

## Tornados Clinch WCJCC Title

By Tim McGuire

Superb rebounding combined with superior overall guard play resulted in a 92-89 triumph for the Tornados over conference nemesis Anderson College. This victory coupled with a 97-94 overtime conquest of North Greenville vaulted the Brevard cagers to the regular season title of the WCJCC.

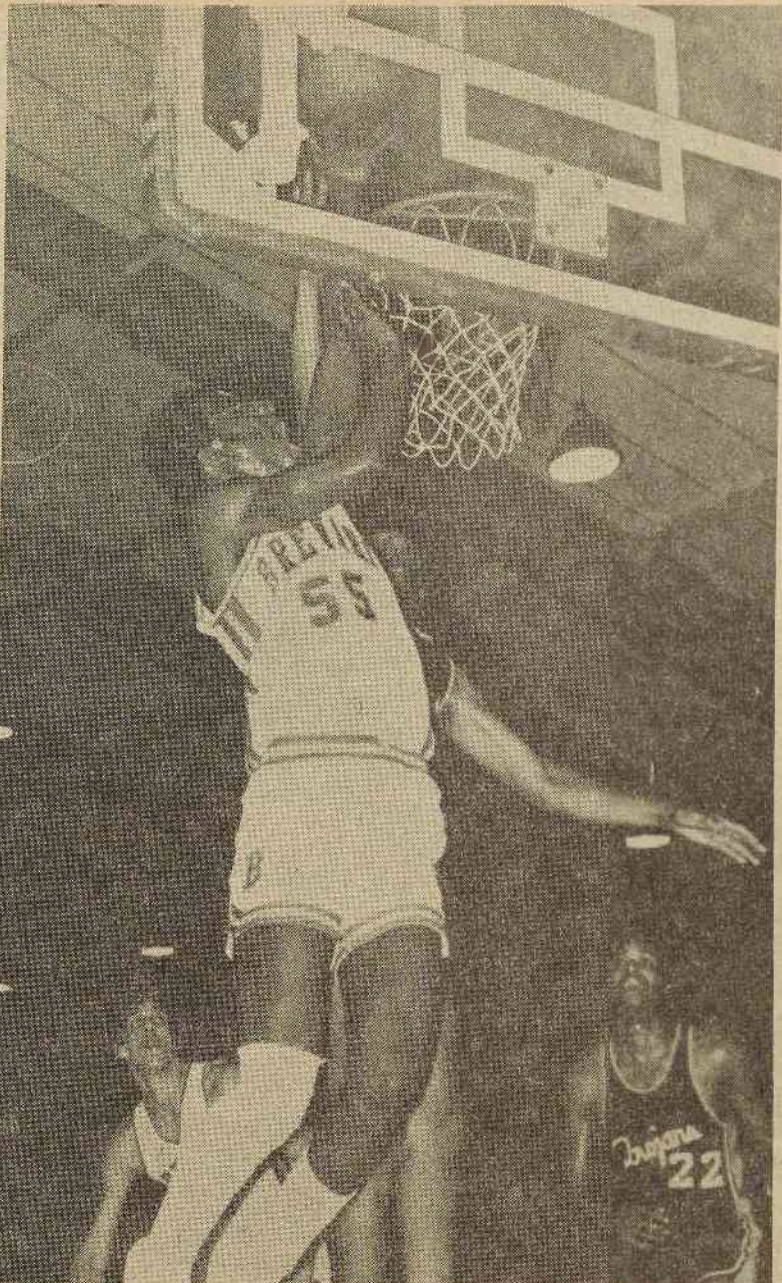
These victories sends Brevard to the NJCAA Region X basketball tournament in Rocky Mount, Virginia. The winner of that tournament will advance to Hutchinson, Kansas for the NJCAA national championship basketball tournament.

The North Greenville contest was close throughout until in overtime the Tornados broke it open outscoring the mounties 12 to 9 to gain the victory. All-American Benton Wade led Brevard with 25 points. Brian Horton and Bobby Summers each chipped in with 20 points apiece. Summers also had a game high 12 assists.

The Anderson-Brevard match up was nip and tuck throughout with the Trojans taking a 47-42 lead at the half.

But the Tornados, who defeated Anderson just eight days earlier 102-94, outscored the traditional juco powerhouse 18-8 in the first eight minutes of the second half, to take a 60-53 lead. Then the Trojans caught Brevard and actually led 71-70 with seven minutes to play. But the Tornados took the lead for good on two Brian Horton free throws to give Brevard a lead it never relinquished.

Benton Wade again led the Tornados with 25. He was followed by Brian Horton who tallied 18 points.



**BENTON WADE** goes to the hoop as the Brevard Tornados defeat Anderson to win the WCJCC title.

The Tornados climbed to 19-8 with the victory and qualified for the Region X Tournament to be held in Rocky Mount, Virginia.

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## Girls Face Challenge

By Alan Baker

The Lady Tornados go into the WCJCC tournament with a 4-13 record. The women's basketball team will be playing in the conference tournament Friday night at Spartanburg against Anderson College, top seeded in the conference and ranked 20th in the nation.

