

Brevard College hires new basketball coach



Photo by Park Baker

Mark Prosser joins the Brevard College Coaching Staff in the fall of 2011, coming to the Tornados from Wofford College, where he was involved in all aspects of coaching, including scouting, prep recruiting and film breakdown.

"Brevard is very similar to what I know and what I come from, having been able to work with schools with similar academic and athletic departments," commented Coach Prosser. "This team has a proven track record of success under Coach Mike Jones and my goal is to continue to build on this success. The team knows what it takes to be successful and I expect their 100 percent effort and they can expect the same from me."

Last season the Wofford Terriers repeated as Southern Conference Champions and reached the NCAA Tournament. In the 2009-2010 season, Prosser helped Wofford reach a school-record 26 wins along with the Southern Conference Championship and a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

Prosser graduated from Marist College in 2002. He saw action as a reserve forward at Marist before a knee injury ended his playing career. He also worked with the program as a student assistant coach. Prosser earned Street and Smith honorable mention All-America honors at Lawrenceville Prep. He averaged 18 points and seven rebounds per game during his senior season, earning USA Today All-State honors.

A native of Wheeling, West Virginia, Prosser is the son of the late Skip Prosser, who was head men's basketball coach at Wake Forest and Xavier. He and his wife Emily were married in June 2009 and reside in Spartanburg. They have an eight month old, Ava Grayce.

The Brevard College Men's Basketball team finished with a 13-14 record in the 2010-2011 season, earning their second consecutive bid to the Food Lion South Atlantic Conference tournament.



Photo by Liza Fortenberry

Asher Blackmore faces off against Kody Hughes at the Georgia Tech Dual Slalom Race.

Lady Tornados win first away game

By Chantel Azevedo
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The lady Tornados traveled to Black Mountain, North Carolina last Tuesday to battle against the Montreat College Cavaliers where they recorded a 1-0 defeat and in turn handed the Cavaliers their second loss of the season.

The Brevard College Tornados came out firing at all angles as the match started off quickly. Their legs ached and their bodies were fatigued, but their hearts were filled with passion as they stepped onto the field when the first whistle blew. Although Brevard came out strong outshooting their opponent 10-5, Montreat was first to open up all attack having an early scoring chance in the 23rd minute. Sophomore goalkeeper Brittany Webster was able to keep the Tornados in the game making a spectacular save that stopped Montreat forward Alex Mash from scoring on this great opportunity.

As for the lady Tornados, their first scoring opportunity came almost at halftime. At the 35th minute, senior forward Bailey Varley took advantage of an accurately played through ball putting her in a one-on-one situation with the Cavalier's goalkeeper. Varley was able to make a move and get passed the goalie, but was fouled in the box fortunately giving the Tornados and penalty kick. Sophomore Jaime Bundy was

not able to place the ball at the back of the net, leaving the game at a 0-0 tie.

As the clock dwindled down to the final minutes of the first half, junior forward Carolina Anderson was able to take advantage of a scoring opportunity in the 42nd minute as she chipped Montreat goalkeeper and scored for Brevard, putting one up for the Tornados on the scoreboard.

"It was a hard fight," junior captain Hannah Graham said. "We knew we had to find a way to win. With a great save by Brittany and a well-placed ball by Carolina, we found that way to win."

Taking the field after halftime, the Cavaliers did not give up; they found a new fight and determination which lead them to outshoot the Tornados 11-3. Despite the offensive push, Brevard's defense lead by goalkeeper Brittany Webster was able to hold strong and preserve their team's victory.

"The game against Montreat was hands down a 90 minute battle until the last whistle blew," Assistant Coach Caity Brown said. "Both teams left it all on the field and it was nice to come out on top in the end. Our girls have worked so hard this season and they are finally getting the results they deserve. Hopefully this positive momentum continues into our first conference match against Carson Newman and we come home with another win."