

# Injuries Challenge Harrier Champions

By John Corish

Can the Brevard Roadrunners win their third consecutive cross-country title with the loss of Alphonse Swai and the injuries to Gordon Snaden and Allen Ford? No other junior college team in the nation has ever accomplished this before.

The Brevard team looks very

strong this year with the additions of seventeen freshmen, two transfers from ex-rival Clackamas Junior College in Oregon, and a foreign student from Denmark. No single individual is leading the pack for the Brevard team yet.

In the Apple Festival Road Race, held August 25, Patrick O'Grady from Ireland, Henning

Brandt from Denmark, and Charlie Purser all took first place honors with a very respectable time of 50:07.6. Fellow teammates Winston Brown and Rodney Curry followed closely with a time of 50:36 in a fourth place tie.

Coach Norm Witek is not worried about the loss of Alphonse

Swai. "The top five run together," he explained, adding that this is an advantage the team did not have last year.

The team will also temporarily miss two top runners due to injuries. Gordon Snaden, who

finished third in the nationals last year, was hit by a car near the end of the summer. In addition,

Allen Ford, who finished thirty eighth, has a femur splint.

What are Brevard's chances of winning another national title?

"Our shot is as good as anybody's," says Coach Witek. He further explained, "Injuries

and luck play an important role but we do have qualified people to win another title."

## Rinker New Track Coach

David Rinker will take over as the new Women's Head Track and Cross Country Coach. Rinker, a graduate of James Madison University, brings a wealth of experience to the women's programs. During his 7 years at Blacksburg High School in Blacksburg, VA, Rinker won five District Cross Country Championships and six Outdoor and Indoor Track Championships. In addition, his teams have won five state titles, two in Cross Country and three in the Outdoor Track Championships.

Though the team will be young and inexperienced, Rinker is looking forward to the challenge of producing a winning women's program. Patti Jones, the only



David Rinker

sophomore, along with freshmen Patti Sinclair, Becky Shore, Phillis Kelleher, Ellen Forbes, and Kelly Ayers will make up the nucleus of this year's team.

Rinker will also assist Coach Norm Witek in the men's track and cross country programs. Currently, Brevard College has two of Rinker's athletes enrolled, sophomore Jeff Jenrette, a 6'8" high jumper, and Charles Hinkle, a 20th place finisher in the State Cross Country Championships.

## Lady Runners Attend Meet

By Robin Thomas

The Brevard College girls' cross-country team opens the season with their first meet September 30 at the Greenville Roadrace in Greenville, S.C.

Coach Dave Rinker feels that this "first full team" ever should do well. The team has been at

practice for three weeks. Mr. Rinker added, "We're basically an organization trying to get people in shape and enjoy some exercise."

The team consists of freshmen Becky Shore, Dee Lindsey, and Ellen Forbes, and sophomore Patty Jones.

## Soccer Conference Season Begins

By Eddie Tadlock

The Brevard College Soccer Team is in the final stages of preparing for its 1984 season debut. The defending NJCAA Region X Champions look forward to another winning season and are favored in national polls to finish first in Region X competition.

With only two weeks to prepare for its opening conference match, the Tornados have their work cut out for themselves. The team will have to rely on the experience of its ten returning players to get the ball rolling.

The returning players are: Don Collier, David Coleman, Leo Coleman, John Coness, John Folckener, Jim Gray, Mike

Nissely, Scott Passarella, Pat Truluck, and Eddie Tadlock.

With an arsenal of seasoned

players returning, the upcoming Brevard College soccer season promises to be an exciting one.



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