The Lady Tornados are in good physical condition and have been working hard for the upcoming tournament. The team likes to use the full-court press most of the game. Coach Don Scarborough will use the same starting lineup that has been used throughout the regular season; Donna Clarke, Carolyn Stephens, Donna Barnwell, Joyce Whitmire, and Tammy Dickens.

Coach Scarborough says "It's been along season, but the girls have hung in there, and stuck it out." "We haven't had many injuries because the girls have stayed in such good condition, so we should be ready for the tournament."

They fought it out all the way, and they came across deadlocked for print.

Mike Shell also qualified for the nationals by triple jumping 46'4". He claimed fifth place overall in the meet. Freshman John George placed sixth in the two mile with a time of 9:33.6. Todd Murphy ran well in the mile and finished with a time of 4:31.7. A mile relay consisting of George Fox, Rob Craig, Lamar Roberts and Dirk Redwine, were very competitive and turned in a good time.

The team now has a break until the meet with Milligan which is here on March 14.

## Thinclads Perform Well

By John George

The track team completed their indoor season with some fine performances in the North Carolina State Invitational Track Meet held in Raleigh.

Freshman Jeff Wentworth turned in the best performance of the season as he slithered his way through the pack and tied for first in the three mile. His time was 14:30.6 and it was good enough to qualify him for the National Indoor Junior College Track Meet held in Missouri. Jeff stayed right behind the leaders for the first two miles, and then he made a move that eliminated everyone, but Woods of Furman.

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## ACC Tournament Preview

by Bobby Hayes

Well folks, the madness is about to begin again. On March 1, 2, 3, the seven Atlantic Coast Conference basketball teams will converge on Greensboro, North Carolina for yet another ACC Basketball Tournament to crown the ACC champion.

If the natives will pardon me for a moment, I will explain the tournament to the aliens (people who have never seen the ACC Tournament). Unlike most conferences, the ACC champion is not determined from regular season play, but from a three-day, single elimination tournament. A team can go through the regular season undefeated, but lose one tournament game and they are nothing more than an also-ran. For this reason, the underdog teams in the ACC are given hope throughout the season that maybe their fortunes will improve and upset will abound. Maybe this is the cause for the tournament being so popular—everyone like an underdog.

Many fans have stated that they would much rather have tickets to the ACC tournament as opposed to the NCAA Tournament. Scalpers run rampant, at the tournament site, trying to talk loyal supporters of the teams involved into buying tickets at ridiculously high prices.

ACC Tournament week is sort of like a holiday in this portion of the country. Many people plan their schedules to where they can watch all the games, sometimes even skipping school or work (I happen to be guilty of this action).

I will now attempt to predict the winner of the 1979 ACC Tournament by first telling you who will not win and why.

Maryland can immediately be eliminated for the simple fact that Lefty Drisell happens to be their coach. Lefty has never won the tournament and I see no reason why this should change.

Wake Forest can also be ruled out simply because they are too inexperienced and lack the talent that the other teams have. However, don't be surprised to see the Deacons become a factor in the tournament if they have the opportunity to play North Carolina.

N. C. State, Clemson, and Virginia are all considered to be possible winners of the tournament and have outstanding teams. However, all three have one problem — they depend on one man. As N. C. State's Hawkeye Whitney, Clemson's Larry Nance, and Virginia's Jeff Lamp go, so do their teams go. Unless one of these men becomes Superman, the dependance upon one player will be the downfall of these three teams.

Which brings it down to North Carolina and Duke. Both of these teams have been ranked in the top five in the nation throughout the year and are superlative teams. One of these teams will win the championship. So the winner of the 1979 ACC Tournament will be — the fans who are lucky enough to see all the exciting action. You didn't expect me to pick between Duke and Carolina, did you?

Now for a look at the "underside" of sports, here's a look at my shorts.

Boxer Duane Bobick once again proved the experts wrong by losing to John Tate by technical knockout (TKO) in the first round of his last fight two weeks ago. Bobick came out of the amateur ranks with only one loss and won approximately twenty consecutive professional fights at the start of his career. Boxing analysts were calling him the greatest white fighter since Rocky Marciano. Then Bobick was matched against Ken Norton in 1977. Promoters were calling Bobick the "Great White Hope". Norton didn't seem too awed of the title; he knocked Bobick out in the first round. Now we have the Tate-Bobick fiasco. Both of these fights were shown on national television. It seems to me that Duane Bobick's new nickname could be the "Great White Dope".

The 1979 "Redneck of the Year" award will have to be shared. It was hard to separate Donnie Allison and Cale Yarborough (in more ways than one) when the two got into a fistfight after they crashed into each other on the final lap of the Daytona 500 stock car race. Maybe Duane Bobick could take lessons from one of them.

I read in the Asheville Citizen a couple of weeks ago that head football Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant of Alabama was injured after falling in the shower. This really surprised me since everybody I've ever met from the state of Alabama told me that Bryant could "walk on water."