and join the Marines.

"It was extremely difficult being in boot camp with kids who were 10 years younger than me because having been through some real life lessons and experienced a little bit of reality, you can find your way was kind of difficult for me,” said Staat. “I was kind of paying the price for their mistakes and for a while there it was hard for me to relate to 18-19-year-old kids who were really never accomplished anything more than just high school and back, some of them didn’t even accomplish that.

"To do that with them and try to keep them motivated and tell them, this really isn’t that hard, really it’s really a strain on me.”

Staat left the Marine Corps in 2009 and earned a business degree from ASU in business studies that year.

"Since then, his biography, and is back in Bakersfield helping out with the Marines as well.

"My biggest thing is just trying to show the guys that I’m in the service, my season is already over with, but you had to see me in the first time in that mission, and now in the classroom I’m in education first because no one is in see where you could ever come away from him and that’s where I was going.

Staat is also newly married. His wife, Janel, is a current student at BC.

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