

SPORTS

Women's soccer team headed to Nationals

The Brevard College Women's Soccer team moved one step closer to a national championship Sunday, Nov. 6, by defeating Dupage College (Chicago, Ill), 7-1 in the finals of the district tournament.

The win gave Brevard College the district title, and moved them on to the Nationals to be held Nov. 17 at Essex Community College in Baltimore, Maryland.

Although the victory was large, the game against Dupage was anything but easy. Dupage qualified for the title game by defeating Schoolcraft College from Michigan. That put the number 9 ranked Dupage up against the number 2 ranked Brevard.

The first half saw both teams come out aggressive and determined. But the second half was another story. At halftime, Brevard College Coach Joe

Bartlinski told his team they would have to dig deeper and focus harder. The team responded and dominated the rest of the game. Individually, Dawn Hessig scored three goals, while Jennifer Williams and Sheila Best each scored two apiece.

Brevard got to the district finals by defeating Anderson College 3-1 at Anderson, in the region finals on Oct. 29. Sarah Milona, Dawn Hessig, and Jennifer Bennett each scored for Brevard College. Milona was later named the

Regional Tournament MVP, while Hessig was named the Region MVP of the season. "This was a very solid tournament. Our team played exceptionally well," said Bartlinski.

Brevard will go to the Nationals as the number one ranked team, and will definitely be the team to beat. Brevard will face eighth ranked Mercer Community College from Trenton, New Jersey, in their first match. Bartlinski added, "All our focus is on that first game. After that, we'll see where we stand and take it from there. But no matter what, it will be a good tournament and we will be ready."

Best of luck to the women's soccer team as they go for the National Championship.



The Brevard College women's soccer team enjoys a post-game celebration after their Homecoming victory over Anderson College.

Get involved- Play intramurals

Are you interested in sports but don't have time to take the classes during the week, or don't want to play varsity sports? Do you like the thrill of competition, but don't think you are good enough to compete with the "athletes"? Well, Brevard has the solution to your problems: intramurals.

The setup is simple. On Sundays, you just show up. You are not committed to show up with a team. Just come as you are. Tournaments are held on Fridays and Saturdays, or Tuesdays and Wednesdays, depending on how many teams participate. If you signed up for a tournament, you are expected to play for your team for as long as they are in the tournament. To sign up for a tournament, get an intramural form from Mike Louter (Green RD), fill it out, and turn in the form at the bookstore. There is no charge to play and all materials are provided.

There is one limitation. Any student-athlete who appears in one regularly scheduled college contest and who is committed to a college team will not be eligible for any intramural tournament. Any team that has one or more ineligible player(s) will automatically lose the game.

The winners of all tournaments will receive a free t-shirt, and the five students with the most points (1 point is awarded every time you participate) will be invited to a dinner and receive a book.

Baseball field dedicated

Brevard College held a dedication ceremony on October 8 to name the baseball field after BC alum, trustee and former baseball pro Gil Coan. Coan, a Brevard resident, played on the Brevard College baseball team in 1941, went on to play in the minor league from 1944-1945 then to professional teams from 1944-1956 before returning to coach the Brevard College team from 1962-1963. He served on the Board of Trustees from 1963 until the late 1980s.

The field was built as a home to the Tomados baseball team, revived just three years ago. Last year, Coach Rusty Stroupe led the team to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) World Series in Grand Junction, Colo. It was only his second year coaching baseball at Brevard College.

As one of the speakers at the

dedication ceremony held during the College's Homecoming Weekend, Stroupe discussed his coaching philosophy: that whether or not a team won a game was secondary to the team winning in the game of life. Harvey Dorfmann, sports psychologist for the Florida Marlins, recalled the thrill of watching Coan play when Dorfmann was a young boy. He also praised Coan's example as an athlete dedicated to the sport who never lost his focus on values. Danny Bost, BC baseball player and coach during the 1960's, elaborated that Coan's example was a fulcrum for his own motivation as a college student and into adulthood.

College President Tom Bertrand stated, "By naming our baseball field in perpetuity for Gil Coan, we set before our present and future athletes and students a remarkable example not only

of great athletic talent and accomplishment but also of character and integrity. This field creates a bridge between an earlier, somehow more innocent time in baseball and its vigorous present. Gil Coan has been a friend and supporter of Brevard College for many years and we are proud to have him so prominently represented on this campus."

Coan told the over 100 attendees that Brevard College has always been important to him, and therefore this was one of the great honors in his life and stood next to his serving as a Brevard College trustee. He also stated that college students should understand what trustees do to make their college experience rewarding.

The ceremony ended with Coan's three grandchildren running the bases of the newly-dedicated Coan Field.