

# SPORTS

## Cross Country Teams Train For Unity To Win

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Once again it is cross country season at Brevard College. Cross country is a grueling test of strength, stamina and a lot of heart. This year Brevard's cross country team is very young, with only five sophomores out of eighteen runners returning. Even though the team is very young, they are also very talented.

This year's team consists of Steve Mullady from Titusville, Fla., Jaja Fisher of Marlton, N.J., Jason Kipps, Blacksburg, Va., Jeremy Rogers, Schaghticoke, N.Y., Jim Sinkoski, Atlanta, Ga., James Clanton, Stuart, Va., Robert Easter, Charlotte, N.C., Matt Leigh, Port Richey, Fla., Mike Abel, Franklin, N.C., Ross Gillespie, Alpharetta, Ga., Walter Kuhn, Franklin, N.C., Chris Ford, Tampa, Fla., and Rick Simolari, Newport, R.I.. These are all freshmen.

The returning sophomores are Donald Scott, Bronx, N.Y., James Porter, Alexandria, Va., Jason Morris, Chesnee, S.C., Stephen Baldwin, Franklin, N.C., and Bo Helmick, Winchester, Va..

The women's team is lead by Anne Gaines, a sophomore, who finished last season as an All American and was

ranked thirteenth in the nation. Tracy Straub, also a sophomore, is running second and Franz Battle, another sophomore, is running third. The other members of the women's cross country team are sophomores Claire Dougherty,

Jennifer Thurmond and Paisely Tuffile and freshmen Hillary Fenner, Marla Getford, Christina Olson and 1992 Virginia State Cross County Champion, Lynn Price.

Coach Dave Rinker was asked what

his goals were for the team this year, and said, "The team is so young that they must first learn to train and work as a unit." He also said that he was looking for the Brevard College team to be in the top five at the Nationals.



Womens' Cross Country Team- Back row, left to right: Helen Grindstaff; Claire Dougherty; Jennifer Thurmond; Tracy Straub; Lynn Price, Christina Olson. Front row, left to right: Hillary Fenner; Paisley Tuffile; Anne Gaines; Franz Battle; Marla Getford.

## Men's Soccer Hits The Field

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Brevard College's men's soccer team is starting out on a long voyage.

Starting eighteenth in the nation and second in the Southeast, Coach Andy Schaefer's team has a big reputation to live up to.

"I have 11 freshmen players and eight returning sophomores," says Schaefer. "Our biggest goal right now is to get the players working together as a team," he said.

The Tornados are aiming for a repeat championship in Region X.

"I hope that we can compete in the Nationals, but it is a long road," said Schaefer.

Returning sophomores Dave Underwood, mid-field starter; Bryan Bradner, goal keeper and All-state player; Kevin Elder; and Mike Luby are the team's key players.

Schaefer says he "hopes things will come together by November."

Good luck guys.



The Mens' Cross Country Team runs a lap around the track during practice. The mens' team came in third place and the womens' team in second at the Wolfpack Invitational in Raliegh on Sept. 18. The next meet will be the Greensboro Invitational in Greensburo on Sept. 25. (Clarion photo by Henry Stepp II)