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Lady Tornados Ranked # 1

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The Lady Tornados are off to a great start with a 8-0 record thus far. The team consists of only six returning players. This has yet to pose a problem for the team due to Coach Bartlinski's excellent recruiting of twelve strong freshmen. Among the twelve are two international players.

The team was ranked fifth in the nation during the pre-season and has climbed significantly in the ranking of first. This rise in the rankings is due to such criteria as outscoring their opponents 54-1.

This year's team has already set the goal of winning the NJCAA national title for women's soccer. They realize that there is a long road ahead of them, but they are a very dedicated group of athletes. Their desire played an important part in inspiring each player to get revenge on Schoolcraft College who beat Brevard College in the district finals last fall. This loss



sent Brevard home and Schoolcraft to the national tournament in Baltimore where they finished fourth in the nation.

Coach Bartlinski has already recognized the Lady Tornados' first step towards becoming national champions, in that "the sophomores have done a great job in bringing the team together off the field as a cohesive unit." A prime example of this was one of which the whole campus took note. Surely everyone noticed the mismatched freshmen around campus or during their performance in the cafeteria at lunch. This "freaky freshmen day" was an initiation planned by the sophomores the day before their first game.

The next step for the team on the road to nationals is to bring the level of play up a notch on the field. When asked, Coach Bartlinski said, "The key to success will be how much the team is willing to sacrifice and how hard they will be willing to work to achieve their goals. Every team wants to go to nationals, but it is the teams who are willing to work the hardest that usually end up in Baltimore at the nationals."

Athletes look to future

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As the weather turns much cooler here, many students know it's that time of year again; back to school to start a new year of academics. But some students are doing double duty as student-athletes.

Many athletes are preparing for the upcoming seasons in their own particular way with early pre-season conditioning drills. Sports teams like the Men's soccer and the Track and Cross Country teams begin their conditioning as early as 6:00 a.m., while other sports teams are just warming up with drills in the afternoons. "No one likes to get up at 6:30 a.m. to do conditioning!" states Men's Soccer coach, Andy Schaefer.

A majority of the drills are the same for all the fall sports like swimming to ease muscle tension, weight lifting, and

running. A big question is why go through all the running and conditioning? "I make sure that the players understand that without conditioning we don't have a chance to do anything else. Conditioning is and must be the foundation of everything we do," explained Women's Basketball and Volleyball coach, Tadd Connor, or in the words of Women's Soccer coach, Joe Bartlinski, "Play hard or run!"

Every sport here at Brevard College is important, because these students are representing the school in their own unique way. What they go through will be evident to the student body, to the coaching, and of course, to themselves. This is best explained by assistant Basketball coach, Eldric Smith: "This is the first step to winning the Conference in our Region and moving on to the playoffs to win the NJCAA National Title."

Men's soccer looks for respect

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Fall is here, and the 1996 Brevard College Men's soccer season has begun. The team has started the season with high expectations following last year's 12-6-1 squad. The team returns 4 sophomores and adds a brand new cast of freshmen that has Coach Andy Schaefer excited about the new season.

As of September 16, the team's record stands at 2-3 overall and 1-1 in the Region 10 competition. The squad opened their home schedule with a tough 3-2 loss to Region 10 foe Spartanburg Methodist but rebounded a few days later by crushing Averett College 5-2. The team carried a well deserved preseason #16 ranking into the Fall. The young Tornados play a tough Region 10 schedule.

The team has had to undergo a complete revamping following last year. Chip Wonderlin, a sophomore who played on the front line last year, has been moved to defense and has adjusted well. The team must also

contend with its youth. The Tornados' schedule has them playing against teams that boast much older, more experienced players, as opposed to the 18-20 year olds that are on Brevard's squad. Coach Schaefer said, "The sophomores are playing as expected, but the team lacks leadership from its freshmen. The time is now to step up and lead. This will be essential if we are to get to the next level." He also points to the 3-2 home loss to Spartanburg Methodist as very important. Region 10 victories are essential, and there were many chances for the team to step up but failed to capitalize on its opportunities. He also points to the victory over Averett College as a confidence builder but says that the team is only playing at 50-60% for 60% of the game.

The team is led in scoring by Joey Kopacz from Pensacola, FL, with 4 goals and Sebastian Salazar from Quito, Ecuador, with 2 goals in this young season. Schaefer also points to Salazar's play in the middle as "dynamo".

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Sept 2 Davidson College
4:00 Davidson, NC
Sept 7 Charles Cnty. Comm.
2:00 Louisburg, NC
Sept 8 Louisburg College
1:00 Louisburg, NC
Sept 12 Spartanburg Meth.
4:00 Brevard, NC
Sept 14 Averett College
2:00 Brevard, NC
Sept 21 Meridian Comm Coll.
1:00 Brevard, NC
Sept 28 DeKalb College
2:00 DeKalb College, GA
Oct 3 Young Harris College
4:00 Brevard, NC
Oct 5 Louisburg College
1:00 Brevard, NC
Oct 8 Young Harris College
4:00 Young Harris, GA
Oct 12 Gordon College
3:30 Brevard, NC
Oct 16 Spartanburg Meth.
3:30 Spartanburg, SC
Oct 19 Monroe Comm Coll.
2:00 DeKalb College, GA
Oct 20 Truett McConnell
2:00 Truett McConnell, GA
Oct 27 Andrew College
2:00 Brevard, NC
Oct 31 Region 10 Tourn.
TBA
Nov 2 Region 10 Finals
TBA