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Softball Post-Season Play

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The Brevard College Lady Tornadoes were ranked fourth in the Appalachian Athletic Conference preseason poll and finished the regular season at that mark. With a conference record of 15-12, an even 23-23 overall, the women are poised for a conference tournament run and possibly an appearance in the regional tournament.

The team is led by Vanessa Marlowe the sophomore who has put up "all-conference" numbers throughout the season. Her numbers lead the team in almost every statistical category, most notably her .388 batting average and .490 slugging percentage.

Krystal Westnedge had this to say about her team's performance through the season, "I think this year started off a lot better than most of us expected. We went down to Florida and not only did we win a game, we came in second place in the tournament.

"That meant a lot because it showed us the level we could play at. One of our biggest deals this year has been leaving things that interfere with our game, like trouble with friends, school or family, off the field when we play. We did that in Florida and that's why we played so well.

"With conference tournament coming up, I think we have the opportunity to pick things up again. We dropped a few important games this season to teams like Milligan and UVA-Wise, so I hope we get the chance to play them again in conference tournament and show them what we can really do. It should be a lot of fun either way."

With the right chemistry this team will prevail in the conference tourney and pave their path to the regional tournament. Best of luck!