



If you can't go through 'em, go around 'em. Tornadoes Bruce Gilliam, left, and Marcus Allen, right, handle the ball against BC opponents. (Clarion photos by Jock Lauterer)

BC Tornadoes heading for season's finale

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The varsity men's basketball team has been busy the past few weeks. Thursday, Feb. 8 through Feb. 11, the Tornadoes travelled to North Greenville, Columbia, S.C. and USC-Salkahatchie. Then BC came home to play the two top-ranked teams in the region, Louisburg and Chowan.

BC began their four-day road trip on Feb. 8 at North Greenville, last year's regional powerhouse. The Mounties took a quick lead and were out front by 12 points at halftime. BC never gave up and tied the game at 69-all with 25 seconds left. But the Tornadoes couldn't sink two crucial free throws. North Greenville hit a 15-foot jumper with seconds remaining on the clock to take the win.

Coach Doug Rogers said, "I'm really proud of the guys. They really fought hard and never gave up." The leading scorers for Brevard were Marcus Allen with 17 points, Jamie Cousin and Harvey Cozart with 12 each.

Two days later, the Tornadoes were deep in South Carolina where they played Columbia College and always tough USC-Salkehatchie on Feb. 11.

Columbia College came out ready, pumped up from beating Lees-McRae the night before, 71-64. Brevard fell

behind 44-28, then battled back, coming from behind on the strength of three-pointers by Cleon Dickerson, Nate Fearington and Wayne Frechette.

It was Fearington who sealed the win for BC. The Chapel Hill sophomore sank a 15-foot jumper with 20 seconds remaining in the game to give the Tornadoes the 74-72 victory.

Scoring for the Tornadoes was balanced. Four players were in double figures including Fearington and Marcus Allen with 14 points each to lead BC. They were followed by Dickerson and Frechette with 10 apiece.

BC ended their four-day road trip at USC-Salkehatchie and found themselves in another close game. This time, the outcome was not to be like the Columbia game; USC-S won the game by two points. Allen and Fearington led the Tornadoes with 26 and 22 points respectively. Frechette contributed 16, including four three-pointers. Harvey Cozart added 15.

After this long and strenuous road trip, the Tornadoes finally got to come home. But BC would have to paly the two toughest teams in the regions: Louisburg and Chowan.

When BC hosted Louisburg on Friday, Feb. 16, the first half of the game was relatively even. But just as the half was ending, a Louisburg player was fouled and he converted both free

throws to give his team a six point lead.

In the second half, BC came out fired up. The Tornadoes outscored Louisburg 12-6 to tie the game at 56-all on a Frechette lay-up. But the Tornadoes couldn't hang on, and Louisburg kept inching away. BC missed several free throws near the end that could have made a difference. The visitors finally pulled away for the 81-74 finale.

BC's scoring was again balanced, led by Frechette with 15, followed by Fearington and Cowan with 13 each. Allen and Cozart had 11 and 10 respectively

Saturday, Feb. 17, the Tornadoes faced Chowan, and again found themselves down at halftime, this time by the score of 32-25.

They battled back to make it a two-point game at the 15 minute mark. Then Chowan lit up, outscoring BC 29-11 in the next eight minutes, extending their lead to as much as 20 points. A tired and frustrated BC team lost 76-60.

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The BC men's basketball team is looking forward to the Region X basketball tournament, to be held Feb. 28 - March 3 at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, N.C.

What's happening

this weekend

Sports, entertainment, special events scheduled at Brevard College for the weekend of March 2-4, according to the official BC Campus Events Schedule:

Friday, March 2

Sports: Women's basketball away, at Emmanuel, 6 p.m.

Men's basketball, Region X Tournament at Lees-McRae, Banner Elk, begins Thursday and ends Saturday.

Indoor Track Nationals, away, at Lawrence, Kansas, goes through Saturday.

Saturday, March 3

Office of Admissions hosts Visitation Day, Dunham Auditorium, 8-11 a.m.

Sunday, March 4

Faculty Recital: Nancy Bondurant, bassoon, Dunham Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.