

Sports

Basketball Team Prepares For Competition

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Once again it's time for basketball! With this year's blend of youth and experience, the Tornados are looking forward to blowing the competition away.

Coach Dudley Bradley is in his second year as the head honcho of the Tornados. With a core of super sophomores led by Mike Felder and Joe Cooper, Coach Bradley has nothing but high expectations for this year's team. To go with his super sophomores, Coach Bradley has also brought in a crop of fabulous freshmen. The freshman are led by top recruits Tyrone Walker, Brian Tate, and Damien Daughtry; there is also a host of other top notch freshmen and sophomores. This good blend of youth and experience should help the Tornados reach Coach Bradley's expectations.

When asked what the team needs to improve, coach Bradley replied, "The freshmen need to play at their peak all the time and be more aggressive."

The Tornados' first game is on November 7, so keep your eyes peeled for more updates.

Basketball Schedule Through January

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Nov. 7	CROSSFIRE	BREVARD, N.C.	7:30 PM
Nov. 10-11	DOMINO'S CLASSIC (Roane State, Dekalb College, Spartanburg Methodist)	BREVARD, N.C.	TBA
Nov. 14	Clinton J.C.	Rockhill, S.C.	7:30
Nov. 17-18	Dekalb College Classic (BREVARD COLLEGE, Clinton J.C., Gadsden State)	Dunwoody, G.A.	TBA
Nov. 23-25	Tallahassee C.C. Classic	Tallahassee, FL.	TBA
Nov. 30	Walter State	Morristown, TN.	8:00pm
Dec. 2	AIKEN TECH	BREVARD, N.C.	3:00pm
Dec. 6	CLINTON J.C.	BREVARD, N.C.	7:30pm
Dec. 9	Aiken Tech	Aiken, S.C.	3:00pm
Dec. 13	Lenoir C.C.	Kinston, N.C.	7:00pm
Dec. 28-29	Chipola J.C. Classic	Marianna, FL.	TBA
Jan. 11	Spartanburg Methodist	Spartanburg, S.C.	7:30pm
Jan. 13	Roane State	Harriman, TN.	7:00pm
Jan. 17	Central Piedmont C.C.	Charlotte, N.C.	7:00pm
Jan. 20	Louisburg College	Louisburg, N.C.	7:00pm
Jan. 24	CENTRAL PIEDMONT C.C.	BREVARD, N.C.	7:00pm
Jan. 26	WARREN WILSON COLLEGE	BREVARD, N.C.	7:00pm
Jan. 27	LENOIR C.C.	BREVARD, N.C.	7:00pm
Jan. 31	University of North Carolina	Chapel Hill, N.C.	6:00pm

Chad Berryman Explains Keys To Success

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Chad Berryman, a 19 year-old sophomore from Kannapolis, North Carolina, is the pitcher for the Brevard College Baseball team.

When he first started pitching, his coach told him he wasn't good enough to play for high school or college. This discouragement pushed him more. He wanted to pitch so that he could prove to himself that he can accomplish any goals he set for himself.

Chad started playing baseball at age 5 when he played tee-ball for 2 years. After that he played for Dixie Youth for 10 years. Then moved on to play for his middle school for 2 years and A.L. Brown High School for 4 years. One reason Chad has come this far is because he has had a lot of support from both coaches and family. Many of his coaches took time out to help him whenever he needed it. His family attended all his games and stood by him 100%. His father and his brother, Shane, spent a lot of their time helping Chad practice. All of this hard work paid off. During his senior year, Chad won the All-Conference award.

Chad said there are a lot of advantages in playing for Brevard. "I get to travel to different places, meet and make new friends, and most important, I get to fulfill my childhood dream."

Growing up Chad always had a dream to someday pitch for the Atlanta Braves. Chad also said that Greg Maddux, pitcher for the Atlanta Braves, inspires him to strive for the best.

Along with advantages comes disadvantages, but the only disadvantage Chad can think of is the fact that all the practicing sometimes interferes with studies.

Chad said the keys to success are, "good work habits, good attitudes, hard work, and dedication."

Chad came to Brevard because he was impressed with coach Stroupe and "the way he does things." While playing for the team last year, Chad was drafted by the Houston Astros, but he said he felt he was too young and needed more experience. "Plus, in case of an injury I can have my education to fall back on."

After Brevard Chad hopes to continue his education at UNC-Chapel Hill and also play baseball there.

Chad has a special passage written in his hat. Before each game and when he gets mad or frustrated, he reads this for

reassurance. "Let God work in your life." (Philippians 4:13)

