

Lady Tornadoes force Montreat retreat



Floor general Tonja Barksdale leads a fast break charge.

Region X tourney here

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The Lady Tornadoes continued their winning ways with two small interruptions in Raleigh.

On Feb. 9, the Lady Tornadoes slaughtered the ladies of Montreat-Anderson for the second time with a final score of 62-20. The women had practically done away with Montreat-Anderson at half-time with a lead of 16 points.

The Lady Tornadoes had four players in double figures. The high scorer was Stephanie Hoback with 14 points, but she was followed closely by Daphanie Bousum who had 13 points. Tonja Barksdale and Tina Welch scored 10 points a piece.

A nightmare began for the Lady Tornadoes on Feb. 11, when they lost to the ladies of Peace College 62-47.

It was a weekend everyone would like to forget. Not a single player scored in double figures. The high score was Tonja Barksdale with 9 points.

After a day on the road, the Lady Tornadoes again travelled on to play the Ladies of Louisburg College. The Louisburg Lady Hurricanes, who are ranked ninth in the NJCAA, defeated the Lady Tornadoes handily 103-49. The Lady "T's" were practically out of the running at halftime because they were down 59-25. The only hope for the Lady Tornadoes came from Katie Trexler. She pumped in 15 points for the cause.

On Feb. 14, the Lady Tornadoes got back their winning ways by defeating the Lees-McRae Lady Bobcats 70-65. The Lady "T's" came out on top despite a halftime score of 36-36. Three players were in double figures for the Tornadoes. Katie Trexler led the scoring punch with 24 points. Not too far behind Trexler was Stephanie Hoback with 14 points and Jennifer Presnell added 10 points. Tonja Barksdale had 7 assists.

The Lady Tornadoes will host the Region X tournament March 2, 3, and 4 at Boshamer Gym, where eight teams from the Carolinas Conference will vie for regional honors.

Two of the eight teams are nationally ranked: Louisburg, seventh; and Anderson, 17th. In addition to BC, the other teams include: North Greenville, Peace, Spartanburg Methodist, Lees-McRae and Chowan.

Games begin at 1 p.m. Thursday with four games that day, continuing with two games Friday, at 6 and 8 p.m., and the finals to follow on Saturday at 7 p.m.

Free passes are available to students and the public at the Boshamer Gym athletic department office.

Brevard College will account well for itself, Coach Tom Radford says. This past week, the Lady Tornadoes have stunned some opponents -- mainly North Greenville in the 88-74 balanced attack on Feb. 21.

The win lifted BC to 8-13 overall and 4-9 in the region as of Feb. 24. "We just knocked off the number three team in the district," said a proud Coach Radford, pointing to five players in double figures. Katie Trexler with 27, Daphanie Bousum with 19, Tonja Barksdale with 16, and Jennifer Presnell and Jennifer Burger with ten points each. BC also held the Lady Mounties' leading scorer to only seven points.

BC runners excel in Virginia Tech meet Feb. 11

from BC News Bureau

Two Brevard College athletes placed first in their events during the Virginia Tech Invitation meet in Blacksburg, Va. on Feb. 11.

Running well in her hometown, Sophomore Alice Gaines took a strong first in the mile run with a 5:10.5. Gaines, a two-time All-American, won the junior college national individual cross country championship in November.

BC's other first came from Greenwood, S.C. freshman Dan Watson who lept over the bar at 6'10".

Of his winners, Coach Dave Rinker said his women runners ran "controlled races and looked very smooth." And of high-jumper Watson: "Seven feet is only a matter of time...he is quite a competitor," according to the coach.

Other outstanding performances came from: Marjorie Hawk finishing second in the 3,000 meter run with a 10:39; in the men's 1,000 meter run freshman Chris Griggs placed fourth with a 2:33.4 while freshman Shawn Young placed fifth just a step back with a 2:33.5.

In the men's 4 X 800 relay, BC took fifth with an 8:05.1 time. That team is comprised of freshman Mark Crellan, sophomore Geoff Moore, sophomore Scott Dvorak and Young.

"On the men's side," Rinker said, "We had some excellent performances and many personal bests...Chris Griggs and Shawn Young did a nice job in the 1,000. We also had outstanding performances by Geoff Moore in the mile -- and by Jeff Moran, Henry Showalter and Steve Kandrach in the 3,000.



Bound for nationals over spring break: BC's Scott Dvorak, Dan Watson and Geoff Moore.

Athletes on fast track to nationals

from BC News Bureau

Brevard College will have three athletes competing in the National Junior College Athletic Association Indoor Track and Field Championship. March 3 and 4 in Lawrence, Kansas, at the University of Kansas.

The school record holder in the high jump at 6'10" is Dan Watson, a freshman

from Greenwood, S.C.

Dan has developed excellent consistency over the past 6 weeks. Seven feet is a matter of time and getting his steps down. If he can clear 6'10" on his first jump he can make All-American. To win he'll have to jump a personal best of 7'1" or 7'2", "says Coach Dave Rinker.

The Brevard's usual strong suit of distance running will be sophomores Geoff Moore and Scott Dvorak. Geoff, from Vidalia, Ga., will be running the 2 mile.

"It will take a great race from Geoff for him to earn All-American honors. His best bet is that a fast pace is set by someone else. This would allow him to hang in there and make a move later in the race," Rinker observes.

Scott, from Orange Park, Fla., will run the 1000 meters. Scott must run the semifinals in the 1000 on Friday night. "He'll be hard pressed to make the finals. He has the ability, but needs a good fast pace and to hang in there. If he makes the finals he can make All-American," says Rinker.

To make All-American an athlete must place in the top six in the event.



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