

BC women's basketball crushes Wesleyan

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The Brevard College Women's Basketball team (3-6, 1-2 USA South) earned a decisive 78-58 win over Wesleyan College (0-10, 0-3 USA South) on Saturday afternoon at the Boshamer Gymnasium. The win marked Brevard's first USA South Conference win this season and snapped a four-game losing skid for the Tornados.

Junior forward Deja Riddick led the Tornados with 14 points and a team-high five assists. The Norfolk, Virginia native also pulled down six rebounds, blocked a shot and went a perfect 4-for-4 from the free-throw line.

Junior forward Destiny Williams and senior center Krysta Davis also scored in double figures with each player registering 11 points.

Sophomore center Avery Lockwood led the Tornados on the glass with 12 rebounds, while freshman Mekindia Martin came off the bench for an all-around performance of five points, seven rebounds, four assists, two steals and one blocked shot. Shakirah Thompson (eight points), Victoria Green (seven points) and Taryn Ledford (six points) also made scoring contributions.

Playing in her second career game, freshman Hannah Lovett made her first collegiate field goal with a three-pointer to go along with her first career rebound.

Brevard never trailed in the contest, opening the game on a made three-pointer by Riddick. The Tornados then stretched their early lead to 14-3 on two made free throws by Riddick with 5:12 to play in the first quarter. Led by eight points from Riddick in the opening period, BC would go on to take a 23-9 lead through one quarter.

BC maintained its advantage in the second quarter, outscoring the Wolves 17-15 in the stanza to take a 40-24 lead into intermission. At the 6:32 mark of the second period, Lovett drained her first career field goal, a deep three-pointer off an assist by Ledford. The Brevard bench and a lively Boshamer Gymnasium erupted in celebration of the first career points by the freshman from Atlanta, Georgia.

In the third quarter, Williams served notice to the crowd at the Boshamer Gymnasium with an energetic stretch where the junior scored five points and pulled down four rebounds including three offensive boards. Through the end of three quarters, the Tornados continued to lead the

Wolves by 16 points.

BC closed out the contest by outscoring Wesleyan 21-17 in the fourth period to take the 20-point victory. The win marked the largest margin of victory this season for the Tornados and also marked team season highs in points (78), field goals made (25), free throws made (18), rebounds (50), assists (18) and blocked shots (six).

The game marked the last home game for the Tornados in the 2019 calendar year. Brevard will travel to conference foe Berea on Saturday, December 14 before playing an exhibition at Presbyterian on Saturday, December 21 in Clinton, South Carolina. Following two road games after the turn of the New Year, BC will return home to the Boshamer Gymnasium on Wednesday, January 8 vs. Agnes Scott College.

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Junior Destiny Williams tries for one of her 11 total points throughout the game.