

# TORNADO WARNING!

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Guest Columnist

For those of you reading this little column for the first time, I share your confusion, simply because I'm as new to this newspaper bit, as you are to the sport I'm about to introduce.

If you notice in the next few weeks a group of dirty, sweaty young men lumbering into the cafeteria to spoil your delicious meal, don't judge them too harshly, for they are a strange breed. These fellows run for hours on end chasing a checkered ball just to prepare for what they believe is the ultimate victory — winning!

In all honesty, I can say they've been called a lot of things. However, sharing their enthusiasm, I prefer to call them soccer players.

In the past, the image of soccer at Brevard College has been that of men who don't exactly resemble the wholesome American athlete. Their failure to produce has been blamed on things as varied as the length of hair to distasteful dress. These factors are irrelevant when the game starts if the players are entirely dedicated. But, from my brief experience in playing soccer, I can truthfully say it's a sport in which a man can be an individual and not a molded form.

With this short introduction, the Brevard College soccer team is going to revive soccer like never before!

Add the strength of eight returning lettermen along with a promising crop of experienced freshmen, the soccer team has a new spirit. A spirit that desires to winning and is prepared to sacrifice all. Then combine these men with a young sandy-haired man known as Coach Burch, you then arrive with a new formula that the soccer team heretofore was not usually accustomed — winning.

This is the enthusiasm and the spirit that is going to carry this soccer team to unbelievable heights.

# Sophomores To Be Key To 1969 Soccer Hopes

By LARRY LANIER

"This team's success will depend upon the returning sophomores," commented rookie soccer coach Larry Burch. Coach Burch was speculating upon the prospects of the 1969 team. "Few players can provide the depth that a championship team needs, so this means

## Training Theory Being Practiced By Roadrunners

Coach Witek claims he has a new theory of training for the cross-country team. Starting Monday afternoon and ending September 20, the team will be running 9-10 miles in the afternoon workouts. The team will also be dragging themselves out of their restful beds around 6 o'clock in the morning for 6-7 miles of running in Brevard's beautiful mountain weather. These workouts are to build up the endurance and stamina of the runners.

The workouts will change after September 21 and continue on a different schedule until October 18. The team will run only six miles every day. If the team performs well in their first race and if the roadrunners are in good shape, there will be fewer morning workouts.

Starting October 19 until the end of the season, the team will concentrate on speed workouts. The team will be running 100, 220, and 440-yard dashes every day on the grass. This is to ready the team for the nationals.

The toughest meet will be the first one. It will run on Furman University's home course. There will be several conference meets held at Brevard and other colleges.

On October 19, the Galloway Gardens meet will be held. This is a six mile run with some of the toughest senior colleges participating. This meet is similar to a national meet with pushing, shoving, and elbowing being a big part of the race.

we're hoping for a big freshmen turnout," he continued. "Anyone is welcomed to the team even if he hasn't played soccer before."

The first meeting and practice was held Tuesday afternoon.

Tri-captain Ralph Lundy said, "With hustle, desire, and Coach Burch's discipline, the team should vastly improve the 6-5-1 record of last year. The experience of the sophomores teamed up with all the good freshmen players should produce an exciting team."

Another tri-captain, Mike Michner, said with sureness and confidence that "the players on this year's team have the ability, enthusiasm, and spirit to have the best season ever at Brevard. All we need now is the full support of the stud-

ent body."

Returning veteran John Collins added to Mike's prediction, "We're going to need all the support of all the students. The spirit on the team is riding high." Sophomore Bob Haase also stated, "We'd like to win every game but to do this we need a good turnout of freshmen and the support of every student."

Brevard's record on the soccer field has been under steady improvement over the past several years. The popularity of the sport has been on the uprise all across the nation, in foreign countries, and has picked up greatly on the Brevard College campus.

Others returning from last year's team are Cedric Guthrie, a tri-captain; Bill Barfield, Charlie Skyes, and Chuck Walker.

## Hopes Are Running High For Brevard's Thinclads

Another year and another summer have rolled by. This rolls in a new season of sports — cross-country and soccer.

First, the scoop on the roadrunners. In the past several years the cross-country team missed winning the national championship by one big point. This past year the team finished sixth.

In both years, Brevard's All-American Bob Gray was the first to break the tape.

Before this year, the course was three miles long but it has been changed to four miles. The course is basically the same at Brevard but the starting and finish lines are different. Also the direction of the race will be reversed.

The team has even greater hopes this year. According to Coach Norm Witek, "Brevard has one of its strongest teams ever assembled in its history of cross-country."

The team can claim only one veteran — Willie Davidson from Greensboro. Willie didn't get to finish the season last year, however, because of an injured knee. He was the conference champ in the mile and half mile.

Larry Lanier from Hocksville also comes from the track team. Other sophomores on the team are Tommy Anderson from Charlotte and Randal Esick from Lexington.

"There are some really good freshmen prospects," said Coach Witek. Regional McAfee, an Ohio high school boy, is ranked fourth in the nation in the mile. He had run a 4:08 mile

and a 1:52.2 half mile. Coming from Trinidad are Sennonx Stewart and Roland Yearwood. They have both run a 3:57 in the 1500 meters. Pete Jensen, the Virginia mile champ has run a 4:21 mile.

Coach Witek concluded by saying, "We will certainly be aiming for the nationals which will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, instead of Lawrence, Kansas. But, he added, the team has a long, hard fall season ahead of them."

## Track Team In Nationals

Several members of the Brevard College track team went to the Junior College National track meet held in Garden City, Kansas at the first of the summer.

"Brevard had its best year in track in 1956," Coach Witek said. "The team finished eighth overall in the Junior College National meet." It was a cold rainy day — with the temperature in the forties. However, with the determination of Gregg Bowen and Forrest Broom, the team came through.

Bowen placed third in the 1000-yard dash with a 9.7 and fourth in the 330 with a time of 21.7. He ranked sixteenth in the nation in the 100 and twentieth in the 220.

Broom placed second in the discus with a toss of 157.8". This was eleven feet farther than he has ever thrown. Bowen and Broom racked up sixteen points between them.

"The 440 relay team was out of the running with a pulled Achilles tendon by hurdler Tom Bingley," continued Coach Witek. Our 440-yard dash man, Tom Cahill, made it to the semi-finals by placing third.

"All these boys will be veterans on this year's track team which is again expecting a great year."

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