

Cross-country teams win Nike Cup in nationals

In two dramatic races filled with adversity and bad breaks, both Brevard cross-country teams brought home second place finishes in the National Junior College Athletic Association Cross-Country Championships Saturday at Hagerstown, Md.

For the men, a second place finish meant relinquishing their standing as four-time national champs to Ricks College of Idaho. For the women, it was their best finish ever, and the combined victory gave Brevard College the Nike Cup, awarded to the team with the best combined national finish for men and women.

But the men's loss was a disappointment, conceded Coach Dave Rinker who said, "Ricks just beat us. They went out fast and set a pace...we just never were able to catch them." Also, Brevard's number two runner, Paul Carpenter was spiked and later required 10 stitches. Carpenter managed to finish the race in 26th place in spite of the wound, and earn All-American ranking as well.

Carpenter said, "I was spiked at the half-mile point and realized how hurt I was. But considering the circumstances, I was happy with my finish, though disappointed with our second place finish."

Of the 21 teams and 234 runners, Brevard's top runner, John Christiansen, finished fourth with a 25:17 over the hilly, rainy, five-mile course, a minute behind Central Arizona's first place finisher, Mark Roberts. Christiansen earned first team All-American honors again for his efforts.

Chris Dunn, finished second for Brevard and 10th overall, making All-American too, with a 25:52. Glenn McDonald finished 26th with a 26:33 followed by Nick Embrey with a 26:44, Dan Schneider in 32nd with a 26:51, and Dean Duncan in 86th with 27:59.

In team scoring, Ricks won it with the low score of 58, Brevard followed with an 84, squeaking past Alfred Tech and Central Arizona who tied for third with 86.

The women's race was that close too. Barton College of Kansas won it with a 62, Brevard scored 65, just outdistancing Phoenix with a 66 for third. Of the 12 teams and 125 runners, Brevard's top runner was Heather Chamberlain with a 12th place finish of 19:37 over the three-mile course. She was followed by Terrie Jackson in 15th with a 19:39, Michelle Lambert in 20th with a 19:55 and Kim Nelson in 23rd with a 19:58.

Kim, usually Brevard's top runner, ran a strong first half of the race but then became exhausted and collapsed just short of the end of the uphill race and had to crawl across the finish line. Coach Rinker praised her stamina: "If Kim hadn't finished, we would have been knocked out of second place. Plus, it was just a bear of a course."

Terrie Jackson said, "We were a lot stronger going in the race and I think on another day we could have won it. Competition this year was tough."

Other Brevard finishers include Heather Barclay in 48th, Eileen Spalding in 68th and April Piercy in 105th. The race was won by Alfred Tech's Julie Osden with an 18:55.

Four BC women also earned All-American ranking: Heather Chamberlain, Terrie Jackson, Michelle Lambert and Kim Nelson.



The BC cheerleaders include, left to right, Sharon Sentz, Ann McDaniel, Regina Pardue, Rachel Makupson, Melissa Miles, Yoshiko Sato, Nikki Johnson, Missy Hall, and Cindy Edmonson. (BC Photo)

Men win Region X, then bow out

By Rebecca Russ

The third-ranked junior college soccer team in the nation knocked Brevard College out of the first round in the Southeast Regional Tournament in DeLand, Fla., Friday afternoon.

Miami-Dade Community College New World Center blanked the Brevard men, 3-0, ending the 1986 season for BC. Tornado Coach Don Scarborough, noting that the opposition Friday was significantly larger and older than the Tornados, said, "The average of their players was between 26 and 28... I mean they were men, and most of them were Haitian nationals."

Scarborough said that after Miami-Dade established a 2-0 first half lead, "it was a very competitive game. We actually dominated the second half, and if we

played them again I think we'd win." The Tornados' ended the season with an 11-6-1 record.

The Region X Soccer Tournament victory highlighted Parents' Weekend, Saturday, Nov. 8.

Brevard has had a season-long rivalry with the 11th ranked, undefeated Anderson College team. They had beaten Brevard both times the two teams had met. To top everything off, it had rained so hard and so long that Assistant Coach David Taylor was scooping buckets of water out from the goals.

The first five minutes were shaky for the Brevard team, and through the entire first half Anderson was more on the attack. However, Brevard chose to defend the least soggy side of the field in hopes that the Anderson goalkeeper would have poor footing. With eight minutes left in the first

half, a left corner kick by Brevard bounced off of the goal. The ball was played in again, until Paul Holmes toed it and Yong Song kicked it in to score.

In the second half, Brevard took over the ball frequently at midfield, which led the team to its second goal. David Novak overlapped into the offensive third to make the score 2-0. Taylor said, "At that point I thought we might win. But Anderson is good and if they scored, the momentum could have changed." David Chun beat defenders three times to score Brevard's final and winning goal.

Goalkeeper Jakob Christensen made some muddy saves, but Anderson seemed to have given up trying to come back in the 15 minutes left in the game. "We just played really hard. Nothing was given to us by the mud."

Lady Tornados awarded for performances

by Kerry Wells

Brevard's own Paige Jackson has reached great heights in women's soccer by having the top number of personal goals in the NJCAA as of press-time.

Jackson ended her season with a total of 37 goals and has been named by Coach Julie Johnson as Most Valuable Player.

The Lady Tornados wrapped up their season with two matches against UNC-Asheville and UT-Knoxville. The women skunked Asheville with a score of 7-0. Even though they beat the same team 9-2 last year, Coach Johnson felt that it was a "decisive win — much more so than last year's."

Though the Lady Tornados lost to the Knoxville team 0-4, Johnson still felt they played a good game. "It was very disappointing," she said, "we played better against them this year, but they played better too."

Johnson is counting on next year's team

to be a strong one and to have a winning season. She said, "We played nationally-ranked teams, at least five in the top 20 — we played them to learn." By playing stronger teams with a young, inexperienced team, Johnson feels that the returning freshmen will be more confident against strong teams.

Other Lady Tornados recognized for

Tornados win opener

by Kim Belanger

The men's basketball season started with a 98-70 win in their opener against Blanton's Junior College last Thursday, Nov. 13.

Four players scored in the double-digits: Kevin Harper with 23 points, Tony Plemmons with 19, Maurice Little adding 12, and Rodney Deyton with 10. In rebounding, Harper led again with eight rebounds,

outstanding performances this season are Rebecca Grassie — Most Valuable Offense and Samantha Douglas — Most Valuable Defense. Captain Amy Cearley was named Most Valuable Midfielder as well as Most Dedicated. Most Improved went to goalkeeper Mary Nall. These individual awards were voted on by team members only.

Deyton picked up five, and Plemmons had four.

Coach Rogers said, "Everyone who played put in good team effort. I was pleased with our win."

The meet game comes Nov. 21-22 when the Tornados test their skills at the Montreat-Anderson Tournament. The Lady Tornados next play this Friday away at Chowan.