

Tornados Finish Sixth In Nation

by Tim McGuire

The Brevard Tornado cagers finished sixth in the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament. The tournament was held during spring break at Hutchinson, Kansas.

Before advancing to the tournament Brevard had to defeat the Region XX champions, Alleghany Community College of Cumberland, Maryland. The score was a convincing 81-68. Brevard was led by Benton Wade, who had a game high 29 points and 12 rebounds. The Trojans were paced by Keith Creighton, who tallied 18.

The Tornados first round opponent in Hutchinson was last year's runnerup, Region III champions, the Frontiersman from Niagara Community College, Sanborn, N. Y. The result was a heartstopping 77-75 triumph in two overtimes for Brevard.

The Tornados were led by Brian "Chico" Horton, who put in 26 points. 5'9" guard Kevin Herron put up a 30 foot jumper at the end of the first overtime to keep Brevard's hopes alive.

The game was nip and tuck throughout as Brevard notched its 25th victory, surpassing the record for any previous BC team.

That win had its effect on the team when they played Dixie College of St. George, Utah. When the buzzer sounded Brevard had lost by a score of 84-74. The Dixie Rebels eventually finished in third place.

The Tornados were never in the contest as the Rebels jumped out to a 7-0 lead and lengthened that lead to a 59-43. A late Brevard rally did not pull off the victory for Brevard. Larry Jewell paced the team with 16 points.

That loss put Brevard in the consolation bracket. The Tornados then proceeded to pound Nebraska Western 75-63. Jewell, the 6'9" pivotman from Franklin, Indiana, was high scorer with 16 points. Brian "Chico" Horton and Benton Wade responded with 14 and 13 points respectively.

This victory guaranteed Brevard sixth place tournament finish. An 83-79 loss to Brevard of Florida ruined the Tornados hopes of a higher finish. The Florida Titans trailed 38-37 at the half but then outscored the Tornados 21-6 seal the verdict.

The Tornados were paced by Larry Jewell with 21 and Benton Wade who put up 20.



Wentworth, Track Team Perform Well

by Alan Baker

While most students were looking forward to the spring holidays, Jeff Wentworth was preparing himself for the National Junior College Indoor Track Championships held in Columbia, Missouri, on March 16 and 17. Jeff competed in the three mile run, finishing 8th with an event time of 14:32.8, seconds away from placing in the meet. Jeff returned to Brevard on Saturday the 17th and ran a personal best, 4:18, placing him 8th in the mile.

Coach Norm Witek says, "Jeff has been making great progress since coming to Brevard. Jeff has already proven to be one of the toughest junior college distance runners; on top of which he is an All-American in cross country."

The Brevard Track team finished 3rd at the Catamount Invitational on March 31st, losing out to Carson Newman (1st place) and to Western Carolina (2nd place). Brevard was closely followed by Davidson College; other colleges were Emory and Henry, High Point, Milligan, Wingate & Furman's "B" team.

The top point getters for Brevard were Jeff Wentworth, James Cray and Lamar Roberts all with 6 points each. Lamar Roberts placed 2nd in the 400 hurdles while teaming up with James Cray for 2nd place in the 400 & mile relay; Cray also placed 2nd in the 400 meters at 50.5. Wentworth placed 4th in 1500 and 2nd in 5000 meters. Todd Murphy ran a personal best, 4:03, in the 1500 meters, placing 3rd and finishing 4th in the 800 meters at 1:59.8. John Holt placed 3rd in the pole vault, Mike Shell place 5th in the triple jump, John Tragnor 5th in the 5000 meters, Sulayman Njie placed 5th in 200 meters and he was a member of the 2nd place relays while Tony Miller ran on the mile relays. Brevard was the only jr. college to participate in this meet.

Sports line: NCAA Tourney Recap

by Bobby Hayes

I'm afraid its now time for me to recap the predictions I made as to which teams would make the NCAA Final Four in my last column. Of my four predicted winners, only one (Michigan State) came through, which puts my prediction average squarely at a lowly .250. But my one correct prognostication packed a powerful punch, with the Spartans of Michigan State going on to win the NCAA Basketball Championship 75-64 over previously unbeaten Indiana State.

