

Brevard Wins Region X Title

By Bobby Hayes

Tornado team captain Chico Horton's dramatic three-point play with 12 seconds remaining enabled Brevard to nip Chowan College 58-57 in the championship game of the Region 10 Tournament in Rocky Mount, Virginia.

The title, Brevard's first since 1964, advanced the Tornados to a matchup with the Region 20 winner in Maryland. Results of this game were not available at press time.

Horton's points capped a tremendous comeback by the Tornados. Brevard was down 57-53 with only 21 seconds to play before Benton Wade made a lay-up, Bobby Summers made a steal, and Horton corrected with a free throw after canning a 6-foot jumper and being fouled to cap the win.

Coach John Meyerhoff of Brevard had praise for his players afterwards. "The second half was really tough because we just couldn't get anything going. It was a very physical game and we just hung in there," he said.

"I'm really proud of the way our kids kept coming back. It's really a tribute for the young kids to want something that badly."

Scoring in double figures for Brevard was Horton with 16. Wade with 14, and Summers added 10.

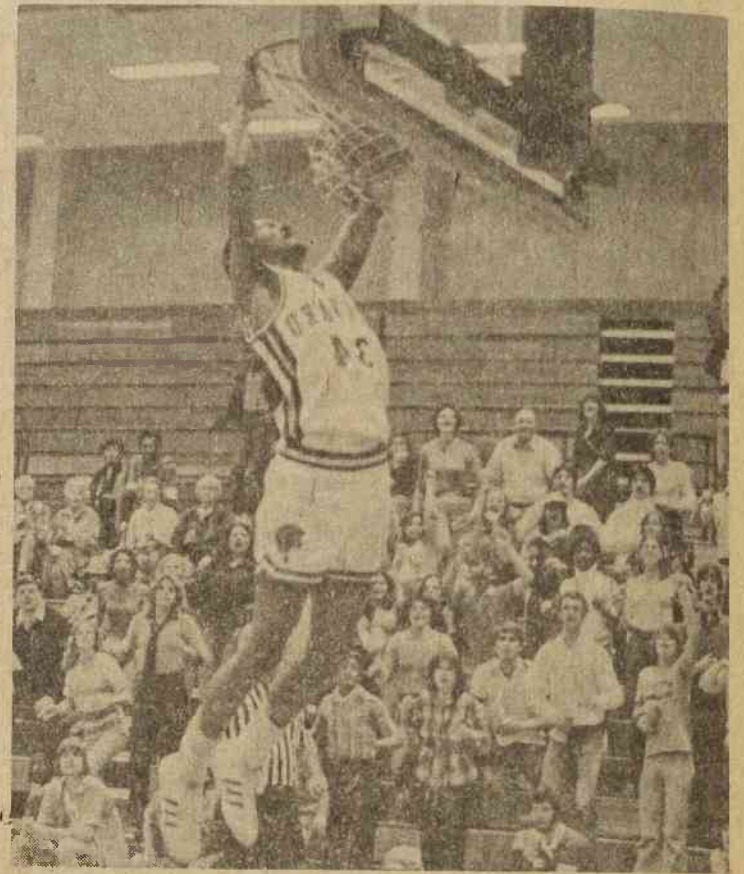
To advance to the finals with Chowan, Brevard had to win two other games — 91-86 over Kings College in double overtime, and 87-75 over Ferrum College.

Fred Beasley came off the bench to score six points in the second overtime and Benton Wade shot 12 for 19 from the field

in the Tornados first-round win over Kings College. Wade, by scoring 24 points in the game, became the Tornados' second all-time leading scorer with a career total of 1,031 points.

Five Tornados hit double figures as Brevard won going away against Ferrum. Benton Wade led the way with 22 points, shooting 10 of 13 from the field. Horton added 16 points, Bobby Summers had 12, and Kevin Herron along with Fred Beasley chipped in with 11 each.

Chico Horton was named the most valuable player in the tournament and was selected all-tournament along with teammates Benton Wade and Kevin Herron. Brevard enters the showdown with the Region 20 winner with a fine 23-8 record.



Horton Scores With Authority

Ron Grenier

Sports line: NCAA Final Four?

By Bobby Hayes

After a momentous personal triumph in picking the finalists of the ACC Tournament (Duke and North Carolina) correctly, I will now tackle the task of picking the "Final Four" in the NCAA Basketball Tournament.

The "Final Four" consists of the four teams that win their respective regional tournaments (East, Midwest, West, and West). The four survivors will then collide in Salt Lake City, Utah, to determine the national collegiate basketball champion.

Now it's time to analyze each of the regions and pick some winners, so here goes the roulette wheel. In the East, there are three Top Ten teams competing — No. 5 Duke, No. 6 Syracuse, and No. 7 North Carolina. Syracuse has played a relatively soft schedule and North Carolina will have a problem coming back down to earth after winning the ACC Tournament. So if the Blue Devils can overcome the inconsistency of their play during the regular season and the loss of point guard Bob Bender for a couple of games, the winner will be — DUKE.

The Midwest will be the toughest region in the tournament to win with two teams in the top four of the nation (No. 2 Notre Dame and No. 4 Michigan State), No. 9 LSU, No. 11 Iowa, and No. 18 Detroit all placed in there together. Although Notre Dame is one of the best teams in the nation, they might be on the downhill side of their season, as they lost their last two regular season games. So I'll predict an upset and pick a team with a point guard named Magic and momentum going their way — MICHIGAN STATE.

