

Women's Basketball Ranks Second

As of February 21 the girls basketball team holds a 9-5 record and are ranked second in the state with two games yet to be played.

Leading the Tornado scoring attack is Marsha West at 18.8 points a game, making her the second highest scorer in the District 4 region. West is the state's third leading rebounder, snatching 10.1 per outing sharing that honor with teammate Kathy Terry (12ppg). Barbie Breedlove follows West in scoring, chipping in 17.7ppg (4th in state). Jane Johnson (8.6ppg) leads the team in the assist department with 39.

The girls stand a good chance of taking the NCAA Tournament at Louisburg on March 5th. Their strongest opposition will come from Raleigh's Peace College, the state's number one team. Peace destroyed Brevard 93-61 earlier in the season. Recent victories for the Tornadoes came from Chowan, 67-50, Louisburg, 68-53, and Warren Wilson, 77-61.

Tennis To Begin

The 1977 Brevard tennis campaign got underway Tuesday, March 1 with the Tornadoes matched against the Mounties of North Greenville. The match was the first of five to be played on the Tornadoes home courts this season.

Bill Barfield began his initial season as head coach of the team, replacing Dan Hall who guided Brevard to a 6-5 record last year. Barfield believes that he has a group of 'real hard working kids. They've been getting in a lot of practice lately and they're in good physical condition, which should be helpful in a couple of double header matches we'll have later in the season.

Returning from last year's team to lead the Tornadoes are Steve Ryherd, Jim Jenkins, and team captain Alex Cunningham. Hank Cannon, Al Sneedon, and a host of others including Will Service, Jim Causey, Karen Davis, Keith Newell, Brent McEntire, Kenny Province, and Robbie Head should help Barfield keep up to his prediction that the Brevard College Tennis team 'will have a winning season for sure'.

Tornadoes Finish Well

The Brevard College basketball team concluded a brilliant regular season Saturday, February 19, with a 96-66 rout of Rutledge College in Boshomer Gymnasium. The Tornadoes carried a 21-4 slate, their best record ever, into the Western Carolina Junior College Tournament in Spartanburg, S.C.,

February 24th through the 26th. Brevard narrowly escaping with a 73-71 win. The game was tied 71 all with one second showing on the clock. Dale Griffin hit a desperation 25 foot jumper at the buzzer to give Brevard the victory. The 'perfect' play of freshman center Larry Jewell was also a key factor in the victory. Jewell went eight-for-eight from the field and hit all three of his foul shots to finish with a game high of 19 points.

The game which pitted Brevard against Lees McRae turned out to be a real 'barn burner' as they say. The Bobcats, holding a one point lead with seven seconds remaining, sent a man to the free throw line with a chance to seal a Lees McRae victory. But the shot was missed and Tornado guard Dale Griffen got the ball and flung it down-court to 'D C' Smith. The Bobcats then committed a costly foul which sent 'DC' to the line with 2 seconds left. DC sank two pressure-packed free throws, lifting Brevard to a 95-84 victory in front of a frantic Boshamer Gym crowd.

The Wingate game also turned out to be a real cliffhanger, with

The Tornadoes last five games were won by fairly decisive margins. Brevard beat North Greenville by three-75-72 on February 9; however, the game was not as close as the score indicates.

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GOSPEL NOTES

Fine Arts

The fifth Lyceum program of Brevard College's 1976-77 year was presented Thursday, February 17 in Dunham Auditorium at 8:15 featuring the Piedmont Brass Quintet, a chamber ensemble from Piedmont Carolina.

Steve Mehaffey, clarinet, and Angie Matinson, flute, presented a concert Tuesday, March 1, at 4:30.

Thursday, March 3 there was a Brass-Woodwind Ensemble concert held in Dunham Auditorium.

Kathy Lockhart, clarinet, and Jim Wood, organ, presented a recital Friday, March 4 in the Methodist Church.

Lynne Barrack, flute, and Jenny McDonald, soprano will present a concert Monday, March 7.

Miss Tillietson, Clarinet, of the Brevard College faculty will present a concert Friday, March 25.

Tuesday, March 29, Debbie Wescott, Flute, will present a recital in Dunham Auditorium.

There will be a Chamber Ensemble concert Thursday, March 31.

The sixth Lyceum program will be held Tuesday, March 8, featuring the New York Harp Ensemble.

Indoor Soccer Tournament

Anyone who saw the first annual Brevard College Indoor Soccer Tournament in the girl's gym a few weeks ago know just how exciting these events can be. Brevard has participated in two such tournaments thus far this year, the other being played at Western Carolina University. At Western, Brevard won four straight games to take the tournament championship. The Tornadoes were not as fortunate on their own turf, however, bowing to UNC-Ashville in the 22nd of the 30 games played. Warren Wilson beat Western Carolina to capture the title.

Indoor soccer teams consist of five players, four fielders, and one goalie. 'The games are played world cup style' explains coach Bill Barfield. 'Sixteen teams are divided equally into four divisions. The teams play round robin style until finally the top two teams in each division square off into a single elimination tournament.'

Brevard will compete in another tournament at Warren Wilson on March 16. Barfield noted the possibility of another tournament being held at UNC-Charlotte in early April, but, as of now, there are no definite plans.

In Retrospect

Coach John Meyerhoff praised his team as 'a great group of players, the hardest working and most intelligent team I've ever had. DC and Ben (Harper) did a great job carrying the team this year, but there was always someone around to pick up the slack when we needed it.'

Smith wound up as the team leader in both scoring and rebounding, tossing in 23 points and hauling down 12 ricoshets per outing. Ben Harper was second in scoring with 14.4ppg, followed by Dale Griffen (10.8ppg), the teams leader in assists with 108. Other leaders include Haze Green (9.7ppg), Jimmy McWilliams (9.7ppg and 106 assists), and freshman backup center Larry Jewell (9.8ppg and 7.3ppg).