

Brevard set to 'White Out'

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Following a season-opening cancellation last Saturday versus Apprentice due to severe lightning, the Brevard College football team returns to action this Saturday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. when the Tornados welcome perennial NCAA DIII power Christopher Newport University (0-2) to Brevard Memorial Stadium.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Fans are encouraged to wear white as Brevard College "whites out" the stands in support of Tornados Football. The first 500 fans through the gates on Saturday evening will receive a free Brevard Tornados Football white shirt as part of the promotion.

Saturday's game also marks BC football's annual Faculty & Staff Appreciation day, where Brevard College football student-athletes invite distinct members of the campus community to be honored during the game.

The Tornados return to action following a weather-canceled season-opener versus Apprentice School last Saturday at Brevard Memorial Stadium. The announcement to declare no contest came after an agreement between both Athletics Directors and USA South Conference officials in accordance with NCAA rules, with player safety at the forefront of the decision.

Play was halted around 3 p.m., midway through the third quarter of play, due to numerous lightning strikes in the area. Play was officially put on hold around 6 p.m.

Per NCAA rules, the results, scores, statistics and records from Saturday's contest do not count towards official season or career totals.

In Saturday's game, the Tornados made an impact in all three phases of the game, scoring points offensively, defensively and on special teams.

Some of the highlights from the eventual no-contest for the Tornados included a 96-yard kickoff return by junior wide receiver Jamerial Parks, a fumble recovery touchdown by freshman defensive lineman Jerome Bass and a two-point run back on a botched extra point attempt by junior defensive back and 2018 USA South All-Conference First Team selection Quentin Jackson.

The Tornados meet the Captains of Christopher Newport for the first time in school history on Saturday.

Christopher Newport's program was founded in 2001, where the Captains competed in the Dixie Conference for two seasons before the conference was rebranded as the USA South Athletic Conference. The Captains competed for 11 seasons in the USA South before moving to their current home, the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC). 2019 marks the fifth season for CNU in the NJAC.

Christopher Newport has consistently produced at the DIII level, as the Captains have only had one season below the .500 mark in their 18-plus year history. While in the USA South, the Captains won at least a share of the regular season title 10 times and made 10 appearances in the NCAA DIII Football playoffs. Christopher Newport has enjoyed four total playoff wins during that span.

Christopher Newport's starting senior quarterback Jack Anderson has totaled 387 passing yards through the first two games, completing 32-of-59 passes for a touchdown and five interceptions. The Captains' defensive efforts have been led by senior defensive back Damian Jiggetts (two interceptions) and senior defensive lineman Ben James (12 tackles, four tackles-for-loss, two sacks).

Following Saturday night's showdown, the Tornados will hit the road for the first time in the 2019 season to face the Allen University Yellow Jackets (1-0) in Columbia, South Carolina on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 5 p.m. The two schools met in last season's finale, where the Tornados took a 46-10 victory at Brevard Memorial Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018.



Members of the Brevard College football team watch the game from the sidelines.



Brevard College wide receiver Jerel Dewalt takes a chance in last Saturday's home game against Apprentice.

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