

# Tornado Sports

## Brevard Beats Conference Rival SMC

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The men of Spartanburg Methodist College took an early lead over the Brevard Tornados, but only for a few brief minutes of last Thursday's game as the Brevard thinclads assumed a commanding lead that lasted the entire game, beating Spartanburgh 85-78.

Brevard started out weakly as they missed several opportunities to score and lost possession of the ball several times in the opening minutes of the game. Spartanburg's strong forwards capitalized on Brevard's early mistakes, taking an immediate lead.

But Brevard's butterflies vanished and its confidence set in Tornado guard Daryl Lester and forwards Tim Phillips and Skip Long maneuvered the ball well enough to keep a comfortable lead, though Spartanburg's feisty guard Larry Gray kept Brevard busy.

By the half, Lester led the Tornados in scoring by chalking up 11 points, followed closely by Mike Bowman's 10 points. Tim Phillips and Skip Long had each scored nine.

The second half varied little as the Tornados maintained control and made relatively few errors.

Spartanburg poured it on in the last few minutes of the match,

but these efforts proved useless. In the last moments of the game, Tim Phillips made a steal and swished two points, capping off the win.

Tim Phillips led the Tornados in scoring with 22 points following by Long and Lester, each contributing 17 points. Mike Bowman also had a good night as he added 16 to the Brevard tally. Center Craig Wilson provided eight points while Louis Nelan and Rich Phillips, both seeing some action early in the second half, gave Brevard three and two points, respectively.

The Tornados will face Montreat Anderson Thursday night and North Greenville next Monday at 8 p.m.

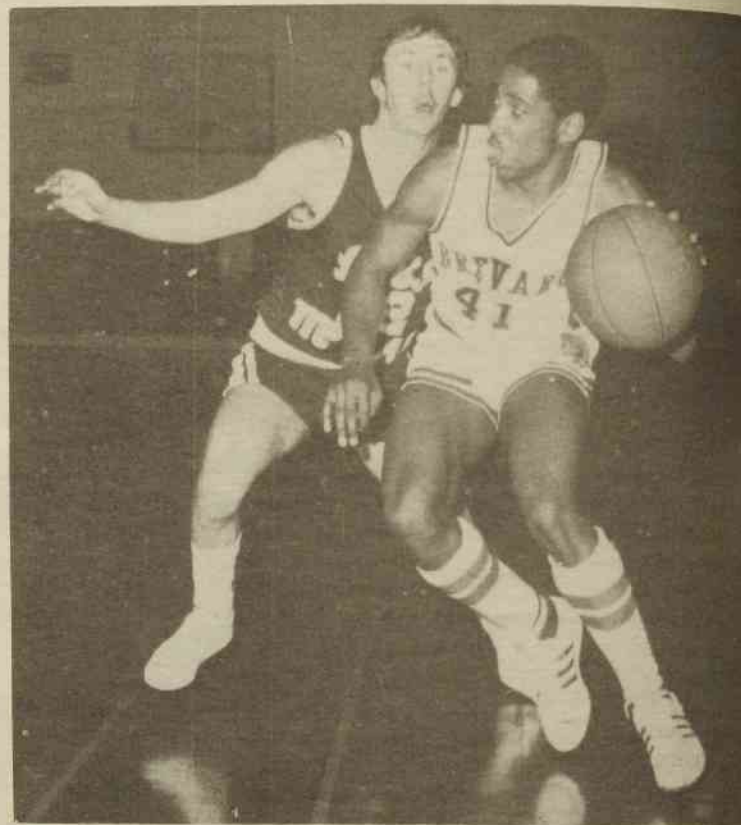
Coming back from Christmas break, the Tornados were scheduled to play Cecils on January 14. Due to snow this game was rescheduled for February 13.

Saturday, January 16, the Tornados defeated Montreat-Anderson 61-60. Leading scorer was Tim Phillips with 17 points. Following were Pete Mercier with 10, Louis Nelan and Craig Wilson with 8 points each. The game's hero was a player scoring only 4 points. The Tornados were down by one point with 8 seconds left in the second overtime. Skip Long released a 19 foot jumper from the key sealing the Tornado victory.

