

# New head tennis coach announces Fall schedule

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The men's team will play a total of four matches over the course of the September and October months. BC's women's team kicks off its Fall season by taking part in the Battle of the Blue Ridge, a two-day tournament on Sept. 7-8 hosted by Sweet Briar College in Sweet Briar, Virginia. Opponents for the Battle of the Blue Ridge are still to be determined.

Following the women's tournament at Sweet Briar College, the two teams join together for the rest of the Fall season.

First, the Tornados host USA South foe Piedmont College in a non-conference tilt at the McCoy Tennis Complex on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 3 p.m.

BC then takes 11 days off before traveling to Wise, VA to square off against NCAA DII opponent UVA-Wise on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 12 p.m.

The Tornados then wait just over a week for their next match, a Sunday afternoon showdown with fellow NCAA DIII transitioning member and USA South Conference Member Pfeiffer University on Sept. 29 at 1 p.m. The matches will be held on the road in Misenheimer, NC.

Brevard closes out its fall season with a matchup against local foe Montreat College on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. The matches are slated to take place in Montreat, NC.

The Tornados Tennis programs are both coming off impressive 2018-19 seasons that saw them reach new heights both individually and as a team. First-year Head Coach Brad Jones inherits a women's team that finished third in the USA South West Division and battled for a divisional crown until the very end a year ago. The men's side graduated two strong performers in Tom Mittring and Tim Hengst, who received

numerous conference and national accolades.

The Tornados also received numerous ITA academic plaudits over the summer. Brevard College Women's Tennis student-athletes Carmen Boone, Margaret Correll, and Eleanor Flannery— along with BC alumna Kelsey Kushner— were named Intercollegiate Tennis Association's (ITA) All-Academic Scholar-Athlete honorees, while the women's team as a whole received the ITA All-Academic Team honor. On the men's side, BC Alumni Hengst and Mittring both received ITA All-Academic Scholar-Athlete awards.



Sam Sepe hits a winning forehand during a homecourt match.

# Rojas named USA South Women's Soccer defensive player of the week

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After an impressive season-opener last Friday night versus Emory & Henry, junior goalkeeper Rebecca Rojas has been selected as the USA South Women's Soccer Defensive Player of the Week. Rojas becomes the first Tornado student-athlete to earn the honor in the 2019-20 academic year. The Murrieta, California, native earned the honor once in her sophomore season as well.

Rojas led an impressive defensive effort that saw the Tornados shut out the Wasps of Emory & Henry over the course of a double-overtime draw, 0-0, last Friday at Ives-Lemel Family Field. Rojas stopped a total of seven shots to keep a clean sheet in the shutout of non-conference foe Emory & Henry.

Brevard (0-0-1) will return to the pitch on Wednesday as the Tornados embark on a season-long four-match road swing starting in Winston-Salem, NC, where BC will square off against the Piedmont International University Bruins (1-1). Start time is scheduled for 5 p.m. Following three other road contests (Methodist University: Sept. 7, 1 p.m.; Allen University, Sept. 10, 7 p.m.; Southern Virginia University: Sept. 14, 6 p.m.), Brevard will return to Ives-Lemel Family Field to face off with Salem College on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.

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