

# Brevard College interviews first-year runner Solomon Turner

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Solomon Turner, a junior from Snow Camp, NC, experienced a successful first year season of collegiate cross country. Solomon has never competed for a cross country team in his life before this season, and still managed to be the second-place runner consistently for the Brevard College cross country team.

"I love running and enjoyed the season, however I don't enjoy racing as much," Turner said. He also stated that his distaste for racing competitively will not stop him from competing in the 2020 cross country season.

"I can't stop now because after next year I'll never have an opportunity to compete on a team again," he said. Turner will graduate from BC in 2021.

Most Cross Country runners compete for track during the spring. Turner said that he plans on focusing on his academics this spring and only competing for the cross country team. "I just can't see myself running anywhere other than the trails," he said.

As an athlete in his first year of competition, Turner has a unique perspective on the past season. "I had so much fun and made a lot of new friends," he said. "The team treated me like family rather than just another athlete,

and the coaches and my teammates were very supportive with my running.

"My favorite memory of the season had to be going to the Pisgah National Forest and trail running with the rest of the team or goofing around with teammates and coaches on the long bus rides to and from races," Turner said.

Turner's favorite race of the season was the Mike and Mary Kay Johnson invitational in Berea, KY. "I loved that race mostly because it was my first 8k, but it was also just an overall fun race," he said. "I would have never thought I would be running through the middle of a creek against 100 plus runners at the beginning of this semester."

# DIII Volleyball: Brevard 3 Agnes Scott 0; Covenant 3, Brevard 0

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The Brevard College volleyball team (2-25, 2-12 USAS) earned a victory on the last day of its 2019 season, achieving a 3-0 sweep over host Agnes Scott (0-23, 0-14 USAS) on Saturday morning.

In the second contest for the Tornados of the USA South Conference quad-match, Covenant (10-17, 9-5 USAS) defeated Brevard 3-0 late Saturday afternoon.

In the win over Agnes Scott, freshman Breanna O'Shields led the Tornados offensively with 11 kills, tying her career-high. Brook Groves was second amongst all players in the category with eight kills.

Setter Hannah Gordon registered a game-high 19 assists to go along with two service aces. Mariana Rodriguez performed well both offensively and defensively with seven kills and 18 digs.

O'Shields also led all players with a career-high 22 digs, while also recording a solo block.

Morgan Graham added 13 digs, while Grace Pukas also reached double digits in the category with 12 digs.

Brevard won the first set 25-19 in what proved to be the closest contested of the three sets. Down the stretch of the set, Agnes Scott scored back-to-back points to cut BC's lead to 22-19.

O'Shields, however, responded with a kill and was rewarded for her efforts with the chance to serve for the match. An attack error by ASC gave the Tornados set point. Groves then earned a kill on an assist by Gordon for the 25-19 set win.

In the second set, the Tornados extended their lead to 18-10, riding the hot serve of Gordon. BC went on to score four of the last five points of the set to take the second set 25-16.

BC never trailed in the third set en route to a 25-17 set win and the 3-0 match victory.

Covenant defeated Brevard 25-14, 25-16 and 25-13 in the final match of the day and the season finale for the Tornados.

O'Shields and Julie McGahy each registered five kills to lead BC, while Gordon dished out eight assists. Rodriguez once again led the Tornados on the defensive end with 12 digs.

The quad-match concluded the 2019 season for the Tornados. Highlights included the two 3-0 sweeps over Agnes Scott and five-set battles with Emory & Henry and Guilford.

Individual accolades were handed out to Rodriguez who won a USA South Defensive Player of the Week honor for the week ending October 14. Rodriguez finished third in the conference through the regular season in digs-per-set.

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Tornados volleyball celebrate a win at Boshamer Gym.