

Women's soccer add 10, work hard in pre-season

FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

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And then there were 26.

Finishing last fall's 2009 season with an overall record of 6-12-1 and a team roster of 20, coach Shigeyoshi Shinohara and assistant coach Caity Brown introduce nine new freshman players and one sophomore player to the ever expanding Tornado women's soccer squad.

With hopes to change a losing record to a winning one, Jamie Bundy, Laura Smith, Lindsay Pritchard, Brittany Webster, Abigail Rusch, Crissy Moran, Bree McMahon, Francie Blair, Elena Crowe and Carolina Anderson were signed to the Brevard College women's soccer team roster this 2010 fall season.

These 10 new additions to the roster bring not only raw and fresh new talent, but a drive that has inspired the coaching staff and the returning 16.

The Lady Tornados pre-season began Aug. 15 with a tough but determining two-mile fitness test, which then proceeded with a sweat-driven 15 level beep test. The young ladies on the team not only embodied fortitude, but portrayed hope, faith and desire to illustrate to the coaching staff how much they believe in a winning season this season.

"These young ladies are inspiring to watch," Brown said Monday after a long but intensity-filled practice. "With a 2-0-1 record in our pre-season matches, these Tornados played with their heart, and inspired the college to believe that this is a new year, a new season, and a brand new team to show the conference what BC soccer is truly about!"

Sophomore Teresa Musick agrees. "The freshmen bring an exciting energy on and off the field," she said. "They are feisty, out-spoken, and want to do what is best for the team.

"They are truly up for the challenge."

The Tornados have been practicing hard. Playing their three pre-season games have been a tough yet rewarding few weeks for the young ladies as they prepared for the first game of the season, held yesterday at Erskine College in South Carolina.

What will be the means for success this season for the Lady Tornados? "Practice, practice, practice!" Shinohara said as he watched the team warm up for Monday's practice. "Practice, determination and poise will be the keys to overcoming a tough challenge this 2010 fall season for these 26 young ladies."

Unless they believe that they can triumph over the challenges they face this season, the team will never be successful, Shinohara said.

"There are four words that the girls created that they believe embody our team and illustrate who we are going to be this season and they are," he said. "Relentlessness,

WOMEN' SOCCER SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE (Home games in bold type)

Sept. 5, Belmont Abbey, 4 p.m.
Sept. 8, Converse, 5 p.m.
Sept. 11, @ Clayton State, 5 p.m.
Sept. 15, USC Aiken, 4 p.m.
Sept. 18, Southern Wesleyan, 2 p.m.
Sept. 21, @ Young Harris, 4 p.m.
Sept. 25, Lincoln Memorial*, 2 p.m.
Sept. 28, Tusculum*, 3 p.m.

passion, unity, and dedication.

"Without believing in these words and knowing that they represent exactly who we are, we are not going to be able to step up to the challenge."

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