

Road Runners Ranked Second Nationally

by Gregg Largen

On Thursday, October 23, the Brevard Cross Country team was ranked second in the nation by the NJCAA. The team in first is Pima Community College in Arizona.

On October 25, Brevard wound up its regular season schedule with a second place finish at the 5000 meter Tennessee Invitational. Brevard was led by Mark Kennard who finished sixth with a time of 16:14. Kennard was followed by Ronnie Treadway in seventh place, Roger Saltsman 12th, Erik Day 13th, Randy Ward 14th, and Ed Fore in 21st.

On October 22, Brevard took wins over the Furman J.V.'s and Milligan College. Brevard swept the first five positions with Ronnie Treadway leading the way. He was followed by Kennard, Saltsman, Day, and Ward.

One week earlier in Raleigh, Brevard had its best team finish ever at the 32nd Annual Intercollegiate North Carolina State Invitational. The Tornados finished fourth, only twelve points behind the University of North Carolina, which finished third. For the 10,000 meter course, Brevard placed Mark Kennard

12th with a fine time of 28:53, Treadway 17th at 29:14, and John Delaney 21st at 29:23. Randy Ward and Ed Fore finished 27th and 28th respectively. They were followed by Erik Day 34th, Roger Saltsman 42nd, Joe Briscoe 60th, and Chuck Doughton 65th. Brevard improved 45 points and 4:23 over last year's team which finished sixth in the nation.

Brevard had its first real let down of the season on October 11, as they had to struggle to take third place at the Appalachian State Invitational. Brevard had two runners finish in the top twenty: Ronny Treadway, who finished third with a time of 31:28, and Mark Kennard, who finished in 13th position at 32:16.

Other Brevard placers were Ed Fore 21st, John Delaney 22nd, Roger Saltsman 28th, and Randy Ward 33rd. Though they lost to Virginia Tech and Marshall University, Brevard easily defeated Appalachian State, which had been previously undefeated.

On Saturday, the Brevard Tornados will be running in the National Finals. Let the team know that you're supporting them.



Ronnie Treadway, John Delaney and Mark Kennard lead the pack for the Cross Country Team. (Photo by Ken Chamlee)

Taylor, Jones Win Volleyball Tournament

by Brian Gillespie

Taylor dorm successfully defended its volleyball title by defeating West Beam 2-1 in the Intramural Volleyball Tournament. Taylor was led by Brian Lowery who was named MVP of the tournament.

The tournament was initiated when the regular season was cancelled due to inclement weather and lack of par-

ticipation. In the first round Taylor defeated Ross Hall 2-1. The games between West Beam and Green were very controversial, but Beam won 2-1.

In the Women's Tournament only third floor Jones and Lower East Beam participated. Third floor Jones earned a dramatic come-from-behind victory over East Beam. Floressa Edwards was named Most Valuable Player of the Women's Tournament.

Lady Tornados Are Hopeful

by Elliott Dugger

Mary Ann Devlin is the new Women's Basketball Coach this year, and she has an optimistic outlook for this year's team. Coach Devlin says that since practice began, the girls have been working very hard with strong enthusiasm and confidence.

Jill Haynie is the only returning player from last season's team. The new sophomores include Debbie Billingsley, Michelle Hemphill, Susan Summey, and Tracey Vale. The freshman talent consists of Wendy Hartman, Sandra Janese, Deborah Russell, Gwen Kanipe, Freda Stovall, and Terri Wood.

Since the team lacks experience, Coach Devlin feels that a lot of time needs to be spent on getting the girls built up as a team; she sees no setback in this. Furthermore, Coach Devlin believes there is a little less pressure on the girls in college ball than in high school because the team is on the road much of the time and their fellow students cannot be watching them all the time, so they are less nervous.

Although the competition is tough this year in Brevard's division, Coach Devlin predicts a winning season for the team.

Men's Basketball Team Is Enthusiastic For 1980-'81

by Ray Duckworth

This is the time of year when the sports scene will begin to move indoors. Today may only be the fourth of November, but basketball teams have been practicing for a month or more.

A person entering Boshamer Gymnasium late one afternoon will probably hear the sounds of a coach's voice calling, "Screen! Set a screen!" Moreover, the visitor to the gym may also hear the squeaking of basketball shoes on the new finished floor as well as basketballs bouncing on the court.

Brevard's basketball team has been practicing since October 1, as it seeks to improve the 1979-80 record of 11-14, which included a record of 10-5 after the Christmas Break.

Although the Tornados do not have any returnees from last year's starting five, four sophomores do return from last year's team. These four include Robert Campbell, Danny Cochran, Gil West, and Rodney Williams.

These four players and the other three sophomores, George Fox, "Skip" Long, and Mike Bowman, are thought of as the team leaders for this season.

This year's freshman talent

will consist of Walter Faye, Mike King, Gregg Largen, Mel Melton, Trent Westmoreland, and Craig Wilson.

Coach Sam Lewis says of this year's team, "This is the finest group of young men, both in terms of talent and character, that I have ever coached. Everyone gives 100%, and they are the type of people Brevard College can be proud of."

He continues to say, "Our play will be characterized by pressure defense and a fast break team oriented offense. Every player on the team is capable of playing, and I plan to utilize every player."

Many of the players feel the team has a lot of talent. Trent Westmoreland says, "We've got a lot of talent. We seem to be really good, and we're really close."

Mike King adds to this by saying, "It's a shame that everybody on the team can't start because of the amount of talent. Everyone should see a lot of playing time." Coach Lewis also adds, "This team is very intense with a lot of enthusiasm. Preseason practices have been the best of any team I have ever coached. Each player has given the maximum effort and demonstrated an excellent attitude toward learning our

system."

When asked about the team's enthusiasm, Robert Campbell replies, "The attitude toward the coach and enthusiasm by the team is better than it was last year."

Danny Cochran adds to this by saying, "We have togetherness this year. For example, everyone is loose with each other during practice. These little things weren't around last year, and they can make a difference."

Coach Lewis does not want to make any predictions about the conference race, but he does feel it will be a tough one. He says, "We're playing the toughest schedule Brevard has ever played, and it should prove to be a big challenge for the team."

He adds, "We are going to take the season one game at a time and give our maximum effort and see what happens. If we play our style and execute, we should have a very good year."

The team opens its season on Saturday night at 7:30 by hosting Hiwassee, which was ranked eighth nationally last season.

Netters End Season Improved

by David Julen

Betty Ann Cooper came off the bench on October 13 to lead the Brevard volleyball team to a 15-6, 15-3 victory over King College. She scored six points to pace Brevard to its first victory of the season.

Although Brevard had a poor season record, the team showed much improvement over the course of the year.

Perhaps their finest moment was the close loss to Montreat-Anderson in the season finale. Montreat had decimated the Lady Tornados earlier in the year and were leading two games to none in a best of five series.

Then Brevard reached down deep and proceeded to win the next two games. Though they lost

the last game 15-10, the Lady Tornados showed great character in staving off defeat as long as they did.

One of the reasons why victories are so hard to come by is the tough conference Brevard is in. Two teams, Louisburg and North Greenville, are in the top 15 in the nation.

The netters have a good outlook for next year with five freshmen returning. Two players who really improved were freshmen Freda Stovall and Gwen Kanipe. Another freshman who played well is the steady Deborah Russell.

Furthermore, congratulations go to Coach Anderson and the volleyball team for their vast improvement over the course of the season.

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