

BC softball team records two wins

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The Brevard College softball team defeated Southern Wesleyan University in both games of a double header, 6-1 and 6-5, on Saturday February 19th.

Sophomore Rachel Howard pitched for the win in the first game while freshman Jenelle Trifon finished off three innings in relief. Brevard scored one run in the first inning, three in the second, and two in the third, while SWU didn't score until the top of the seventh inning. Senior Lori McGeary went 2-4 with two RBI's, junior C.J. Jascur went 2-3 with a double, junior Heidi Morgan went 2-3, and junior Krystal Westnedge added a triple in the win.

Although the Tornadoes took an early lead in the second game, it took extra innings to defeat Southern Wesleyan after SWU tied the game 4-4 in the top of the seventh inning. SWU went on to take the lead in the top of the eighth after scoring one, but Brevard answered when Krystal Westnedge drove in two runs in the bottom of the inning. Junior Steph Giannetti had seven strikeouts as she pitched for the win, with junior Susan Wynne adding three innings of relief.

The Tornadoes are now 4-2 overall. They will open conference play as they travel to Montreat College on Thursday February 24 and Bluefield College on Saturday February 26th.

Men's basketball team gains second place

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Brevard College men's basketball team gained sole possession of second place on "Senior Night," Saturday February 19, with a 101-78 win over conference rival Union College.

Starting four seniors in front of a jam packed Boshamer Gymnasium, the Tornadoes got ahead early with strong shooting from the field and an excellent defensive effort. Anthony Hatcher scored all of his 22 points in the first half and led Brevard into the locker room with a halftime lead of 54-45.

Senior guard Brooks Bowers added 14 and senior Brian Grier scored 16 while adding 13 rebounds.

"This win gives us a lot of confidence going into the conference tournament," freshman guard Jeff Carbuhn said. "If we do well there, we can go on to bigger and better things."

With a conference record of 16-6, the Tornadoes head into the conference tournament at King College this week with a second place seed and a

chance to earn a trip to the NAIA National Tournament. For some, there is only one thing on their mind: Revenge.

"The way the tournament is set up, we will be playing all the teams who have beaten us this year," Hatcher said. "It's my last year, and I'd like to get some revenge and come home with the conference championship."

The team has already received many individual awards this season at the conference athletic banquet, which was held Tuesday February 22.

Hatcher was named Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) Third Team and All-Defensive Team, Grier was named AAC Second Team, Freshman Monteles Burden received Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) Freshman Player of the Year, and junior Jared Ramsey received AAC All-Academic Team.

"We're still hungry for more," Carbuhn said, "and I think we can come away with a conference championship this weekend."

Two women named AAC co-players of the year

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Brevard College seniors Ayana McWilliams and Kris May-Richardson were named Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) Co-Players of the Year in women's basketball at the annual conference athletic banquet on Tuesday February 22.

McWilliams, who was awarded AAC

Women's Basketball Player of the Week honors twice this season and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Player of the Week honors once, was also named AAC Defensive Player of the Year at the ceremony. She led the AAC in both assists and steals for the season.

May-Richardson also took home AAC

All-Academic honors plus she was named to the AAC All-Defensive team. With an average of 20.25 points per game, May-Richardson led the AAC in points for the regular season.

The Lady Tornadoes' conference record of 21-1 was good enough to wrap up the AAC Regular Season Championship, and give them an automatic birth into the NAIA National

Tournament.

The team is heading into the conference tournament this week with a 20 game winning streak, a #1 seed, and a bye in the first round.

"The streak gives us a lot of confidence going into the tournament," McWilliams said. "We play a lot harder because we won't want the streak to end."

Second-year coach Tammy George was also

recognized at the banquet Tuesday night, receiving the AAC Coach of the Year award.