

Brevard Tornadoes shooting for the title

by Juan Kincaid
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The Christmas and New Year's holidays didn't bring exactly what the Brevard College men's basketball team wanted. Instead they came off a three-game road trip that included Anderson College, Chowan College, and the UNC-JV team. The three game road trip included one home game which the team won against Blanton's Junior College.

On Jan. 17, the Tornadoes traveled to Anderson, S.C., to take on the Trojans of Anderson College. After a 48-48 halftime score, Brevard's 24 turnovers finally took its toll as Anderson, led by Larry McCloud and Charles Edmanson's 15 points, extended its lead and went on to win 90-81. "Our turnovers are what hurt us the most," said Brevard coach Doug Rogers. "There were a couple of situations when we didn't play well," Rogers continued. Darren Lawler led all scorers with 24 points, followed by Mike Cole's 13 points and 12 rebounds. Marcus Allen and Harvey Cozart contributed 11 points each. Nate Fearrington added 13 assists.

Brevard traveled to Chowan College on Jan. 14 and again turnovers were the key to the Brevard loss 82-72. Chowan led 40-34 at the half, but Brevard hung tough behind Lawler's 17 points. Brevard tied the game but Chowan's Terry Massy, who led all scorers with 24 points, helped the Braves pull away in the end. Teammate Billy Coles added 23 points for the winning team. "It was a close game throughout," said Coach Rogers. "Again our turnovers (24) hurt us," he continued. Following Lawler in the scoring column, Harvey

Cozart had 15 points and 15 rebounds. Marcus Allen had 11 points, and Mike Cole hauled down 11 rebounds, while Nate Fearrington dished out seven assists.

Brevard came home on Jan. 10 to take on Blanton's Junior College in a non-conference match-up. Brevard came away with a 91-89 victory.

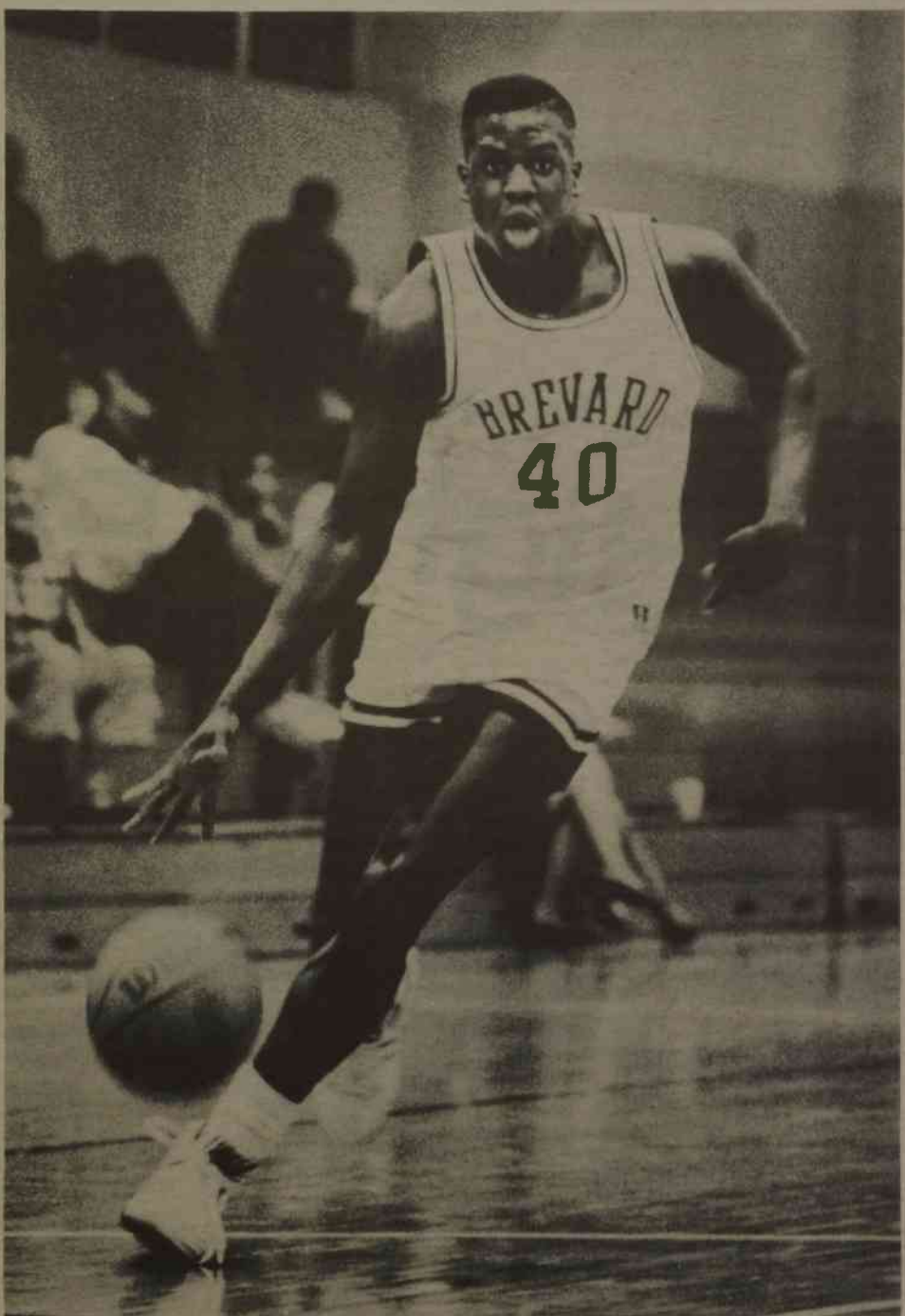
After Brevard 48-34 at the half behind Marcus Allen's 29 points, Blanton's Harry Jeter, with 24 points, brought the Raiders back into contention. But behind Allen and Lawler's 15 points, Brevard held on for the win. "We didn't play well in the second half," said Coach Rogers. "We became a little lapse when we had the big lead," Rogers added. Mike Cole added 13 points while collecting 16 rebounds. Harvey Cozart followed Cole with nine rebounds while contributing 12 points, Nate Fearrington had eleven assists.

