

# BC runners excel

With nationals just a month away, Brevard College cross-country coach Dave Rinker is starting to think big.

At Saturday's, Oct. 11, Furman Invitational Meet in Greenville, S.C., Rinker's men and women's teams gave him a reason to hope for the best. The men's team finished fourth against a field of 21 other teams, most of which were from four-year schools. The women finished ninth against a field of 17 teams.

Leading the scoring with a fifth-place finish was Brevard's top runner, John Christiansen. Christiansen finished in the 10,000-meter course with a time of 30:44, only one second behind third-place finisher Matt Parker of Auburn and a step ahead of Dave Tabor of Marshall.

"We are beginning to look like a championship-contending team," said Rinker. "But the 10,000-meter course is a little too long for us right now. We're better at five miles."

The Tornadoes had four other men place: Paul Carpenter in 26th, Chris Dunn

in 32nd, Glenn McDonald in 45th and Dan Schneider in 60th.

The women's team "beat some pretty good teams," Rinker says of the ninth-place finish Saturday. The Lady Tornadoes were led by Kim Nelson whose time of 19:02 over the 5,000-meter course gave her a 26th-place finish.

Heather Chamberlain finished 46th, Terri Jackson came in 50th and Heather Barclay finished 60th. Coach Rinker was pleased with their performance. "Nelson, Chamberlain and Barclay ran great races.

Now, if we can get five girls to roll on the same day, we'll be fine," he said. "We're getting stronger and faster every week. I think we'll be there at the nationals."

The Tornadoes travel next to Raleigh on Oct. 16 for the N.C. State Invitational Meet.

The Brevard College Men's Cross-Country team placed third in a 20-team cross-country meet two weeks ago and Coach Dave Rinker says a tough course and hot, humid weather took its toll.

Still, Rinker says, there were moments of glory at the Malone College Invitational at Canton, Ohio. Brevard's third place finish behind Ohio and Marshall was sparked by John Christiansen's second place finish in the 10k. The Danish speedster had a 31:17 for the 6.2 mile course and came all the way back from 15th position at the one mile point.

Dan Schneider, an Erie, Pa., freshman, proved a pleasant surprise for Rinker, placing 12th in the race and second for BC. "Dan ran a great race and is showing a lot of promise," Rinker said.

Arden sophomore, Paul Carpenter placed next in 14th position after running "a good race through four miles," Rinker said. But he "couldn't hold it over the last third of the race." Two Virginia runners, Chris Dunn of Fredericksburg and Nick Embrey of Stafford, ran fourth and fifth for the team, and 22nd and 26th overall.

The Brevard College Women's Cross Country team finished eighth out of a field of 14 with Kim Nelson and Terri Jackson leading the way for the Lady Tornadoes.

Nelson got out faster than Jackson, but "Terri reeled her in," said Coach Rinker, and the two sophomores finished in a dead heat at 20:06 for the 5k (3 mile) course.

Rinker said Michelle Lambert ran a "solid race" for a 33rd place finish. Heather Chamberlain and Heather Barclay finished the team scoring in 45th and 50th positions overall.

As in the men's meet, Ohio and Marshall dominated the competition.



Some of the top BC women runners in training, left to right, Terrie Jackson, Kim Nelson and Michelle Lambert. (BC photo by Eric Klingensmith)



BC's top runner, John Christiansen

## Men's tennis off to good start

by Rebecca Russ

The 1986 Brevard College Men's Tennis team is hard at work establishing a solid tennis program. This effort has been exhibited in the four matches the team has played thus far. Brevard is standing at a 2-2 record with wins over Catawba Valley Tech and Mars Hill and losses to both Lenoir-Rhyne and Erskine.

According to Coach Bill Alexander there were bright spots to be found in all of these matches. Dee Moulton, Brevard's top-ranked player, performed well against a top-notch player from Erskine. Second seed Jim Knapp, dubbed the Marathon Man for his prolonged matches, has won three of four matches in spite of chronic back muscle spasms. Also showing much promise is fourth seed Olivier De La Ronciere, who saw much improvement in his match against Erskine.

The rest of the team is ranked as follows: third seed Dale Johnson, fifth seed Warren Nance, sixth seed Marc Kaufholz, seventh seed Tim Theuer, eighth seed Kirk Lambert, and ninth seed Kevin Adams.

Coach Alexander credits the show of improvement to a return to the basics. He says, "We are more regimented this year, going back to the basics of ground strokes serving, return of serve, volleying, and overheads. I think the guys are feeling better about how they're hitting the ball." As for the program itself, development is going to be a long process.

Moulton Feels he is playing well, but is trying to regain some confidence in his game. Right now he is being pressured into living up to his number one seed by his ever improving teammates. Alexander's back to basics is helping. "I think it's great. The more consistency that's there, the better I'll get," says Moulton. Six years of tennis, including four at South Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte,

has given Moulton a sense of what to look for in a team. "We're a more solid, dedicated team this year," Moulton says. "We're not out here to lose."

The team had a great showing at a match against Mars Hill, winning 7-2 last Oct. 8. Moulton was a winner with a solid victory giving up only four games. Knapp pulled out a victory after going three sets and winning the last in a narrow 11-9 tie-breaker. Johnson had a good showing, but was beaten in two sets. De La Ronciere barely got away with his victory of two tie-breaker sets. Though Theuer lost in three sets, he still made a major comeback after losing the first set 1-6 to give his opponent a close run for his money. Kaufholz took his match to three sets, skunking his opponent 6-1 in the last set to claim a victory.

In doubles action, victories were claimed by all three teams. Moulton and Knapp ran over their opponents in two sets for an easy win. Kaufholz and Theuer also had an impressive win in two sets. The most exciting doubles play seen was with the Johnson and De La Ronciere team. After being overpowered in the first set, they made a terrific comeback to win the last two sets by narrow margins. Alexander said, "It was a really good match. They got steam-rolled in the first set, but decided to loosen up and just have a good time and ended up winners."

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