

Brevard Lady Tornadoes look for a better season

by Carlisle Turner

It should not take too long. Not long at all before third year coach Jane Long finds out if she has filled the holes created by the loss of three starters, including the top two scorers.

Coupled with the losses is a grueling schedule that includes the likes of Truett-McConnell, a nationally-ranked team for the past several years, Morristown, Reinhardt College, Montreat-Anderson, and Lees Junior College. On top of that, the lady cagers must tangle with Lees-McRae and Anderson, both of whom appear to be top contenders on the conference as well as the region.

Coach Long expressed her concern. "Anderson is loaded," she said, "All five of their starters were freshmen last year, plus they had a good recruiting year."

After the heavy graduation losses there were some holes that needed to be filled. Coach Long said, "We needed help at every position, except maybe at guard, but we had a good recruiting year. We should have strong guard play."

That strong backcourt will be led by a trio of sophomores, headed by team captains Jill Hair, who netted 6.6 points a game, and Alison Stocks, who contributed 4.9 points a game. Part-time starter Tammi Walden is the third member of the trio. Joining them in the backcourt will be freshman Kim Sowell and sophomore Shelley Ivey.

Manning the forward and post positions will be a talented group of freshmen. With only one true center "all the front-line players will have to be able to play the three, four and five (forward and center) positions. Stephanie Hoback should step in and give needed help at the center spot," Coach Long said. Serving double duty at forward and center in addition to Hoback will be freshmen Kim Boyle, Angie Ellis, Satina Waites, and Tonja Barksdale. "Tonja is a good strong player," Coach Long added.

Even though Brevard's women's team has seen greener pastures, Coach Long remains optimistic. "It's hard to predict how two-year colleges will finish because you can't work with them for four years, but we know we will be better than last year. I've always felt fan support should be better, but winning puts fans in the seats. We'll just have to prove ourselves. We should be exciting to watch though," she said.

The second scrimmage of the season put the Lady Tornadoes over Newberry College in the 3 quarter scrimmage.

The first quarter was a tight race to the finish. The Tornadoes stayed close behind throughout the quarter with the help of Shelley Ivey's 3-point shots, but it wasn't enough, and the Lady Indians won the quarter 37-31.

The second quarter was also an action-packed 20 minutes with both teams fighting till the end. With 5 seconds left on the clock and a tie score of 29-29, Shelley Ivey made a 3-point shot to bring BC on top.

BC dominated the third quarter which was comprised of only 10 minutes. BC outscored the visitors, 19-13, while also dominating the floor action.



The Brevard College Women's Basketball Team: left to right, front to back, Kim Boyle, Tammi Walden, Kim Sowell, Alison Stocks, Jill Hair, Shelley Ivey, Tonja Barksdale, (second row), Coach Jane Long, Stephanie Hoback, Satina Waites, Angie Ellis, Teressa James and Manager: Stacey Bullock.



The Brevard College Men's Basketball Team: left to right, front to back, Jamie Brown, Mike Cole, Jason Williams, Ronald Connor, Darren Lawler, Garry Wadell, Tadd Connor, (second row), Manager: Jim Barker, Tom DeLucia, Doug Webb, Kevin Jackson, Rick Burke, George Bryant and Mark Bean.

Men's basketball team to be improved

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A big fat Z-E-R-O, that is how many starters return from last year's men's basketball team. On top of that, seventh-year coach Doug Rogers must lead his rebuilding Tornadoes against a 1987-88 schedule that pits his squad against Morristown, Tenn., Dekalb Comm. College, UNC JV's, and Western Carolina Junior College Conference favorite Anderson.

It appears, however, that someone has forgotten to tell Coach Rogers that his team is the underdog. Coach Rogers' Brevard teams have posted winning marks in four of his six years at Brevard and with 15 of their 24 games in cozy Boshamer Gym, may just pull off another winning season despite the lack of experience.

The squad is very optimistic despite the fact that all five starters have graduated. With eight freshmen on the team "ex-

perience will be a concern. But, we will have excellent depth, with scorers at all positions," Coach Rogers says. The squad has had two scrimmages against four-year NAIA schools to see which areas need to be worked on.

In the first against Central Wesleyan Coach Rogers said, "We held our own against them. Against Mars Hill, there was individual improvement, but overall the team was not as sharp. We will have to go back to the basics."

With superb depth at all positions there seems to be no major holes. The backcourt will look to 5-11 sophomore team captain Tadd Connor for leadership. Lending a hand at the guard positions will be freshmen 6-3 Darren Lawler, 5-8 Garry Wadell, and 5-11 Jason Williams.

At the forward positions, Rogers can choose from sophomores 6-4 Mark Bean and 6-4 George Bryant, or freshmen 6-4 Mike Cole and 6-3 Ronald Connor. The

center spot will be manned by either 6-5 sophomore Jamie Brown, 6-5 sophomore Tom DeLucia or freshmen 6-8 Rick Burke, 6-9 Kevin Jackson, and 6-9 Doug Webb. The addition of Webb, Jackson, and Burke will give the Tornadoes some needed size inside, which it lacked last year.

"With a tough schedule and a tough conference, we will need to stay away from injuries. We must also find the right combination of players that will mesh together," Coach Rogers stated. How quickly that happens and how quickly the bevy of freshman produce holds the key to how well the season will go.

With such optimism and team spirit, however, the team is sure to meet its goal of a winning season and contend for post-season play. The first step towards their goal is against Gardner Webb's Jayvees on Friday, Nov. 13, at Boshamer Gym. Game time is 7:00 p.m.