

Tornadoes are looking strong

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The Brevard College men's basketball team entertained US-Salkehatchie in Boshamer Gymnasium, Saturday, Dec. 1. The Tornadoes put their 3-5 record on the line but they did not disappoint the home crowd, jumping out to a quick 19-5 lead during the first five minutes of the game.

The Tornadoes got rolling when big sophomore Scott Barnes' dunk sparked the Tornadoes. Then Boca Raton sophomore Wayne Frechette's steal went in for another dunk and Salkehatchie's candle seemed to be all used up when they awoke to trim a 20-point lead down to a 50-40 halftime deficit.

Salkehatchie made a tremendous comeback in the second half, almost overcoming a 22-point deficit in the second half. But the Tornadoes hung on to win 95-92 to improve their record to 4-5. Jeff Brown led BC with 30 points followed by Fred Walker's 23 and Wayne Frechette's 20.

The Trojans from Anderson traveled to Brevard Thursday, November 29, and ran into a Brevard team playing their best ball of the year. BC won 85-79. Jeff Brown led Brevard with 25 points followed by Wayne Frechette's 13 and Chris Hunter had 14.

November 22, BC traveled to Atlanta to face Dekalb College and lost 87-77. Chris Hunter led BC with 20 points followed by Scott Barnes with 13.

In the championship of the Pizza Hut Classic held here at Brevard. BC faced Region X rival Montreat Anderson. The Tornadoes put on a good show for the large crowd, winning the tournament and the game with a final of 90-86.

Sophomore Kevin Adgent stole the victory when he hit two pressure free throws with three seconds remaining. Fred Walker led BC with 34 points followed by Wayne Frechette 16, Jeff Brown had 15 and Kevin Adgent had 10. Walker, Frechette, Brown and Adgent all made the All-Tournament team.

Brevard traveled to Emmanuel on Nov. 13 and came away with a 91-80 loss. Fred Walker led BC with 17, followed by Wayne Frechette with 16, Scott Barnes with 14, and Kevin Adgent with 10.

BC lost to Gordan College Nov. 9 in the second round of the Gordan College Tournament. Fred Walker led the way with 18, followed by Wayne Frechette with 16 and Scott Barnes added 15.

In the first round game, BC lost to Brunswick College 101-96. BC was led by Fred Walker with 18, Wayne Frechette with 15, Scott Barnes with 11, Elroy Cooks added 11 and Jason Tweed with 7. Wayne Frechette was named to the All-Tournament team.



BC's big Scott Barnes gets a basket up and over an Anderson defender in that thrilling victory on Nov. 29.

BC women seek to improve

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Brevard's women's basketball team has yet to fall into a rhythm this year, but they are working on it.

First-year Head Coach Jimmy Tilley has acknowledged the fact that it will take time, possibly half the season before the Lady Tornadoes (1-5) fall into pace.

Tilley is quick to point out that the team consists of only four freshmen and nine sophomores. "It's very hard for the sophomores to adjust to a new coach their freshman year and readjust their sophomore year to a new coach," he says.

The sophomores are apparently at a loss this year because of the adjustment but the team as a whole is progressing. The Lady Tornadoes have had a tough pre-Christmas schedule and have had to face nationally ranked teams Emmanuel, Louisburg and Truett-McConnell constantly.

The Lady Tornadoes boast an extreme amount of talent this year. Sophomore standouts Paula Crowe, Anne Norman and Sharon Heatherly lead the team in scoring, while Melissa Burchfield leads a talented group of freshmen.

While the winning has not come

easy for Brevard, the Lady Tornadoes and their coach are still optimistic. Coach Tilley says, "We haven't been shooting well as a team, but this team has the ability to do well in any situation."

Tilley admits that the confidence on the team is low, but the element of winning could change that. "Winning cures a lot of things," says Tilley. "My goal this year is to reconstruct the women's basketball program, establish myself as head coach, and build a strong foundation for the rest of this year and the years to come."

With the winter season drawing to a close, the Lady Tornadoes will spend Christmas Break resting up for an easier schedule and needed improvement. The Lady Tornadoes are ready to pay the bill use the gifted talent they possess to win.

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To recap the season thus far, the Lady Tornadoes opened with a Nov. 6 loss to Roane State, 82-57; came back for their one win against Rhinehart on Nov. 15 by the score of 75-63; lost to Truett-McConnell 86-51 on Nov. 17; bowed to Emmanuel on Nov. 19, 92-72; lost to Anderson 99-88 on Nov. 29; and drubbed by Emmanuel again on Dec. 6, 90-53.

It was the race of a lifetime...

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On a cold and windy day that seemed to be made more for sitting on the couch sipping on hot chocolate and watching football, there was electricity in the chilly air at DuPont's Guion Farm site of National Junior College National Championships.

Normally, the stiff breeze and frigid temperatures would have bothered people, but with the anticipation of a National Championship at stake, it seemed to make the cold much more tolerable. Ironically, the previous day had been warm and beautiful.

Coach Dave Rinker commented minutes before the Saturday race, "The runners yesterday (Friday) witnessed one of the most beautiful days of the year. Now they have to change their race strategy to combat the cold."

Temperatures ranging in the upper '40s seemed to bother the spectators more than the runners. "I'm used to running in this weather," said Brevard sophomore Chris Griggs. "We've had an entire week of beautiful weather and now it's cold. We have an advantage over some of the schools from the warmer climates."

And that advantage seemed to pay off with the Tornadoes' impressive team victory in the race.

The men's race began at 11 a.m. but the fans were there hours ahead to show their support for the home team. At least 200 BC students, faculty and family members gathered to watch a special moment in Brevard College history.

This was the first time the host team has ever won the National Championship, according to Rinker. "We have the best fans anywhere," said BC President William Greer and that support seemed to help inspire an already excited group of male and female runners.

Having the event held here at Brevard seemed to make the runners more comfortable. "We've had all season to train at DuPont and I guess that gives us the advantage," said sophomore Jeff Campbell. "We know where to conserve our energy and the places to race. We definitely have an advantage."

After the race it seemed the runners knew that they had already won the championship without an official announcement, "We knew we had it all wrapped up when we saw Chris (Griggs) finish in the top 25," explained John Massie.

Massie, who was BC's top finisher, said, "Finishing seventh in the country is something that I will always be proud of, but I'm more proud of the team and Coach Rinker. The team ran exceptionally well and we deserved to win the championship."

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