

Football team splits first two games of season

The BC football team opened the season with an impressive home win against Edward Waters before dropping the second game on the road at Gardner-Webb.

In the first game Aug. 28, the Tornados overcame turnovers in their first two possessions, before rallying behind seniors Michael Crumbaker and Derek Church on their way to 39-13 halftime lead, defeating the visiting Edward Waters College Tigers in Brevard's 2010 home opener at Asheville High School, 53-27.

Brevard's rushing attack led the way for the Tornados as the team recorded 331 yards on the ground, picking up 15 of their 20 first downs through carries. Freshman Kelvin Jeter opened up his collegiate career with a big game, gaining 121 yards on five carries to go with a touchdown, while preseason All-SAC second teamer Neville Bryce also broke the century mark, gaining 110 yards on 14 carries, while finding the end zone once. Church and Crumbaker also crossed the goal line twice for the Tornados on the ground as five Tornados ball carriers reached the end zone.

One week later, the Tornados scored 14 points in the fourth quarter, but the 14-0 halftime deficit was too much as Brevard fell to FCS opponent Gardner-Webb 28-14.

The Tornados (1-1) were led on the ground by freshman Thadus Benton as the fullback gained 78 yards on 20 carries. Jeter also picked up 78 yards for Brevard on the ground on 17 carries, while Crumbaker had two rushing touchdowns among his 32 rushing yards. In the air, Crumbaker was two of three with an interception, finding Eric Watts on a 27-yard strike down to the GWU two-yard line in the fourth quarter, but was sacked five times in the contest.

Volleyball coach scores 500th win in season opener

Volleyball coach Brenda Skeffington recorded her 500th career victory Sept. 2 as the Tornados survived a season-opener five-set thriller over host Converse College.

Skeffington has coached for 25 years, including 10 years at Brevard.

Following the win over Converse, the Lady Tornados won one and lost two at the "Volley in the Mountains" tournament at Montreat College Sept. 4.

They opened the 2010 South Atlantic Conference season on the road Tuesday night at Lenoir-Rhyne University, taking the Bears to the limit, before falling in five sets.

Brevard (2-3, 0-1 SAC) was led by the duo of Kortney Conner and Jamie Atkinson with nine kills, while Osby added seven kills to the BC attack.

Women's soccer falls to champs at home

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The Lady Tornados opened their home season Sunday with a 1-0 loss against the Belmont Abbey Crusaders, a Division II Conference Carolina team who last year entered the Conference Tournament with an overall record of 14-0-5.

The Tornados (2-1) struggled to create offensive opportunities, taking only four shots in the 90-minute match that afternoon.

The first half of the match-up was evenly battled as both the Crusaders and the Tornados struggled to place their shots on goal. With a record of five shots for the Crusaders and two shots for the BC women, both coming from junior Bailey Varley, the whistle blew after the first half, leaving the scoreboard displaying nothing more than a couple of zeros.

For the BC ladies, this team was a tough start to another season. For returning players and coaches, the knowledge of additional upcoming conference opponents means that the Tornados are going to have to turn the tables around and blow the opposition out of the park.

As the ladies headed to the locker room to discuss strategy for the second half, sophomore Allie Hovis said, "We're playing great. We stepped up our game in the last 20 minutes of the half, showing them that Brevard will be

going to the Conference Tournament this season and it will not be decided on the fate of a coin toss. All we have to do is play our game, focus on what we worked on in practice, and score some goals!"

The many fans and students who came to watch their lady Tornados had faith in what they were going to bring in the second half, and Hovis, along with the other 25 girls, were ready to show them just that.

As time began ticking down in the second half, the Crusaders managed to fire off three shots on freshman goalkeeper Brittany Webster, leaving the Tornados in a 1-0 deficit. The first shot of the second half was taken by Bailey Varley, but blocked by senior Crusader Anna Donaldson. After that, the Crusaders were at ease for the remainder of the game.

Allie Hovis, one of Brevard's top goal scorers last year, was not able to place the ball in the back of the net as she ran toward the Crusaders' goalkeeper with 25 seconds left in the game. A victory was just not in the cards that day for the 26 lady Tornados.

"Belmont Abbey is a good team, last year's Conference Carolina champions, and we gave them a good game," said assistant coach Caity Brown. "Our girls battled all 90 minutes and it was a good showing of how far this team and this program have come. We're moving in the right direction. I'm so proud of them!"

Men's soccer team ties 1, loses 3

The bright spot so far in the young season for men's soccer is a 1-1 tie at home Sunday against Mount Olive.

The Tornados (0-3-1) were flying out of the gate, scoring on the third shot when Jami Uttu (Naantali, Finland) netted one at the 11:08 mark on his fifth shot of the season. But BC could not hold onto the win as Mount Olive scored in the final minute to tie the match 1-1.

The team's three losses all came on the road, against Erskine, Winthrop, and UNC Asheville.

MEN'S SOCCER UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(Home games in bold type)

Sept. 11, @ Clayton State, 7 p.m.

Sept. 14, Virginia Intermont, 4 p.m.

Sept. 18, Carson-Newman*, 4 p.m.

Sept. 22, Lenoir-Rhyne*, 4 p.m.

Sept. 25, Lincoln Memorial*, 4 p.m.

Sept. 28, Tusculum*, 5 p.m.

Oct. 1, @ Mars Hill*, 7 p.m.

Oct. 6, Belmont Abbey, 4 p.m.

Oct. 9, Wingate*, 4 p.m.



TORNADO SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

Edward Waters 27, BC 53 W Aug. 28
BC 14, Gardner-Webb 28 L Sept. 4

VOLLEYBALL

BC 3, Converse 2 W Sept. 2
BC 3, Mountain State 0 W Sept. 4
BC 0, Florida College 3 L Sept. 4
BC 0, Montreat 3 L Sept. 4
BC 2, Lenoir-Rhyne 3 L Sept. 7

MEN'S SOCCER

BC 1, Erskine 2 L Sept. 2
BC 0, Winthrop 2 L Sept. 3
Mt. Olive 1, BC 1 T Sept. 5
BC 0, UNC Asheville 3 L Sept. 8

WOMEN'S SOCCER

BC 5, Erskine 3 W Sept. 2
Belmont Abbey 1, BC 0 L Sept. 5
Converse 1, BC 2 W Sept. 8