



# TORNADO SPORTS

## Sports Views

### Do Coaches and Athletes Allow Success to Effect Their Character

by Ray Duckworth

What kind of persons are coaches and athletes? Webster's Dictionary defines a coach as one who instructs players in the fundamentals of a competitive sport and directs team strategy. Meanwhile, this same source explains an athlete as being one who is trained to compete in exercise, sports or games requiring physical strength, agility, or stamina. However, do some of these individuals allow success to effect their personalities?

In his book, *They Call Me Coach*, John Wooden defines success in this way:

Success is a peace of mind which is a direct result of Self-satisfaction in knowing you did your best to become the Best you are capable of becoming.

Nevertheless, some coaches drill the point of winning as the ultimate goal into the minds of players. Then these same coaches gripe if their team doesn't get publicity.

How much effect does the coach's push for winning have on athletes? Wooden also mentions in this book, "We who coach have great influence on the lives of all the young men (and women) who come under our supervision, and the lives we lead will play an important role in their future. It is essential that we regard this as a sacred trust and set the example that we know is right."

### Scronce and Gourley Do Well At Converse Tennis Day

by Ray Duckworth

The team of Erin Gourley and Lorraine Scronce finished fourth out of seven teams participating in the Converse Tennis Day at Converse College on April 11. This duo defeated players from Mars Hill, Gardner-Webb and Catawba Colleges. The schools that finished ahead of Brevard were Appalachian State, Winthrop and Converse.

The day before second seeded Scronce led the team to a 5-4 victory over Tusculum College by winning the 10 game pro set matches with a 10-7 score. Other

Coach Wooden makes a good statement, for the coach's attitude will affect the athlete's character. What is character? Webster's defines character as being one of the attributes or features that make up and distinguish the individual. Yet, some athletes allow the coach's attitude about publicity to get involved with their character.

How do some coaches and athletes allow winning to effect their characters? Anyone with interest in the sports field can recall the beginning of the past college football season when five schools from the Pacific Ten Conference were banned from post season play for recruitment violations committed while trying to win. The fan can also remember when, in January, a gambler said he had paid former players at Boston College money to shave points in basketball games during the 1978-79 season. These are only two examples in which character has been destroyed for some coaches and athletes.

Do the mentors and players not realize they are destroying their own character when they become more concerned about publicity than just being satisfied with what they can do to help one another? Some of these individuals need to realize that respectability comes from being a person concerned with the betterment of everyone.

In the sixth edition of *Introduction to Psychology*, the authors, Richard A. King, Clifford T. Morgan and Nancy M.

winner include Abbie Ballard, 10-4, Jane Preston, 10-8, and Alice Earnest, 10-1. The team of Earnest-Jamye Cartner won the team's only doubles match victory by a score of 10-1.

The Lady Racquetees suffered a 6-3 defeat to Lees-McRae College on Wednesday, April 8.

The three wins for Brevard included singles victories by Scronce, 6-4, 6-0, and Ballard 6-3, 6-3, as well as a 10-4 doubles victory by the duo of Scronce-Preston in a pro set match.

However, the loss to Lees-McRae was sandwiched between victories, for on Monday, April 6,

Robinson, make two definitions of personality. One definition can describe some coaches and athletes. The authors write,

Type A persons are hard-driving and competitive. They live under constant pressure, largely of their own making. They seek recognition and advancement and take on multiple activities with deadlines to meet. Much of the time they may function well as alert, competent, efficient people who get things done. When put under stressful conditions they cannot control, however, they are likely to become hostile, impatient, anxious and disorganized.

Again a prime example is when these coaches and athletes seek publicity rather than character.

