

# TORNADO SPORTS

Sports Feature:

## Soccer Tornado David Mobley

By Scott Merusi

While watching the Brevard soccer Tornados in their preview scrimmage a couple of weeks ago, I noticed a player on the field whose play and hustle made him somebody to be reckoned with whether he had the ball or not. The match ended in a 1-1 tie, but that was really not the issue; this player was. I had to find out who he was and what he was doing at Brevard. I tracked him down last weekend, and David Mobley and I talked about what a twenty-year-old high school dropout, college drop in was doing at Brevard. His goals and pursuits, from both an academic and athletic standpoint are discussed in this week's Clarion sports feature.

David Mobley has led a life of ups and downs. At 17, an accumulation of bad grades and family problems forced Mobley to drop out of high school. Mobley joined the Army, and in his two year hitch he saw people with no goals in their lives, but he wanted to be somebody, a soccer player. While serving in the Army, David played for the Ft. Bragg, N.C. club team and the Fayetteville 18

and under team. Biding his time until his hitch was up, Mobley had two things on his mind. First he wanted to finish his high school education, then to realize his dream of playing college soccer. After leaving the Army, he enrolled at Vandalia Christian High School where he earned his diploma. While attending this school, he scored 29 goals for their team and was named to the All North Carolina state soccer team.

Upon graduation, Mobley had set his sights to play big time college soccer at a four-year school, but this was not to be. Most of the bigger Universities shyed away from Mobley because of his high school academic record. Not wanting to let his dream go to waste, he decided to play for Brevard, passing up numerous opportunities to attend smaller four-year schools.

Coming to Brevard has not been at all easy for Mobley, but being the achiever he is, his academic goals are set as high as his athletic ones. Mobley feels that playing soccer and getting an education "are the best ways to go through school, as well as an

honor." The classroom has not been the only tough transition for Mobley; he is also playing on a predominantly sophomore team. At first he felt tension not only because he was a freshman, but because he wanted to hold his own and score goals. But time has melted the freshman-sophomore gap, turning things from a rivalry into more of a comradery. David has scored five goals in the first two games, but says he still feels pressure to score just because of the position he plays and the way he feels.

Mobley considers twenty goals to be a productive season for him, but he wants to "be able to say I was part of a team, and fit in with everybody else." He feels a good season for a team standpoint would be to go as far as the nationals and to be ranked nationally.

If the two games already played in the Tornado season are any indication of Mobley realizing his goals, he is off to a good start. Brevard stands, 2-0-0, having outscored their opponents 13-2. David Mobley may be living a life of ups and downs, but for now it is all ups. Any more questions?



When it comes to soccer, David Mobley gives it his all. (Photo by David Jenkin).

### Sports Journal

## Dan's Diary

by Scott Merusi

"Perhaps after this victory these four-year schools will show us a bit of respect, and not take a junior college team so lightly, especially a team which was runner-up in the nation in cross-country last year." — Dan Clay, a runner for Brevard's nationally ranked cross-country team. Clay will be sharing his insight into what goes on in a racer's mind, not only individually, but from a team standpoint. As the season progresses, he will hear from in a race-by-race capsule called Dan's Diary.

