

BC runners earn All-American honors

*Campbell, Higgins,
Wiegerink excel*

Three Brevard College runners earned All-American ranking at the NJCAA Indoor Track National Meet in Lawrence, Kansas, March 2-3.

The new All-Americans, all freshmen, include one men and two women. BC's top finisher was Jeff Campbell of Mariottsville, Md., who placed third in the three-mile with time of 14:17.82.

The two outstanding women's performances came from Holly Higgins of Gainesville, Fla., placing fifth in the two-mile run with a 11:31.79; and Tina Wiegerink of Chapel Hill, N.C., placing fifth in the 880-yard run with a 2:25.3.

Other Brevard placers included the distance medley team and the two-mile relay team. The distance medley team, made up of John Massie, Art Maddox, Shawn Young and Bill Mantoath, finished 6th with a time of 10:23.20.

The two mile relay team, comprised of Massie, Young, Mantoath and Curtis Grundler, placed fifth (setting a new school record) with a time of 7:47.52.

Mark Crellen qualified for the semi-finals in the 600-yard run but didn't make the finals.

Coach Dave Rinker was extremely pleased with his new All-Americans. "We had some outstanding performances in the meet," he said. "Jeff Campbell ran a gutsy race in the three-mile and was the first American to finish. First went to a Kenyan running for Blinn, Texas, and a Polish runner competing for Oakland, Ill., won second."

In the women's events, Rinker observed, "Holly had a super last 440 on her two-mile race. She is very fit. With a little more experience and confidence, she will do very well in the outdoor season. Tina may have been the only entry in the 880 to get faster in every round. She had to run trials, semi's and then the finals. Her hard work showed as most of the other girls got tired and slowed as the meet progressed."

Even though the BC medley teams didn't make All-American, Coach Rinker was philosophical. "The men's distance medley just got too excited and made some tactical errors. But their effort cannot be questioned. The two-mile relay team did a really nice job and just missed making All-American. It was a great race with the winning team breaking the national (NJCAA) record."

Both the men's and women's teams for BC will run at the Georgia Relays to start their outdoor seasons on March 24.



Three BC track stars earned All-American ranking at the March 2-3 NJCAA indoor nationals. The Tornados who competed in Kansas include, left to right, front to back: Jeff Campbell (All-American), Holly Higgins (All-American), John Massie, Tina Wiegerink (All-American); back row, Bill Mantoath, Curtis Grundler, Shawn Young and Mark Crellen. (BC News Bureau photo)

BC men's basketball ends

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The Tornados' men's basketball team ended their season with games against Spartanburg Methodist (Feb. 21), North Greenville (Feb. 24) and Lees-McRae (Feb. 28).

At Spartanburg, BC trailed by only two points at halftime, 38-36. But late in the second half, SMC began to pull away. BC gambled on three-pointers which came too late. Spartanburg Methodist went on to win convincingly, 92-76.

In that game, Marcus Allen led BC with 27 points. Jamie Cousin hit four three-pointers and scored 17 points. Nate Fearrington added 12 points, Wayne Frechette, eight; Jason Tweed and Harvey Cozart had 6 each.

Three days later, the Tornados hosted the North Greenville Mounties. This game was BC's last regular season game and the sophomores' last game.

BC started out quickly, jumping to a 23-9 lead with 11:30 playing time elapsed. At halftime, Brevard had everything under control, leading 45-25. However, the second half proved to belong to the Mounties. North Greenville made an 11-0 run to pull within five points, 57-52. BC drew fouls but made only four of eight free throws in the stretch.

A jumper by NG with 22 seconds remaining in the game proved to be the winning shot. BC had two chances left, but both attempts failed, and the Mounties defeated BC, 66-65.

Frechette led with 15, followed by Cozart, 13; Fearrington, 12; Dickerson, 9; Cousin, 7; Allen, 6; Scott Barnes, 2; and Bruce Gilliam added a point.

The Tornados had proven all season that they could play with anyone in the Region. They hoped to show everyone just how good they were. Brevard ended the regular season 10-15 overall and 6-12 in the Region. They were seeded ninth out of 12 in the Region X tournament and faced the host team, Lees-McRae, in the first round of tournament play, and bowed out 95-75 after LMC got hot on the floor.

Lees-McRae had a 35-29 halftime lead, and, according to Coach Doug Rogers, "We ran into a hot-shooting team. They jumped out to a 12-point lead, and then we cut it to six. Then they came back with three three-pointers."

The hot-handed Bobcats finished the game 19 out of 20 from the charity

stripe, thus ending the BC 1989-90 men's basketball season. In that game, Cousin led with 23, followed by Fearrington with 17, Cozart, 16; Allen, 12; Dickerson, four; and Gilliam with three. BC ended the season with 10-16 overall.

Wrapping up the season stats, the Tornados had five players averaging double figures in scoring. BC was led by Allen and Fearrington, both with identical 13.4 points per game. Cousin averaged 11.3, Cozart, 11.2; and Frechette, an even 10.0.

Frechette converted 79.4 of his free throws, leading the Tornados at the stripe. Cozart led BC with 8.1 rebounds per game and 51.4 field goal percentage. Fearrington led the team in assists with 4.3 per game.

Coaching changes announced

Tom Radford has been named the new men's basketball coach at Brevard College, BC Athletic Director Dave Rinker announced Friday.

Radford succeeds Doug Rogers, who has been awarded a sabbatical to pursue his master's degree. Rogers, who has been the Tornados' mentor since 1981, is a Brevard native and a BC graduate. During and following his sabbatical, he will continue to coach the successful Brevard College golf team.

Rinker said, "This is a great opportunity for Doug to lay the groundwork for future positions and/or for teaching at Brevard College."

Radford has coached the BC women's basketball team to two successful seasons. AD Rinker said, "Before coming to BC, Radford was a very successful high school men's basketball coach. Tom's high energy and enthusiasm will be a great aid to our athletic department and to Brevard College as a whole."

Brevard College is presently seeking a new women's basketball coach.

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