

L-R Splits Doubleheader With Brevard

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Lenoir-Rhyne (4-8, 1-2) and Brevard (4-4, 2-1) split a South Atlantic Conference baseball doubleheader Sunday afternoon at Bears Field. Brevard won the first game by a 5-4 score in eight innings before L-R salvaged the split with a victory in the second contest, 12-6.

Game One - Brevard 5, Lenoir-Rhyne 4 (eight innings)

Brevard's Eric Renegar (Stuart, Va.) broke a 4-4 tie in the top of the eighth inning with an RBI groundout to lead the Tornados to the win in the first contest.

The Bears forced extra innings when sophomore third baseman Landon Elks (Shelby, N.C.) came through with a run-scoring single with two outs in the bottom of the seventh. Elks drove in a pair of runs in the contest.

Brevard's Chad Funkhouser (Poquoson, Va.) drove in two runs as the Tornados rallied from a two-run deficit to take the win.

Bennett Hixson (Greensboro, N.C.) improved to 2-0 on the year after picking up the victory while Alex Litaker (Salisbury, N.C.) pitched a scoreless eighth inning for his first save of the season.

For L-R, senior shortstop Dalton Hall (Hickory, N.C.) led the way with four hits but senior Clay Tresher (Matthews, N.C.) fell to 0-1 with the loss for the Bears.

Box Score

Game Two - Lenoir-Rhyne 12, Brevard 6

Sophomore outfielder Ivan Vieitez (Miami, Fla.) finished with three hits including a solo home run while driving in five runs as the Bears used a seven-run sixth inning en route to the split.

Brevard had taken a 6-5 lead in the top of sixth inning after plating four runs before Lenoir-Rhyne took control in the bottom of the frame.

A bases-loaded walk to freshman catcher David Martin (Boone, N.C.) proved to be the game-winner for the Bears, who snapped a three-game losing streak in the process. Martin was 1-6 in the DH with two runs scored and a run-batted-in.

Hall finished with three hits and Elks drove in two more runs to lead the Bears offensively while L-R junior Casey Liles (Statesville, N.C.) (1-0) was credited with the win.

For Brevard, Christian Christopolous (Raleigh, N.C.) tallied two hits and an RBI while Ryan Mercer (0-2) took the defeat.

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