



**BREVARD'S WHIRLWIND TORNA-DOES** are really out to win, as depicted in these three photos. Shown here are Alton Jones and Max Walser "racking them up" for Brevard Tech. The oppos-

ing team at the time the pictures were taken was the Davidson freshmen, who fell prey to the Brevard Blues after having defeated them earlier in the conference year.

## Brevard Tornadoes Out To Win

By PHIL TAPPY

School spirit has reached the epitomy of enthusiasm for the past two weeks here on the campus at Brevard College. On the nights of basketball games, the antique gym rocks with boisterous shouts from a victory-hungry student body. Led by Chris Olsen's gaily bedecked chorus of cheerleaders and Wally Avett's newly formed noisemakers, it is impossible to quell the roaring that is entirely new to Coach Chick Martin and the basketball team who are basking in this new glory.

In the center of the uprising and its chief motive are the conference respected "torrid" Tornadoes fresh from crushing upsets over highly touted, undefeated, conference-leading North Greenville and an over-confident Davidson squad which had found the Brevard five and easy touch earlier in the season. The Tornadoes led by Tom

Barbee, Glover Coggins, Charlie Hensley, Alton Jones, and John Eiler, have been unmerciful and unrelentless in their treatment of visiting teams. Their home court attacks have been unblemished before the students, who in a semi-riotous state of mind, scream for the lead to run the gambit of 20 to 30 points never conceding an inch until the final buzzer.

Possibly our peak was reached Friday night when at least 300 students turned out "en masse" for a bon fire pep rally in the road in front of the gym. The old victory bell sent its clanging echo into the night, the fire leaped gleamingly into the gray east of the warm January sky, and the hopes of another victory voiced themselves from our hearts and lips as we poured out yells and screams of B-R-E-V-A-R-D. The number one man behind our team, Coach Chick Martin, in a show of appreciation and emotion, said he hoped the team would be as hot as the bon fire which was then licking out and stretching its waving fangs into the crisp night air.

Win or lose, Brevard has found something it cannot afford to lose. We must not let our spirit die as did the smoldering ashes of our bon fire at the close of our victory cries. Spirit before victory, but victory always gleaming in our eyes.

### Brevard Racks 'Em Up

Pessimistic fans received a shock following the Christmas holidays when Brevard's basketekers returned to action with three resounding wins over three powerful teams. On January 6, North Greenville, previously undefeated in junior college competition, fell at the feet of the spirited Tornado quintet, 95-70. Playing host to Davidson Frosh the next night, Brevard was still unmerciful in drubbing the tallest team they had faced all year 78-59. Asheville-Biltmore was never in the game on January 9 as the Tornadoes chased the Bulldogs off the court and into the doghouse, routing the poor pups 83-66.

The second week of play was not so kind, however. The first time The Tornadoes left home, their shooting accuracy stayed behind them and they dropped a heart-breaker to Lees-McRae, 46-45.

Barbee and Hensley again led the winning Tornadoes against Davidson with 24 and 18 points respectively. Alton Jones and Max Walser played brilliant floor games, both offensive and defensive, for the hot Tornadoes.

When Asheville-Biltmore's Bulldogs stepped into the wake of the Tornadoes, no one seemed to notice that they were there. Five Brevard players hit double figures in disfiguring the Bulldogs with no trouble. Barbee led the melee with a 21-point splurge. Hensley was second with 17. Others hitting the dual digits were Jones and Walser with 12 points each, and Coggins with 11.



### Tornado Talk

#### Torrid and Horrid Tornadoes

Maybe Coach "Chick" Martin is the only one who knows the reason that Brevard's cagers, after thirteen games, are "Torrid Tornadoes" at home and "Horrid Tornadoes" on the road. During an interview just as the season was underway, Martin answered a question with a bit of mystery hidden in his words: "I don't expect to lose a home game all season."

Picking the picture up with the first game after exams, the Tornadoes will find themselves locking horns with the Baptists from Mars Hill, a team not too impressive to date, but a team that is improving with each game. Mars Hill will invade Brevard January 26. After a two-day rest, Hiwassee will come to town. Hiwassee, if you will remember, was the team that handed Brevard their second loss of the season back in November to the tune of 61-58.

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