

BC women are set for tournament

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The Lady Tornados, who had started this season in a blazing fashion, have fallen on tough times lately. The women at one point had an 11-4 record, but are now at 12-11, lately winning only one game while losing seven, including a five-game losing streak.

During this stretch, Feb. 6-17, the Tornados lost to Lees-McRae, North Greenville, Louisburg and Truett-McConnell, while defeating Montreat-Anderson.

At Lees-McRae on Feb. 6, the BC ladies lost a close one, 65-63. Katie Trexler led the team with 17 points, six rebounds and four assists. Jennifer Burger chipped in nine points and ripped down 10 rebounds. Christy Gibbs, Daphanie Bousum and Kim White added eight points each in a contest that Coach Tom Radford called "a very tough, physical game."

On the road again at North Greenville on Feb. 8, the ladies were again defeated, this time by nine points, 76-67. Bousum and White led the BC women with 14 points each. White also was credited with six rebounds and seven assists. Trexler pitched in 11 points and got nine rebounds and six assists.

The lone win for BC came at home on Feb. 10 in a big way as they destroyed Montreat-Anderson by 49 points, 80-31. Again, it was Trexler leading the way in the scoring column as she hit for 18 points, followed by Gibbs with 14.

A pleased Coach Radford called it "one of those games that coaches just love."



High-scoring Katie Trexler has been leading the BC women through the regular season's finale.

The next game on Feb. 11 wasn't so easy for Radford and his ladies. Area powerhouse Louisburg came to town and defeated BC in a high-scoring battle 113-90.

BC had five players in double figures but to no avail. Ann Norman led the team with 16 points, followed by Trexler with 13, Gibbs with 12 and Bousum with 10.

It didn't get any any better for the Lady Tornados on Feb. 17 when they faced another nationally-recognized team from Truett-McConnell. BC bowed out, 97-69, despite a great performance by Trexler who pumped in 28 points, 17 of them coming in the first half. In addition, Trexler hit nine out of 10 free throws. Ann Norman added 10 points, and Christy Gibbs tossed in eight.

Coach Radford said about the recent change of luck: "We've just come across some tough breaks lately," adding, "We've lost a few players due to injuries and such, but we've still got the tournament ahead of us (March 8-10) and we're looking forward to that."



Brevard College's Joely White -- you can't keep a good woman down. She's bouncing back in spite of recent injuries.

Joely White: top seed

by David Strusiner
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Brevard College's number one seed women's tennis player, Joely Michelle White, has been playing tennis for six years.

Joely, who says she likes playing for the Tornados, says her main reason for attending BC is academics, but she's also here to have fun.

Comparing this year's team to that of last year, she said, "We should improve more this year because everybody gets along."

Joely saw limited action last year due to injuries. This spring she's coming back from knee surgery. "This year with the frustration of a knee injury, I've still have plenty of time to work hard," she says.

Three BC men have been helping Joely work out on the courts. To Patrick Boggan, Derrick Scarpinato and

Three more runners going to nationals

BC News Bureau

Coach Dave Rinker has seven runners with their sights on the indoor national track meet in Lawrence, Kansas, March 2-3.

Three more BC runners qualified for that prestigious event at the Feb. 17 Pizza Hut Invitational Indoor Track Meet in Blacksburg, Va. Jeff Campbell made it in the 5,000 meter event, John Massie qualified in the 1,000 meter and Tina Wiegerink got her time in the 800 meter race.

"It was a great tune-up for the nationals," Rinker said. "Massie and Campbell ran super races and Tina finally got her national qualifying time." Recently, Wiegerink had missed qualifying by one one-hundredth of a second.

As of Feb. 19, here's the BC team going to nationals: Bill Mantooth in the mile, John Massie in the 1,000 meter, Jeff Campbell in the 3-mile, Shawn Young, Bill Mantooth, John Massie in the distance medley; Curtis Grundler, Shawn Young, Bill Mantooth and John Massie in the 2-mile relay; Holly Higgins in the women's two mile, and Tina Wiegerink in the women's 880.

At the Blacksburg meet on Feb. 17, these were the top finishers for BC:

Men's 55 hurdles - Donald Bolton - 6th - 8.66

Men's 200 - William Mills - 5th - 22.56

Men's 400 - Arthur Maddox - 6th - 50.3

Men's 1,000 - John Massie - 1st - 2:27.6

Men's 1,000 - Shawn Young - 6th - 2:32.6

Men's mile - Merrill Hausenfluck - 5th - 4:28.8

Men's 5,000 - Jeff Campbell - 3rd - 14:51.5

Men's 4x400 relay - William Mills, Mark Crellen, Arthur Maddox, Donald Bolton - 3rd - 3:26.8

Men's 4x800 relay - John Massie, Curtis Grundler, Shawn Young, Scott Wilkinson - 2nd - 8:10.5

Men's distance medley - Bill Mantooth, Gary Weeden, Mark Crellen, Scott Wilkinson - 4th - 10:26.7

Women's 800 - Tina Wiegerink - 4th - 2:27.3

Women's 800 - Hope Pickett - 6th - 2:31.1

Women's mile - Holly Higgins - 4th - 5:29.5

Women's 4x800 relay - Holly Higgins, Tina Wiegerink, Hope Pickett, Allyson Cottrell - 1st - 10:10.9

Rinker says the good weather has helped his team because of the increased training time, which, in turn, "generates faster times in the meet," he says. "The sprinters are able to do faster type work, while the distance runners can keep their mileage up."



Bill Mantooth of BC trails a JMU runner in the Blacksburg meet last week. (Clarion photo by Tina Wiegerink)