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Baseball Team Leads Conference

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This has been an "edge of the seat" season for the Brevard College baseball team as they have fought to maintain their first place status in the conference with 20 wins and 4 losses. Montreat College and Tennessee Wesleyan have been the season's toughest competitors, however, it seems that Brevard has the heart and drive to take it all the way.

This season means a lot to six of the members on the team, because it is their last year of playing at Brevard College. There has been a tremendous amount of leadership and teamwork amid these six seniors, and the team will be sorry to see them go. Amongst the seniors are quality players such as starting third baseman #10, Scott Lefler from Gastonia, NC, who has been an encouraging leader for 4 years. His current batting average is 0.325, with 13 doubles, 13 home runs, and 46 RBI's.

Starting second baseman Travis Free, #12, from Kingsport, TN will also wrap up his last season; his current batting average is 0.277, with 9 doubles, 2 home runs, and 19 RBI's. The team is also losing starting shortstop Chad Nance, #24, from Charlotte, NC, current batting average 0.305, with 12 doubles, 2 home runs, and 17 RBI's.

Pitcher, #26, Matt Joplin from Granite Falls, NC has been a great asset to the team; his current pitching status includes a 5.23 ERA, with 4 wins, and 1 loss. Another great pitcher, #28, Joey Cress from Charlotte, NC will leave Brevard this spring. His current pitching status consists of a 4.19 ERA, with 7 wins, and 3 losses. Pitcher, #31, Tom Underhill from High Point, NC has saved many games this season and will be missed; his present pitching status contains a 2.28 ERA, with 5 wins, 2 losses, and 8 saves.

All of these seniors have worked hard this season to try and make it memorable. They have aided the team in winning two of three Appalachian Athletic Conference Championships and have competed in three consecutive Region XII Championships.

It is only natural for these seniors to want to take home a championship ring in completion of their last season as a Brevard College Tornado. So far this season is looking good for the Brevard College baseball team, and I am the sure the team is anticipating a successful wrap up.

Every year the baseball team says goodbye to some valuable players, and I know this year's seniors, who have formed close companionships with one another, will be greatly missed.