

Big win over M-A sparks BC Tornadoes

by Steve Reich

The Tornadoes lost to top rival Anderson by a score of 79-97 last Saturday night, making it their biggest loss of the season.

BC was ahead at the half by one point, but just couldn't hold on to the lead in the second half. At one point they were even down by 22 points, but managed to cut that sizable lead.

Kevin Harper was high scorer for the night with 19, followed close by Tony Plemmons with 15 and Kevin Allman and Maurice Little both with 12.

The 73-57 victory over Montreat-Anderson by the Tornadoes on Thursday, Feb. 12, may well have been their best game of the season.

After Montreat-Anderson caught up in the first half, Kevin Allman scored in the last three seconds to move the Tornadoes ahead by one point with a score of 33-22. In the second half the team came out "running and gunning" with fast-paced action to take the lead, never letting go of it again.

In the last five minutes of the game, BC had an impressive 20 point spread over Montreat. Coach Doug Rogers felt confident enough of victory at this point to take out his starting five and put in the second string team who kept BC well ahead.

With five minutes remaining on the clock, Tad Conners did a backhand toss of the ball to George Bryant who hit the last basket. Top scorers of the game were Kevin Harper with 11, Kevin Allman, Tony Plemmons, Maurice Little all with 10, James Barber put up nine, and Mark Bean followed with eight.

What had begun as a promising game of fast-paced action ended in a disappointing 69-72 loss for the Tornadoes as victory slipped through their fingers into the outstretched hands of Spartanburg Methodist College on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

Plemmons scored the first two points for BC with the help of an impressive pass assist from Allman. From that moment on, scoring was close as the Tornadoes managed to stay just points ahead of SMC. However, they couldn't keep their lead and the first half ended with BC trailing by one.

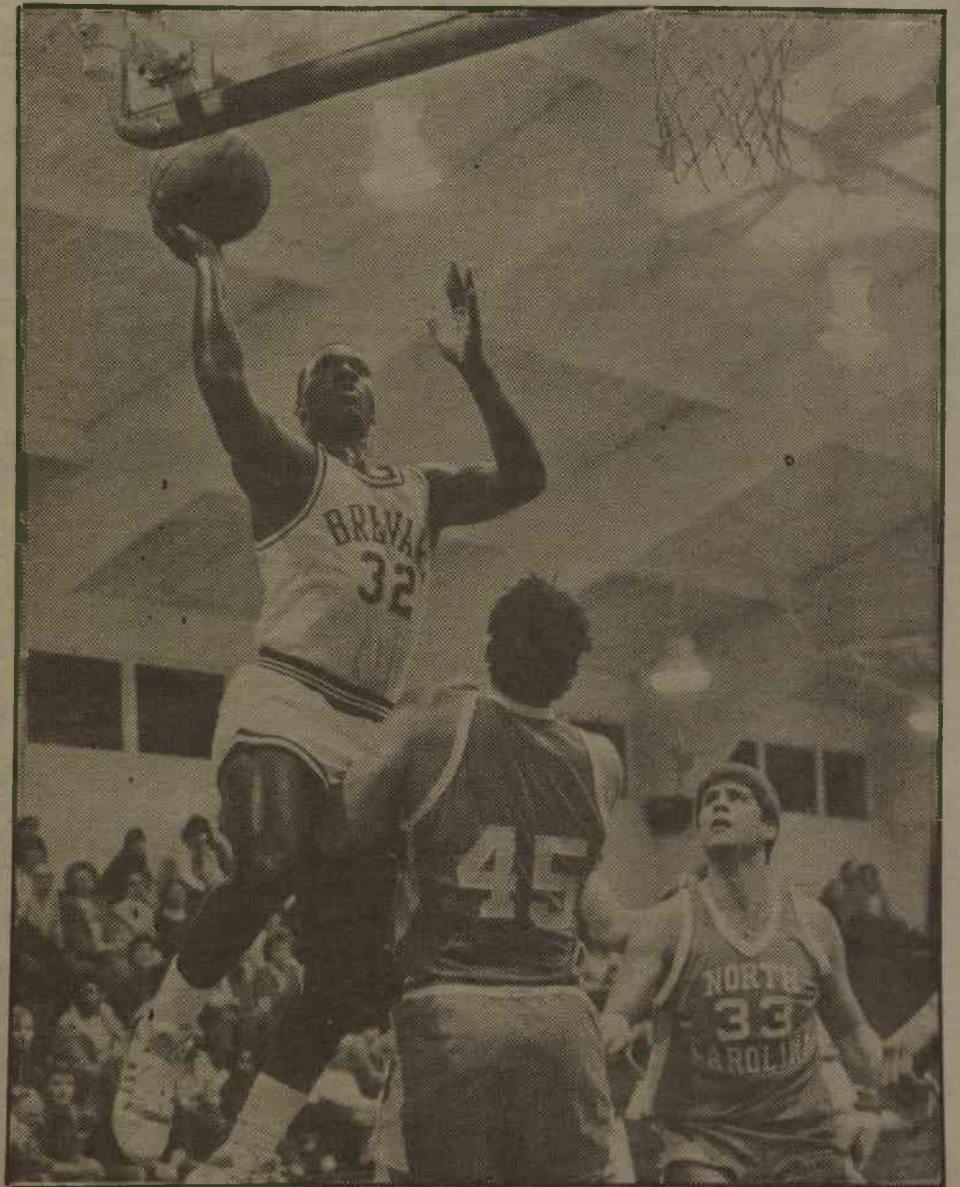
Halfway into the second half, BC was still trailing. Allman, Darren Sowell, and Harper drove well against the opposition, scoring high between them. Plemmons made a hard drive, sinking three consecutive baskets, putting BC ahead at 58-57, but the Tornadoes couldn't hold firm to the lead. With 33 seconds left, they trailed by one and then SMC scored two. Ten seconds remained on the clock and BC had one last scoring attempt, but failed to score.