Brevard traveled to Chapel Hill on Jan. 7 to take on the UNC-JV's in the Dean Dome but came up short on the scoreboard 81-72.

UNC's 6'11" center, Green, poured in 26 points to put the damps on Brevard's hopes of winning.

Darren Lawler and Mike Cole paced the Brevard attack with 14 points apiece. Marcus Allen had 10 points and Harvey Cozart pulled down seven rebounds. Nate Fearrington had seven assists and six rebounds. "This was a bad game for us...We didn't play well at all," said Coach Rogers.

"We are on the upswing now that we've gotten midway through the season," said Rogers. "We've had our ups and downs and we've made a lot of adjustments but we will be in contention for the Region title by season's end."



Hustling Tornado Mike Cole is all alone as he drives for a layup in the victory over Spartanburg Methodist last week.

(Clarion photos by Jock Lauterer)

BC runners off to a great start says Coach Rinker

from BC News Bureau

Brevard College's indoor track season got off to a good start with outstanding performances from several Tornadoes at the Marriott Invitation meet in Blacksburg, Va., Jan. 21, according to Coach Dave Rinker.

"It was a nice way to start the season," Rinker said of Dan Watson, the freshman from Greenwood, S.C., who qualified for the nationals with a 6'8" high jump which tied for fourth and tied the second best jump ever at BC.

Rinker said, "Dan looked very good considering he has only jumped once since Christmas. With qualifying out of the way, he can just get ready for nationals."

Other standouts for the Tornadoes included: Vidalia, Ga., sophomore Geoff Moore, who placed seventh in the mile run with a 4:20.4; Fairfax Va., freshman Mark Crellen, who placed second in his 500 meter heat with a time of 67.1 (and this, even after being knocked off the track); Woodbridge, Va., freshman Curtis Grundler who placed first in his heat in the 3000 meter race with a 9:04.08; and Potomac, Va., freshman Brian Watkins who placed

first in his heat in the 3000 meter race with a 9:06.2.

Also, the BC distance medley team placed fourth with a time of 10:34.2. Team members include Greensboro freshman Chris Griggs, Marietta, Ga., freshman Shawn Young, along with Moore and Crellen.

Rinker says he told his distance runners to "forget the clock and run... Curtis, Brian and Geoff all ran intelligently and tough...all we need is another couple of months and we'll be ready."

Upcoming meets include the Tiger Invitational at Clemson on Feb. 3, the Va. Tech Invitational at Blacksburg, Va., on Feb. 11 and the Tennessee All-Comers meet in Knoxville on Feb. 17. Nationals are in Lawrence, Kansas, March 3-4.

Brevard College's men's and women's track teams use the indoor season to get ready for the outdoor season.

"We are kind of soft-shelling the indoor season to get ready for the outdoor season," said Coach Dave Rinker.

Rinker said each person has his/her own goals from qualifying for the national meet

to setting personal records, or just getting ready for the outdoor season.

"The women have a small team but are working hard for the outdoor season," said Rinker.

"It is nice having field events, we have not had them in the past few years," said Rinker.

Rinker said, "Dan Watson has a lot of potential for us in high jump."

Clarion Reporter Jay Austin contributed to the story.

Thinclads keep improving

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"It's going to be a low-key season." That's what Coach Dave Rinker had to say about this year's indoor track season. After coming off yet another successful cross country season with the men's and women's teams placing fourth in nationals, Rinker says that "the indoor season is geared to prepare us for the cross country season next year." Rinker says that Scott Dvorak, Jaff Pajak, and Geoff Moore will be the main core of runners for the "gold" as they set their sights for the finish line in the 5000 and 10,000 meter races. Freshman Shawn Young will also contribute to the

distance runners as he'll be holding off the opposition in the 800 meters. In the high jump, freshman Dan Watson will attempt to leap higher than any man has ever leaped before while another freshman, Kevin Robinson, will be throwing the shot put.

On the women's side, All-American Alice Gaines, also this year's national champion in cross country, and Marjorie Hawk will keep the women's hopes alive as they take the track. Along with Gaines and Hawk is a very talented supporting cast consisting of Brandy Truitt and Beth Richter. Gaines, Hawk, and Truitt are all distance runners, while Richter is a shot putter.