

Women's basketball ready to start season

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After a long off-season that included a change in head coaches, and a lot of new faces appearing in Boshamer Gymnasium at practices, the Brevard College Women's Basketball team is ready to tip off their season. Under the guidance of new Head Coach Shannon Reid, the Tornados open up this weekend in the Eagle Club Classic, in Jefferson City, Tennessee.

In the tournament held at Carson-Newman College, the Tornados will take on Lees-McRae College and Lander University. The Tornados return two of their top three scorers in junior forward Samantha Winn (10 points per game) and sophomore Amanda Whitaker (7.7 points per game.)

The rest of the team features a large collection of young players with six freshman on the roster, with another four being sophomores. The only upperclassmen on the team are juniors Winn (Candler, North Carolina) and classmate Millie Wharton (Brisbane, Australia).

While there are few very home games on the schedule before the Christmas Break, the Tornados will host Virginia Intermont on November 25th and Converse College on November 29th. Also on the early part of the season is a conference matchup at Tusculum College on December 6th. Once



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Sophomore Amber Roberts and freshman Anna Schlobohm defend a Western Carolina Catamount during last Saturday's exhibition at the Ramsey Center in Cullowhee, NC. The Tornados women's team, starts off their season this weekend at the Eagle Club Classic at Carson-Newman College with games against Lees-McRae College and Lander University.

the New Year rolls around, it is almost entirely conference matchups with the exception of a home and home series with North Greenville University.

This past weekend, the Tornados travelled to Cullowhee, North Carolina to take on Western Carolina University, an NCAA Division I school. Despite losing 75-45, the Tornados were able to stay within ten points

until the Catamounts until the midway point in the second half.

With the regular season rapidly approaching, Coach Reid is obviously ready for the games to count.

"We've excited!" quipped Coach Reid. "We know we've got a tough weekend ahead of us, but we're working hard and we are ready to go!"

Volleyball finishes regular season strong

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As the regular season comes to a close, the volleyball team here at Brevard College is riding a wave of momentum. After clinching a South Atlantic Conference tournament berth last Wednesday, the Tornados were able to pick up a couple of crucial non-conference wins entering into the tournament which begins Thursday (after press-time) against #1 seed Wingate

Last Saturday the Tornados travelled

down to Columbia, SC to take on the Columbia College, who had defeated B.C. earlier in the season. Early on in the match it looked like history would repeat itself as the Fighting Koalas took the first two sets by scores of 19-25 and 22-25.

In the third set Columbia held on to a 22-19 lead, but the Tornados fought back and took the lead and held on to win the third set 26-24. The fourth set also was close with the teams being tied at 17-17, before an 8-2 run for Brevard evened the match at two sets a piece.

In the fifth set, the Tornados jumped out

to an 8-3 lead and held on to win the set and the match 15-10. Brooke "The Beast" Seaman again led the way on the offensive end with 15 kills, and freshman Ashlie Morrison added nine. Senior Jami Perry added 38 assists and 18 digs on the day, while freshman Jordei Osby stuffed six blocks on the day. Junior Chelsey Trojan led the team defensively with 19 digs.

Tuesday night the Tornados celebrated the remarkable career of their lone senior, Perry, while hosting North Greenville College. The Tornados came out strong dominated the match 3-0.