During Christian Encounter Week Dr. David Hortin will be meeting with students in office 206, McLarty-Goodson Building. His hours will be from 1:30-3:00 p.m.

In the Midwest, we have the top-ranked and undefeated Indiana State Sycamores. A certain pick to win, right? Wrong. Two factors will destroy the Sycamores — Larry Bird's injured thumb and his team's slack schedule of opponents during the season. As a result the team carrying the bacon to Salt Lake City for the Midwest will be No. 9 ranked Razorbacks of — ARKANSAS.

The West is relatively easy to call if there is such a thing. No. 3 ranked UCLA has played well all season and seems to have their game at about peak proficiency. Although fast closing DePaul ranked No. 15 will be tough, All-American David Greenwood of the Bruins will be tougher. The winner — UCLA.

Duke, Michigan State, Arkansas, and UCLA are my choices. Feel free to burn this column if my selections are not accurate, but always remember as the great Bobby Layne used to say, "My teams have never lost a game, the clock just ran out on us while we were behind."

Tennis:

Coach Maynor Hopeful

By John George

Men's tennis prospects improved over last year according to coach Corky Maynor. Freshmen with good potential are Bob Styers, Baker Heard, Mark Gibson and John Capin. Styers and Heard are experienced doubles players with good high school credentials. Sophomore Jeff Harris is much improved, so there will be keen competition for the first six positions.

How "match tough" are the freshmen? That is the question that will probably determine the success of the season.

Other members of the team include Dave Schad, Roger Robertson and Mike Smith.

To see the "underside" of sports, here's a look at my horts.

The old Yogi Berra euphemism "You ain't out of it until you're out of it," became quite clear during an ACC Tournament game between Virginia and N.C. State a couple of weeks ago. Virginia was 13 points behind the Wolfpack with only 90 seconds to play and the announcers were already talking about the next game, congratulating State for the win. But Virginia was not through yet. The Cavaliers narrowed the margin to 3 points with 15 seconds remaining and had possession of the ball, only to see Jeff Lamp blow a layup which could have brought Virginia even closer. I believe Bones McKinney and Billy Packer will think twice before writing off another game before they should.

Round two of the Cale Yarborough - Donnie Allison "Fight on Wheels" concluded at the Carolina 500 with an eight-car pileup, sending three drivers to the hospital. Yarborough and Allison are already on probation, and if NASCAR was worth its stickshift, they would suspend the two. But no such luck, NASCAR just called it a normal accident, although other drivers in the race felt otherwise. Maybe a couple of racing fatalities is the only thing that will open NASCAR's eyes. Let's hope not.

I have a feeling that Dick Elias, general manager of a ski lodge in Vail, Colorado will not win any awards from educational organizations anytime soon. Complaining about the shortage of help in Western ski resorts this season, he said, "The kids just aren't dropping out of school like they used to." A future Dean of the College, perhaps?

We are still looking for a business manager to finish out the year for us. If you think you fit the bill please contact us.

Meyerhoff Resigns

By John George

Coach John W. Meyerhoff came to Brevard in 1973 from Chesapeake College in Virginia, where he was head basketball coach.

Since 1973, he has built Brevard's basketball program from a mediocre one into a constant contender. Brevard has won 75 games over the last four years alone (an average of 19 wins a year). Coach Meyerhoff believes in good recruiting as seen in talent the team has had in the past three seasons. "Players win championships," remarked Meyerhoff.

In addition to personal recruiting, Coach Meyerhoff has made some additions to the program which has helped recruit. One of these is the "Tornado Watch." This is a booklet which includes the Tornados outlook for the season, a background on Coach Meyerhoff, in depth statistics on the players, a background on the opposing team, a roster, the cheerleaders, the college facilities, records and a schedule. The brochure also includes history of previous players. No

other school in the area has a brochure with this such information in it.

Coach Meyerhoff also developed the Brevard College Tornado Club which sponsors a lot of the activities of the team. "Without this (the Tornado Club) we would not be able to do so many of the little things that are needed in recruiting and keeping the program on top."

Coach Meyerhoff is also responsible for the calendars which are in most everyones room. Coach Meyerhoff personally solicited for every ad (over 50) on that calendar except two. "I always have something to do to help the program and team, I don't have much spare time."

Coach Meyerhoff is leaving Brevard after the season to become the National Executive Director for the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. He feels that two jobs at once is a "young man's job."

We, the staff of the Clarion and all of Brevard College, would like to pay tribute to Coach John W. Meyerhoff and wish him the best of luck.

Linksters Tee Off

By Alan Baker

The golf season is here and the Brevard golfers will be playing a match at Anderson on, March 29, followed by a home match against Spartanburg Methodist, April 2.

Coach Meyerhoff is looking forward to a good season; there will be three returning lettermen on the team, Lou Ferguson, Mark Fairman, and Bobby Henson. There are two new faces on the team this year, Chip Smith of Charlotte and David Center of Ft. Pierce, Florida. Coach Meyerhoff believes that the two new freshmen will be a factor in

this year's season.

Meyerhoff is delighted with the future of the team. "If our golfers go out and play with serious intentions, we stand a very good chance in winning a great deal. "We need to keep five of our players in the 70's in case some one has a bad day" says Coach Meyerhoff.

John Meyerhoff also stated that there is a need for a few more golfers. If you shoot in the low 80's and would like to play golf, please get in touch with, Coach John Meyerhoff, after spring break.