

Quarterback Tanner Wright hands off the ball to running back Jordan Ollis in BC's game against North Greenville Saturday. Ollis set a new rushing record for the Tornados with 228 yards in the 31-41 loss.

Tornados threaten, but fall in 4th quarter

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Despite a stellar performance by running back Jordan Olllis, the Tornados fell to the North Greenville University Crusaders 41-31 in Tigerville, S.C. Saturday night.

A late running-into-the-kicker penalty cost BC the lead and ultimately the game.

Brevard (0-4) had just taken its first lead of the season and held the Crusaders (3-1) to a field goal attempt on the ensuing drive. The kick struck the left upright and dropped no good. However, a Brevard player made contact with the kicker and the result of the penalty was half the distance to the goal, replay forth down.

On the replay NGU lined up in an offensive set and narrowly punched the ball into the end zone. This play shifted the tide back to North Greenville and the Tornadoes were unable to recover.

The defense showed measurable improvement making big stops at much needed times. Defensive back Reese Schlabach led the team with 7 solo tackles and 3 assists.

Jordan Ollis continues to be the workhouse of DII's leading rushing team gaining a school record 228 yards on a physically punishing 38 carries scoring 3 touchdowns. Achieving the record was bittersweet for Ollis. "I would say that a record like that really does not mean as much as a win would have," Ollis said.

Cleaning up the penalties throughout the game will be imperative as the competition gets no easier. The #6 Lenoir-Rhyne Bears, last year's DII runner-up, travel to Brevard for Homecoming.

#6 Lenoir-Rhyne is coming off a 47-9 victory over conference opponent

Tusculum gaining 494 yards on the ground using a variety of backs in contrast to Brevard's small core backfield.

The Brevard College Football Tornados caught a scent of victory and will be ready to play on Saturday, the Bears might get caught napping. Brevard's loss in Tigerville certainly stung worse than the others because BC was in a position to win.

There are no other home sporting events Saturday, head on down to the game and show the team some support. They deserve it.