Lees-McRae travelled to Brevard January 19, to defeat the Tornados in a controversial game. The team was paced by Tim Phillips, 14 points, and Skip Long, 13 points. Other contributors were Richard Phillips with 11 points and Daryl Lester with 8 points. The game was close all along, but Brevard had the lead going into the final play. Lester either committed or drew a foul, but the official made the play into a "no-call" situation. Lees-McRae then scored, was fouled, and preceded to defeat the Tornados 54-52.

The Tornados went to Anderson January 21. Three players reached double figures: Tim Phillips with 19 points, Daryl Lester with 13, and Craig Wilson with 10. The previous game had caused physical and mental stress on the team. As a result, the Tornados were not at their best. Some bright spots off the bench gave some relief; those relief-men were Louis Nelan and Pete Mercier. Still it was not enough. Anderson defeated the Tornados 87-70.

On the road again January 25, the Tornados travelled to Spartanburg-Methodist Pioneers. The Tornados tried to play the run-and-gun type offense that the Pioneers play. Spartanburg left Brevard behind by a score of 102-77. Four players in double-figures: Tim Phillips with 17, Craig Wilson with 13, Daryl Lester with 13, and Richard Phillips with 10.



Player Daryl Lester always gives it his best shot when it comes to Tornado Basketball. Lester is well respected by all the fans as well as team mates. (Photo by Steve Rabey).

Travelling this time to Tiger-ville, S.C., on January 30, Brevard took on the 20th nationally ranked Junior College--North Greenville Mounties. The Mounties had their hands full of the fired-up Tornados. The leading scorer was Tim Phillips with 16 points with aid from Craig Wilson and Skip Long with 14 and 12 points with respectively. Tornados had good control throughout the game. North Greenville defeated Brevard 71-67.

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## Lady Tornados Play Hard, Scrappy Ball

by Craig Wilson

The Lady Tornados came back to a schedule that would give them little time for rest. They were to start the second half of the season with Truett-McConnell January 14, due to snow they were unable to play.

The Ladies then went down to Montreat-Anderson to play the Lady Cavaliers. The Ladies stormed the gym, five players in

double-figures. Freda Stovall and Phyllis Walker combined for 47 points (24 and 23 points respectively). Gwen Kanipe had 16 points and seven assists while Joan Keese and Lisa Rudeseal had 10 points apiece, spanking the Cavaliers by a score of 96-45.

The ballgame against Lees-McRae was played a little closer. The girls only beat the Bobcats by six points as the game ended

78-72. Freda Stovall led all scorers with 25 points, followed by Lisa Rudeseal with 16 points, 11 assists, Phyllis Walker with 11 points and Gwen Kanipe with 13 points and 12 assists.

The Lady Tornados then came home to play 17th ranked (in National Junior College poll) Truett-McConnell in a hard fought game. The Ladies did not fair well against such formidable op-

ponents, bowing 85-48. The defense was tight holding down all but Freda Stovall who tossed in 19 points as Debra Russell added nine points.

The next game was then played in Anderson, South Carolina where the girls dropped another one 68-56. As standout, Freda Stovall Connected for 21 points while freshmen Phyllis Walker and volleyball standout Donna Bishop tossed in 14 and 12 points respectively. Gwen "Queen" Kanipe's unselfish personality helped her to dish out over 12 assists.

The coach from Spartanburg Methodist knew that one of the keys to stopping the Lady Tornados was locked up in Freda Stovall's jumper. This was done as Freda only scored three points. Joan Keese scored 18 points while Phyllis Walker scored 16 points as the Lady Tornados went down 72-62.

