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Back in the swing of things: 2008 Baseball preview

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As the Brevard College baseball team enters into their provisional year as a member of the South Atlantic Conference, the team has many reasons to be optimistic. Many key players return from a team that upset two nationally ranked foes during the 2007 campaign, which saw the team compile a 27-23 record.

The Tornados return 5 offensive players, who had batting averages over .300. Leading the storm front for

the squad will be seniors Justin Frady (.398 batting average), Seth Corliss (.333) and Luke Lovelace (.320) along with red-shirt sophomore Josh Miller (.358) and junior Brice Warner (.301). Among the newcomers looking to make an impact include JUCO transfers Adam Arrowood (Surrey CC) and Mitch Hefner (Blue Ridge CC).

The pitching staff also returns mostly intact from last year's successful season. Senior Chris White (Hendersonville, NC) along with juniors Seth Laughter (Asheville, NC) and Spencer

Linn (Fletcher, NC) lead a pitching staff that provided 19 of last seasons 27 wins. Even with the loss of Jordan Hotchkiss, who was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in June, the pitching staff appears to be quite deep and has been bolstered four transfers.

Adding to the depth of the squad include a freshman class that includes first baseman Matt Rose and infielder Stephen Mullis (both of Charlotte, NC) and right handed pitchers Luke Smithson (Horse Shoe, NC) and Jacob White (Elkin, NC).

The schedule this season

includes many match-ups against teams that are currently ranked in the Division 2 poll. The Tornados hit the road to take on #20 Francis Marion in Florence, South Carolina and lost 5-2. Another highlight of the schedule includes a series at #26 University of South Carolina Aiken this Tuesday and Wednesday (February 19th and 20th). On March 8th and 9th #29 Catawba will travel to take on the Tornados at B.C. The month of April sees #6 Tusculum pay a visit to the Tornados home diamond for a 3 game set on April 5th and 6th.

Changes: 2008 Softball preview

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As the dark winter begins to fade into spring it is truly a season of changes for the softball team here at Brevard College. The changes begin with a new head coach, Britne' Stubbs. Coach Stubbs is a graduate of Queens University in Charlotte, and she spent the last two years as an assistant coach at Tiffin University in Ohio, where she finished her master's degree in business administration.

Four seniors lead the Tornados into this season. The seniors are Kristin Tettermer (Newport, N.C.), Lindsey Morgan (Mt. Holly, N.C.), Aimee Rodgers (Mebane, N.C.) and Amber Clontz (Hickory N.C.). Also

providing leadership will be juniors Amber Klein (Grovetown, GA), Beth Brooker (Fayetteville, Ga.), Katie Thornburg (Lincolnton, N.C.) and Jessica Crocker (Hendersonville, N.C.).

The Tornados, while still a young team, have already started off the season with some success. After being swept by Pfeiffer College on February 2nd, the Lady Tornados spilt a doubleheader with Limestone College, winning the nightcap 3-0. Two days later BC opened their home schedule with 8-0 and 3-2 wins over NAIA foe Virginia Intermont. The current home stand continues with doubleheaders against regional foes Lees McRae and Pfeiffer and concludes on the 24th of February against

This Week's Betting Odds

Shaquille O'Neal will be able to make four trips up and down the court in the Phoenix Suns' fast-paced offense.	5 to 1
Roger Clemns' trainer will write a tell-all book about his experiences injecting Clemens with juice. Working title : "Fueling The Rocket."	3 to 1
"Crank that Danny Green" will catch on as the next national dance craze after UNC ties Duke for the ACC lead.	15 to 1