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Three BC baseball players to continue sports careers

Brevard College baseball players Tim Brown, Brandon Hollier, and Steve Sanders have all recently signed letters of intent to continue their college careers for the 1995-96 school year at highly respected universities.

Pitcher Tim Brown signed his letter of intent to play for UNC- Wilmington. A graduate of South Point High School in 1993, Tim finished his freshman season at Brevard with a 7-4 record and was twice voted as Region X pitcher of the week. He was also second in the region in strikeouts and pitched for Brevard College in the Junior College World Series last spring.

"Tim Brown is one of those players you wish you could have on your team forever. I will hate to see him go after this upcoming season," said Brevard

College baseball coach Rusty Stroupe. "Not only has he been an outstanding pitcher, he is also a leader who keeps the team loose. Most impressive of all, he posted a 3.5 Grade Point Average last spring during baseball season. Without his pitching performance against Columbia St. (Tennessee) last year, we would not have gone to the World Series. UNC- Wilmington has a fine baseball program and I expect Tim to be one of their top pitchers in 1996 and I am certain he will continue to succeed academically," continued Stroupe.

Outfielder Brandon Hollier has signed on with Furman University. Brandon, originally from Marietta, GA, graduated from Pope High School in 1992 where he made the 1992 All-State Georgia Team and was an East-West All-

Star. He was also a member of the 1992 Metro Atlanta Dugout Club where he was player of the week twice. Last season at Brevard he hit .372 and provided solid defense in the field. Brandon is also a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honors academic club here on campus. According to Coach Stroupe, "Brandon is a fine young man who has proven himself academically and athletically at Brevard. He is a perfect match for Furman because of his character, dedication to academics, and athletic excellence."

Steve Sanders signed his letter of intent with N.C. State University. An All-State pitcher at Cherryville Sr. High (Cherryville, NC) in 1993, Sanders finished his Freshman year at Brevard with a 10-0 regular season record (12-2

overall) and was a National Junior College Athletic Association All-American. He was a First Team All-Region 10 member and pitched in the Junior College World Series. "I couldn't be more excited that Stevie has decided to continue his college education and his athletic career at N.C. State," said Stroupe. "I am tremendously proud of what he accomplished last year and am looking forward to his upcoming sophomore season at Brevard this year. Stevie has matured academically, athletically, and emotionally while at Brevard. There may have been those who doubted whether Stevie would make it in college. He has proven those doubters wrong. I have no doubt that he will continue to make great strides both on and off the field."

Lady Tornados soccer team finishes second at Nationals

The Brevard College Lady Tornados Soccer Team went to the NJCAA Championships on November 17-20, in Baltimore, Md., ranked number one in the nation and having high hopes of returning as National Champions. But their hopes fell short as they lost the Championship Title Game 5-0 to Champlain College (Vermont).

The tournament results made the Lady Tornados the second best team in the nation - an honor well deserved by these athletes who fought hard and worked hard the entire season.

Brevard got to the title game by defeating Mercer County Community College 6-2 in their opening game of the tournament. Sheila Best and Jennifer Williams led the way with two goals each. Dawn Haessig had a goal and two assists and Sarah Milona added a goal and an assist. Jennifer Bennett and Stacy Kuhr each added an assist to round out Brevard College's scoring summary and what appeared to be an easy victory. "We played well enough to win, that was the important part. But we were nowhere near the level we usually play at," stated head coach Joe Bartlinski.

With the win against Mercer, that put Brevard up against the defending national champions and tournament host Essex Community College on Nov. 18. It was the second meeting between the two teams this season and in the end it was the second victory for Brevard College in the tournament as they once

again defeated Essex 3-0 advancing BC to the championship game against rival Champlain. Jennifer Walsh, Jennifer Hill, and Dawn Haessig each scored for Brevard.

The next day was a very much needed day of rest for the banged-up and bruised Lady Tornados.

The Championship game against Champlain on Sunday, Nov. 20, was indeed a hard fought battle between the nations two most talented teams. In the end, it was Champlain proving itself victorious.

Despite not finishing on top, the Lady Tornados finished National Champion Runner Up, with an overall 15-4 record. That is by far the best performance of any womens soccer team in BC history. Finishing the year ranked second is also nothing to be ashamed of when you stop and think of just how many junior colleges there are in the entire country. According to Bartlinski, by the time the women's soccer team got to the final game they were played out. The combination of having only twelve players and the Tornados' aggressive style of play left the team without a lot of steam for the final game. "Our team only knows one style of play," said Bartlinski, "and that is all out, all the time."

Congratulations Lady Tornados, you not only made the school proud, you made yourselves proud, and you earned the respect of many where respect was long overdue.



BC freshman Sheila Best goes for the header against Champlain College in the NJCAA National Championship game on Nov. 20.