The Spartans won the title with a less than spotless 26-6 worksheet, but it was quite evident that they were the best team in the country when it counted, in the NCAA Tournament. In winning five games during the tournament, they encountered little trouble with their opponents making it close, for their smallest winning margin in their path to glory was ten points.

Michigan State's title is well deserved and caused much jubilation for the Big Ten Conference. The Big Ten has the rare distinction of having representatives of their conference winning both the NCAA and NIT (Indiana) Basketball Championships. Sorry ACC fans, maybe next year.

Indiana State, runner-up to the Spartans, certainly surprised many people (including me) in advancing as far as they did in the tournament. I still stubbornly believe that Indiana State did not have an outstanding team. The ace in the hole was the in-

comparable Larry Bird, who could probably win with four midgets as teammates. Their 32-1 record is certainly nothing to scoff at.

As for the other two members of the Final Four, I don't think too many mortals could have predicted the DePaul and Pennsylvania would complete the field. DePaul had to defeat perennial power house UCLA and Pennsylvania won a region in which they were seeded ninth out of ten teams to reach the Final Four. Big accomplishments indeed.

So college basketball has ended for another season. Now we basketball fans have the NBA playoffs to watch. Yawn.

Now for a few sports shorts.

Coach Ray Meyer of DePaul, who was voted College Basketball Coach of the Year, was very gracious after narrowly losing to Indiana State in the National Semifinals. He had this to say about Larry Bird's performance against his team, "He had a bad first half. He only hit 11 of 12 shots. I don't know how he missed that one shot. It must have been poor coaching."

Speaking of Larry Bird, he deserved to have his feathers tarred after the way he treated the press following his team's loss to Michigan State. Bird was absent when it was time to meet the press and answer questions after the game. He later had a person pass out a mimeographed sheet with a few comments on it that he made about the game.

his team won to talk to reporters, but the minute adversity struck, he vanished. Members of 38 other NCAA Tournament teams had to cope with defeat and handle it with class, why should Larry Bird be different?

As I earlier mentioned, the NBA playoffs begin soon. The NBA is losing lots of money due to fan apathy and the league just doesn't understand why. I think I do. The regular season in the NBA is a long 82 games and means relatively nothing, since 12 out of the 22 teams qualify for the playoffs. Just recently, the New Jersey Nets clinched a playoff berth with a 36-40 record. To reach the playoffs, a team ought to show some sort of accomplishment during the regular season, but not in the NBA. The Nets didn't even win half of their games, yet they are competing for the world championship. Maybe this striving for mediocracy will convince the fans that every team in the league should participate in the playoffs, with the playoff pairings being drawn out of the hat and the regular season being abolished. After all, who needs 82 exhibition games?

Women's Tennis .500

by John George

The women's tennis team has a record of 2-2. The women started out the season slow losing to UNC-A 6-3. Beth Arnest came back from 0-5 to win the only singles match. Teresa Gentry teamed with Annette Miale to win the number one doubles and Leslie Brown and Kathy Kauffman won the number three doubles.

Brevard won their first match against Montreat-Anderson 5-4. Winners in this match include: Lynn McManus., Miale, Arnest and Brown plus Arnest and Brown teamed up to win the doubles match.

On April 4, the team went up against a strong Western Carolina team. No one won a match but Leslie Brown played a close match.

Against Greensboro College, the team won their second match of the year. Gentry, Miale, Phyllis Owen, Arnest, and Brown all won singles while Gentry, Miale, Arnest, and Brown won their double matches. McManus was winning her singles match but had to forfeit because she injured her foot.

The team is in action at home on April 18 here against Montreat-Anderson.


Golf News

Coach John Meyerhoff's early departure left the golf team without a coach for a while. Luckily, Lee Bratton was able to step in and fill the bill.

The golf team has played two matches this season. Both matches have ended in losses for the Tornados. The victorious teams were Anderson March 29 and Spartanburg Methodist April 2. Chip Smith, medalist at the Anderson College match, shot a 74; Lew Ferguson shot an 82. The match score was 315 Anderson, 350 Brevard. Lew Ferguson shot an 82 against Spartanburg Methodist. Brevard had another 315 for the match, while Methodist had a 346.

The team picked up three new players after spring break: Rob Zieger, Steven Gwaltney, and Bob Stroup.

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