

# New team, new year, new turf

By Sam Marlow  
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The BC football team will play on their newly turfed field for the first in their home opener Saturday at 1 p.m. at Brevard Memorial Stadium versus Carson-Newman.

The new synthetic turf was installed over the summer and the Tornados will play on the field for the first time.

The initial plan was for a blue field, but Boise State holds the rights to non-green fields used for collegiate football and denied a request for a license; however, the end zones are blue.

Field conditions at the stadium have always been dependent on the areas excessive rainfall and the turf renovation has long been in the works. "The addition of synthetic turf has been in discussion for over 10 years," said John Hart, Athletic Director at Brevard High School. "The amount of rainfall and the usage on our field has made this a necessity," Hart added, according to a press release by Shaw Sports Turf.

So far this season BC's offense has produced substantial numbers moving the ball on the ground. The Tornados have put together solid drives while visiting DI opponents WCU and Liberty, but Carson-Newman may present as tough a defense as anything BC has seen so far.

The team's leading rusher, Jordan Ollis, averaging over 136 yards per game, is the workhorse of the offense and has bullied his way into the end zone four times. Quarterback Tanner Wright is also averaging over 100 yards per game with three rushing touchdowns and is 3-7 for 104 yards passing.

Last week linebacker Michael Gruber was named Dream Bowl Player of the Week for his 10-stop performance against WCU. Gruber made four more tackles at Liberty, bringing him to within one tackle of the leading all-time tackler for BC. Chances are Gruber will pass this milestone on the new turf Saturday.

The Tornado defense will have to play well to stop the potent Carson-Newman offense. It'll be imperative to give Ollis, Wright, Overholt, Jeeter,

and crew the ball, and Coach Hamilton control of the clock. The defense has played well, including a pivotal goal-line stand against WCU, and will

need to draw from the experience gained so far this season for the Tornados to upset the Eagles on Saturday.



Photo by Megyn Terrell

The Brevard College football team will begin their home season Saturday on a new artificial turf at Brevard High School's Memorial Stadium.

## BC Volleyball keeps on fighting

### BC Volleyball women express excitement for upcoming season

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BC's volleyball team came back this past weekend from Winston-Salem State with a 4-0 record.

The volleyball team had their first conference game at home, yesterday, at 7 p.m. against Anderson University.

Coach Kelly Burdeau was excited to have their first conference game at home, saying, "I hope a lot of students come out to the game, they bring a lot to the team and excitement of the game."


Every girl on the team has an important role to play; they all contribute, but there is always one person that has a better game than the other. On the road the team found out they could fight back, especially during this past weekend, being down by two games and fighting back to win the next three.

Burdeau couldn't wait to show the SAC conference that they are more prepared this season and ready to shut teams down. "We have one weakness, and that is not putting the ball down sooner," said Coach Burdeau.

Captain Fatima Gharachorloo, a returning junior from Canada, said, "I'm really proud of our 4-0 start and super excited to see how conference will go. I feel like even though our team is younger we have a great skill set to provide us with some wins in the SAC conference."

Sophomore Aleks Vrvrljo was named captain this year also. "This year has a whole different atmosphere in a positive way. I'm having so much fun being a leader and setting an example. It's nice to be on a team with players that can share my competitive spirit. We become more like a family each day and I cannot wait to see what the season has in store, because I am expecting great things."

They fought hard for BC and although they lost make sure you remember to come out and support them for future games.



## TORNADOS SCOREBOARD

<p><b>FOOTBALL</b></p> <p>BC 31, Liberty University 56      Sept. 13</p> <p><b>VOLLEYBALL</b></p> <p><i>Cougar Invitational</i></p> <p>Anderson 3, BC 0      Sept. 16</p> <p><b>BC 3, Georgia College 0</b>      Sept. 13</p> <p><b>BC 3, Pfeiffer</b>      Sept. 13</p> <p>BC 0, Erskine 3      Sept. 12</p>	<p><b>WOMEN'S SOCCER</b></p> <p>BC 0, Lenoir-Rhyne 5      Sept. 13</p> <p><b>BC 3, Erskine 2</b>      Sept. 10</p> <p><b>MEN'S SOCCER</b></p> <p>BC 3, UNC Pembroke 3      Sept. 16</p> <p>BC 1, Lenoir-Rhyne 2      Sept. 13</p>
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