

**MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY  
FOUR YEAR PROGRAM  
RUSTY STROUPE**

# Sports

**WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY  
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL  
MEN'S BASKETBALL**

## Coach Stroupe Accepts Position At Lander University

**Press Release  
BC News Bureau**

Brevard College head baseball coach Rusty Stroupe announced on December 3, 1996, that he will be leaving the Brevard College program to head up the baseball squad at Lander University in Greenwood, S.C. Stroupe will make the jump from Brevard College's NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) ranks (often referred to as the JUCO conference) to head up Lander University's first four-year baseball program in the NCAA Division II Peach Belt Conference.

"Brevard College has provided me with one of the greatest opportunities in my life," said Stroupe. "It is with mixed emotions that I accept the head baseball coaching position at Lander University. The Brevard College Experience is one that will have a lasting impact on my life; the administration has been tremendously supportive of me personally and concerned with the welfare of the baseball program. I will greatly miss the people of Brevard including my faculty colleagues, staff workers, fellow coaches, and members of the community who have provided so much support to my family and my baseball teams. My hope is that in some small way I have been able to return the favor to the Brevard community for all of the warmth I have felt over the past five years."

"Rusty Stroupe established a strong foundation for baseball at Brevard College," said Brevard College President, J. Thomas Bertrand. "His greatest legacy at the College will be the extremely high standards he instilled in the program and these young men as a coach, teacher, and mentor. He will be sorely missed, and we wish him and his family great happiness at Lander University."



**Coach Rusty Stroupe**

During his tenure at Brevard College, Stroupe ran up an impressive list of credentials and statistics. His four-year record includes 145 wins and 66 losses for a .687 winning percentage. In 1994 he led his team to the JUCO

World Series and was named the North Carolina College Baseball Coach of the Year. This past season his Tornado baseball squad posted an impressive 46-10 record, the best record in the College's history, and was ranked number 4 in the nation. While at Brevard College, Stroupe has coached 3 All-Americans, 12 players who were drafted by Major League teams, 19 players who went on to play at Division I universities had 14 players who went on to play at Division II or NAIA colleges.

The Peach Belt Conference is considered one of the most competitive in NCAA Division II baseball. It includes Kennesaw State College, last year's defending national champions, as well as Georgia College, Augusta College, Armstrong State College, the University of South Carolina at Aiken, the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg, Francis Marion University, Lander University, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and the University of North Florida.

Lander University is a state-supported, coeducational university with an enrollment of approximately 2,800 located 60 miles south of Greenville, S.C. Founded in 1872, the university is fully accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and offers 40 majors and minors as well as several master's degree programs.

## First year squad successful

**Claudia Argiro  
Sports Writer**

The Brevard College Women's Volleyball team advanced to the NJCAA Nationals, which were held on Nov. 25-27. The NJCAA National Women's Volleyball Championship was held at Miami-Dade Community College in Miami, Florida.

The team faced serious competition during their pool play. The first game of the tournament was against the College of Southern Idaho who entered Nationals seeded at #1. They were also the reigning National Champions. The second game was against Jefferson College. This team had the winningest coach in the NJCAA for women's volleyball. In the third game, the ladies faced Galveston College who had the #1 hitting efficiency player in the nation.

This competition was intimidating to this first year team, but they went down to Miami to make Brevard College Volleyball program known nationwide. This was the goal of the team. This goal was easily attained even though the team did not win. They did finish the season ranked 16th in the nation. That in itself is a major accomplishment for this first year team.

The girls worked very hard to reach nationals and made it to the "Big Dance" in this their first season ever. Nationals had much more than just volleyball. The team was put up in the Miami Airport Marriot Hotel with the other 15 teams. Many events were sponsored for nationals, including a Luau and a formal dinner banquet. The experience gained at the NJCAA Nationals was a great honor for this inaugural team. Congratulations!

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All-American's**

**Joe Gibson**

**Tommy Lancaster**

**BC Athletics to go 4  
year in 1999**

In a campus press conference on November 13, President J. Thomas Bertrand and Athletic Director Dave Rinker established a time-table for moving the College's nationally renowned junior college intercollegiate athletic program into four-year competition, starting in the fall of 1999. The timing will allow the College to put into place additional baccalaureate degree programs attractive to scholar athletes and to make a careful selection of future national and conference affiliations.

Planned baccalaureate programs were announced that should directly impact the four-year athletic program, including a new major in Exercise Science and another in Wilderness Leadership & Education. The College's Long Range Campus Plan class for an Exercise and Sports Science Center addition to Boshamer Gymnasium and a variety of additional athletic fields.

At the four-year level, the College will continue to compete in its current sports (men's & women's cross country, track & field, soccer, and basketball, men's baseball and golf, women's tennis and volleyball). Additional women's sports are under consideration. The College also plans to initiate active club-based and, when available, intercollegiate competition in areas of outdoor recreation such as whitewater sports, mountain biking, and equestrian sports.

Student athletes currently being recruited to enter Brevard College in the fall of 1997 will be able to compete at the junior college level for a full two years through graduation and then will have the option of continuing at Brevard as juniors in the new four-year athletic program or of transferring to other universities and colleges.

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**Elin Brask**

**Holly Palombi**

**Allison Satterthwait**

**Maria Lara**