Brett Budd, Sport: Baseball
Position: Outfielder
Year: Freshman
Hometown: Lee's Summit, Mo.

Budd's .444 on-base percentage is second for Nebraska-Omaha.

As a freshman in the MIAA, Freshman outfielder Brett Budd might surprise a few conference opponents with his batting this year. But nothing Budd does at the plate will come as a surprise to those who faced him at Lee's Summit High School, where Budd batted a .480 average and was the region's offensive player of the year.

Despite his average, Budd is not to be underestimated. "He's a good hitter. He was our best hitter in the fall, and he is once again doing an amazing job of getting on base," Freshman catcher Tyler Davis said. "He is just hitting his way into any part of the lineup."

Budd, 6-foot-3 and 218 pounds, is one of four freshmen to make the opening-day lineup. "I don't think you can move him off his position," Davis said.

"I think it was a fastball on the outside corner. The 'Dogs were 2-10, so I was a little let down by that," Budd said. "I don't think I swung at anything this season, but I think I have the ability to put something in play."

Budd's .500 series during the four-game series against Nebraska-Omaha.

As a new face in the MIAA, "Brett is developing his hitting consistency. He is once again doing an amazing job of getting on base," Davis said.