The Tornadoes travelled to North Greenville College on Saturday, Feb. 5 and lost in overtime 69-84. The score was tied at 67-67 going into overtime play which was not enough to defeat determined North Greenville. Leading scorers for BC were Harper with 20, Allman with 13, and Plemmons had 11.

BC fell prey to Lees-McRae 66-72 on Feb. 10, making it their fifth straight conference loss. In a game of close scoring throughout, the Tornadoes couldn't seem to overcome the Bobcats for a victory.

Plemmons led the scoring for BC with 17, followed by Harper with 14 and Allman with 13. Other scorers included Sowell, Barber, and Bean with four each. Rodney Deyton and Jamie Brown contributed three each.

If BC wins tonight's game against SMC, the last home game against North Greenville, and the first of the conference tournament games against Lees-McRae, then the team will go to regionals.



Maurice Little drives for two points against the UNC Jayvees. (B.R. Orrell photo)

Team in developmental stages

by Bill Meiners

Hitting with his number one and two players, Dr. Bill Alexander surveyed the outlook for the upcoming 1987 season. "The team right now," Alexander said, "is in developmental stages."

Brevard's men's team lost their number one player over Christmas break when he was recruited by USC Spartanburg. In addition, academic problems have taken away some players that looked promising last fall. In dealing with his dwindling number of players, Alexander jokingly said, "I've cried a lot." Alexander, who is in his second year of coaching, has since had to recruit players from the student body.

The four returning students from the fall season include Jim Knapp, Oliver De La Ronciere, Tim Theuer, and Kirk Lambert. Jeff Cabot, Kent Bird, and Jim Ardavany are the three newest players. Knapp will probably play number one and De La Ronciere should be seeded second on the team. "The rest," Alexander said, "will have to fight it out."

Brevard's competition should be tough again this year. Their conference includes last year's national junior college champion, Anderson, as well as the number four finisher, North Greenville. Tim Theuer, a prepster out of Louisville, Ky., said, "I feel that despite the team's adversity involving the new players and such, we will perform up to our ability."

When commenting on how hard they have been working, Theuer replied, "We have done a lot of drills involving running,

which should get us in good shape for our season."

Newcomer Kent Bird, from Hilton Head Island, S.C., is just now getting back into tennis. "I played for nine years," Bird said, "from first grade through ninth grade. I quit big time, for like five years. I decided to go back in because of an excess of free time. I'm looking forward to playing for the school."

The men's team begins play today, Feb. 18, in Tigersville, S.C., at 2 p.m. against North Greenville College. The first home match is Friday, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. against Erskine. There are several home matches throughout the season, and Alexander and his players will appreciate any support.



Some of the BC men's tennis team pose after practice: kneeling, Jeff Cabot; standing, left to right, Jim Ardavany, Oliver De la Ronciere, Jim Knapp and Coach Bill Alexander. (BC photo by Eric Klingensmith)

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