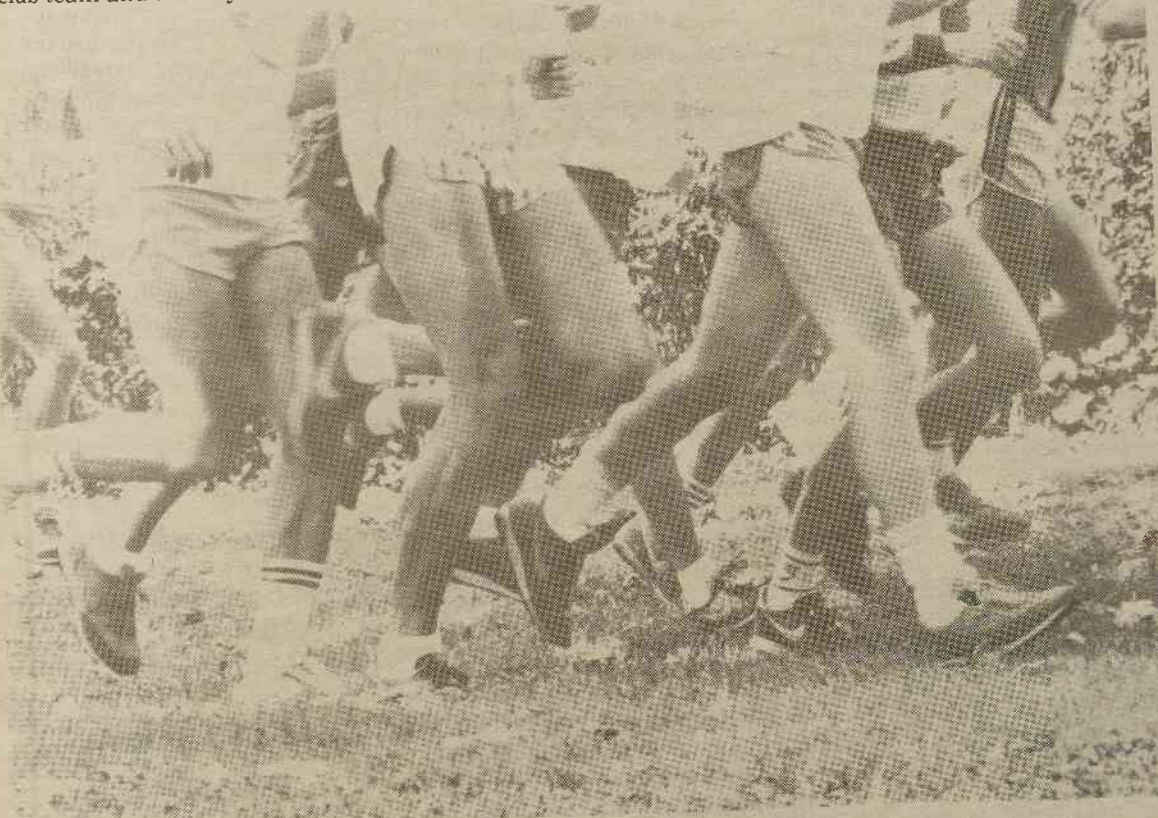
by Dan Clay

Sept. 10, 1981  
Bellarmine International  
Louisville, Kentucky  
8000 meters (5.0 miles)  
Sunny 60 degrees, slight breeze  
Grass course, small hills,  
moderately difficult.

Our team went into this meet with a more competitive attitude than in the Milligan meet. Our most significant improvement was in our team concept. We functioned as a unit for the first time this year, ran together, and gave each other encouragement. Our top six went out fairly easily, running the mile in 5:08. We held

a fifty-yard lead over our closest competitors as we were talking and helping each other out. Spectators were standing on the course, watching open-mouthed, in awe of this spectacle of team unity. In cross-country, this is the object of the sport, to bunch your runners up in front and get them to help each other out. All six of us knew that we had control of the race. I felt a smooth, relaxed, efficient, and confident feeling, instead of the scared, choppy feeling I felt against Milligan. Our front six ran together through 2.5 miles, then we began to separate. The outcome of the meet was never in doubt, but Gerald Hutchinson had an exceptionally fine performance; and Jeff Muth, fighting off the effect of a bad, lingering cold, came through for us at the finish to give Brevard a sweep of the five.

The overall feeling of the team about this meet can be summed up in the fact that when these schools scheduled us, they took us lightly and underestimated our strength since Brevard is a junior college. Perhaps after these victories these teams will show us a little bit of respect.



The Cross Country Team-Doing what they know best. (Photo by David Jenkin).

## Cross Country Wins 36th Meet

By Randy Ward

Sweeping the top five places for the second year straight, the Brevard College Cross Country Team dominated the Bellamine Invitational with 15 points to Bellamine College's 52, University of Louisville's 77 and Hanover College of Indiana's 96 at the September 19 meet in Louisville, Kentucky.

Early in the race, the runners took to the lead and stretched it out over the hilly five-mile course. Freshman standout Brad Albee broke away late in the race and copped first place with a 26:06 clocking, just one second off the course record. Following Albee in second and third places were sophomores Dan Clay with 26:20 minutes and Randy Ward with 26:35. The perfect score was continued by fourth and fifth place freshmen runners Gerald Hutchinson with 26:42 and Jeff

Muth with 26:44. Other outstanding performances aiding the strong BC showing were Jim Hickey in sixth place with 26:53, Mike Peveto, 16th with 27:47 and Brian Batten, 20th with 28:06.

Taking turns with the lead, the team ended with a vastly improved strong 38-second pack, with one minute considered good. The team will travel to the hills of Knoxville to take on the University of Tennessee's J.V. on October 3 to look for their 37th straight victory.

### Soccer Update

Brevard's soccer team took two big steps forward and one small step backward this week. The week started with two impressive Brevard victories, over Erskin 6-0, and Milligan 7-2. This included five goals by David Mobley.

Later in the week the Tornados traveled to Columbia, SC to meet the South Carolina Gamecocks. A combination of missed plays on goal, and two critical defensive lapses cost the Tornados a 2-1 decision.

### Swimming

All students interested in a swim club please meet briefly at 8:00 pm, Wednesday, September 30, in MG 139.

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