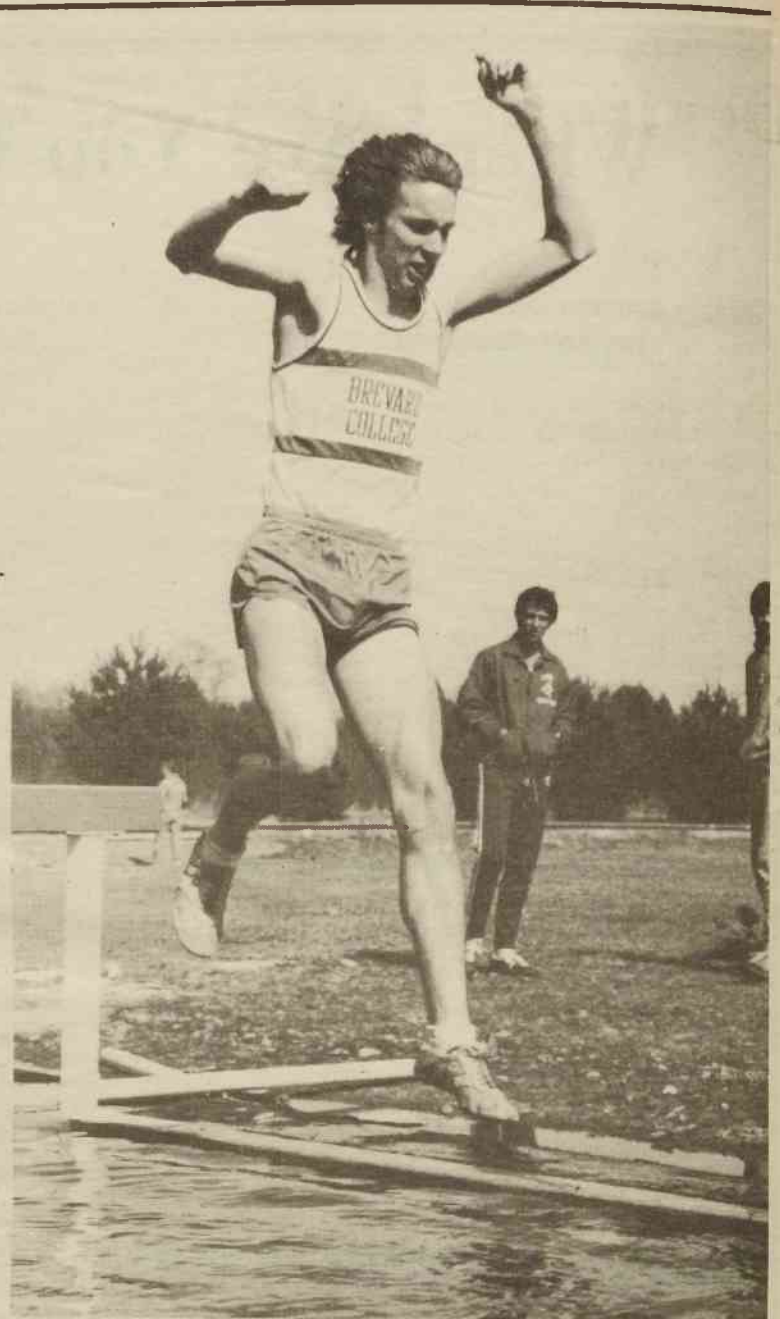
Not all coaches and athletes act in this manner, so maybe the ones who do not seek publicity can help those others who do. When this action does happen, the sports field will be more enjoyable for the coaches and athletes involved as well as to the interested fans.

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Since this is the final issue of this year's *Clarion*, I want to express thanks to advisor Ken Chamlee and editor Kathi Levine, and many other persons who helped with this year's publication. This column has been written with the intent of keeping the sports fan informed on what has happened in the national sports scene this year.

the ladies won another outing by defeating Milligan 5-4. The winners for the Tornados were Gourley, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, Scronce 6-1, 6-4, Ballard 6-0, 7-6, and Sue Graves by forfeit. The number three doubles teams also won by forfeit.

Coach Anderson and the team give a big thanks to Linda Lovely for all her work given to the team. Furthermore, the team wishes thanks to everyone who has come and cheered during their matches. Coach A. wishes a big thanks to the rainbow beret, a group of guys who wore a spectrum of colored hats while watching the team.



Eric Day practices steeple chase. The work pays off as he finishes fourth at Davidson. (Photo by Steve Rabey).

### Track Team Finishes Sixth At Davidson Meet

Perhaps it was the spring feeling which spurred the track team on in the Davidson Relays, because the results of the April 4th meet at Davidson College were excellent - 33 1/3 points.

Coach Witek was proud of the team's performance, mentioning that it was the first time he had seen the team compete with such unity and spirit.

Brevard placed sixth overall, competing against teams like Appalachian State, Virginia Tech, and Furman. In comparison, Brevard Region X junior college rival, Ferrum, could only finish 18th out of the 24 schools competing.

Two school records were broken, one at the hands of big Wilbert Carter, who hurled the discus an impressive 166'6" to break the long standing record. Wilbert placed third in the discus and sixth in the shot. The Distance Medley Relay Team, consisting of Jim Shires, Tim Cooke, Dan Clay and Mark Kennard, broke the 15 year old record by one second, finishing third overall (10:14.0).

Another impressive double was produced by Bobby Sulfridge who finished third in the triple jump (47'5 1/4") and fourth in the long jump (22'10"). Bobby might have

won the long jump had he not fouled on his better jumps in which he floated over the 23' mark. Some mention should be made of Kennard's anchor legs in the distance medley (mile - 4:07) and sprint medley (800 meters - 1:51.9).

Other mentionable noteables include Eric Day's fourth place finish in the steeple chase with a time of 9:37.6. He was followed closely by teammate Randy Ward who finished sixth with a time of 9:45.4. Ed Fore finished fifth in the 10,000 meters (31:44.6) while Roger Saltsman came in sixth (31:50.6). Two more team members did well: John Delaney finished fourth in the 5000 meters in a time of 14:59.0, and Bobby Baxter cleared the high jump with a leap of 6'4" for sixth place.

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