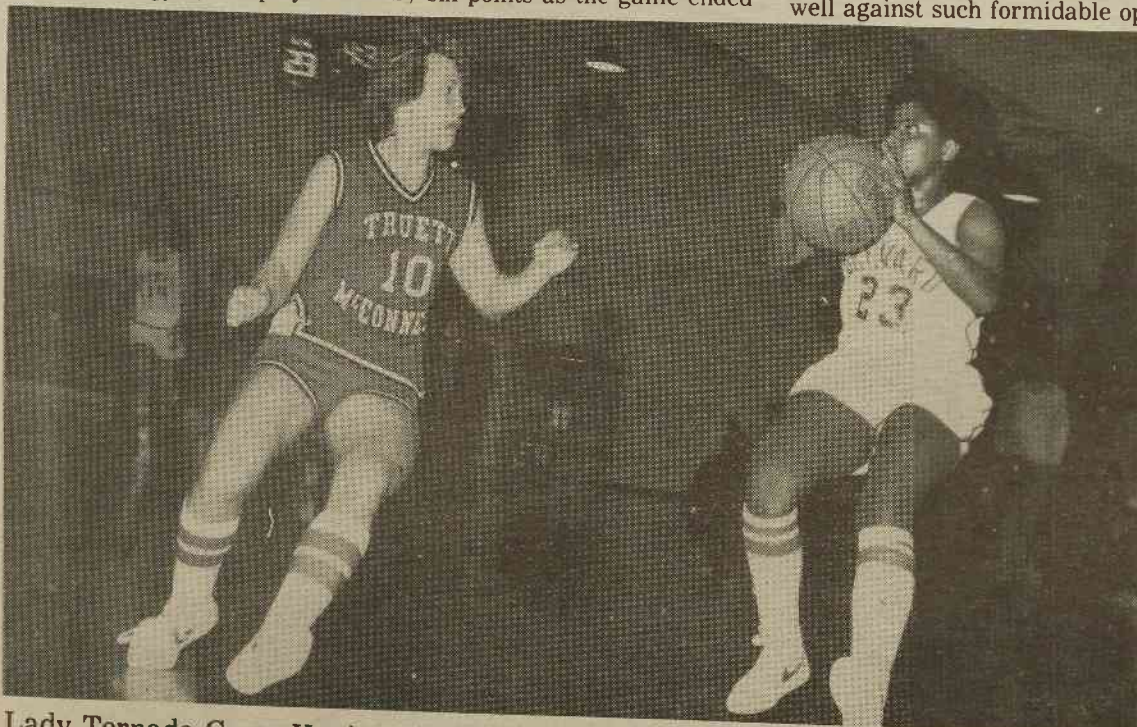
The Ladies then took on the awesome task of playing the second ranked defending National Champions of Louisburg. The team fought hard as a well coached team should, but victory did not fall on the Ladies as they lost 87-62. As Freda Stovall hit 20 points, Phyllis Walker hit 16 and Donna Bishop added 10 points.

Peace College was next on the schedule and fate was not to fall

Brevard's was as the Lady Tornados fell 79-64 to a very tall Peace team. The Ladies fought hard with two in double-digit figures and three other with nine points. Freda Stovall had 15 points. Phyllis Walker had 13 while Wendy Hartman, Joan Keese, and Debra Russell all contributed nine points.

When North Greenville came to town with a very tall line-up, the Lady Tornados came ready, but fell short of their goal to win by a very slim margin. Only five points separated the two teams as the score ended 78-73. Freda Stovall paced the Ladies 28 points, Phyllis Walker had 15 and Donna Bishop added 10.

Montreat-Anderson was the next foe that came in the gym looking to defeat the Lady Tornados. But the Ladies gave Montreat too much to handle as they ran the score up to 85-28. The defense that Coach Mary Ann Sunbury put her Ladies in held Montreat to only 10 points the whole second half. Gwen Kanipe handed out 10 assists to ladies like Freda Stovall who had 20 points. Joan Keese and Debra Russell each had 13 points while Donna Bishop contributed nine. The game marked the return of Terri Wood who came back to play after having minor back surgery.



Lady Tornado Gwen Kanipe giving her all as always, against 17th ranked Truett-McConnell. (Photo by Steve Rabey).