BC Women's Lacrosse wins big

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(March 4, 2020) - Freshman attacker Autumn Kraemer continued the hot start to her collegiate career, tying the single-game program record for goals scored (nine) as the Brevard College women's lacrosse team (1-2) earned its first victory of 2020 in dominant fashion, defeating the visiting Johnson & Wales University (Denver) Wildcats (0-3), 19-8, on Wednesday evening at Ives-Lemel Family Field.

Kraemer's nine-goal performance was the third time that a BC women's lacrosse player has scored nine goals in a single game. The Stewartstown, Pennsylvania native joins Caitlyn Nemeth (April 1, 2015 vs. Lees-McRae) and Nina Siu (March 7, 2018 vs. Felician) as the only Tornados to reach the nine-goal plateau.

KC Collins bolstered Brevard's offensive attack with a six-goal, three-assist performance for a career-high nine points. Collins' six

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Freshman Tyson Rumley was BC's top performer in the discus with a 10th place result after a throw of 34.22 meters in his collegiate debut. McAdams (11th, 34.18), Covington (15th, 29.75) and Drake (16th, 29.41) also competed in discus.

On the women's side, freshman Kelia Oliver threw the shot put 9.54 meters en route to a twelfth place finish and a top performance in her flight to mark another impressive collegiate debut by a Tornado. Freshman Grace Pukas (7.74) finished in 18th place in women's shot put. Oliver placed seventh in the discus with a 29.81-meter throw as Pukas followed with an eleventh place finish with 20.27 meters.

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goals marked the first six career scores for the Marietta, Georgia native's career. The sophomore attacker/goalkeeper started all 16 games last season in goal for the Tornados and has started this year's first three contests in the field. Collins' nine points in Wednesday's contest are tied for the fifth-most single-game points in BC's program history.

Sophomore midfielder Hannah Scharf added a career-best four goals, while senior attacker Kelly Wilkins dished out a career-high five assists in the victory. Wilkins' five-assist outburst is tied for third-most in a single game in program history for BC women's lacrosse.

Defensively, senior Nicole O'Connor posted a career performance with eight ground balls, while Collins added five. Collins and Kraemer hauled in a team-best five draw controls each and Savannah Colliver caused a pair of turnovers. Freshman Carlie Henning notched her first win as a starting collegiate goalkeeper, stopping nine Wildcat shots in the victory.

JWU-Denver's Ashley Guerrero led her side with three goals, while Julianna Lozada and Jocheyn Suglio each put in a pair of scores. Four Wildcats caused a pair of turnovers each, while Brigid McCollam saved 12 total shots. Just over a minute into action, Kraemer got on the score sheet with an unassisted goal at the 28:55 mark to put her side up by a 1-0 margin. The freshman goal-scorer doubled BC's advantage with 24:13 left to play in the first half before the Wildcats scored back-to-back goals to tie the contest up, 2-2.

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The Tornados were able to outshoot the Wildcats by a 37-24 margin and outperformed their opposition on free-position shots, converting 5-of-13 compared to JWU-Denver's 2-of-7 mark. BC converted 26-of-32 clear attempts compared to the Wildcats' 16-of-23 mark. Brevard scooped 36 ground balls to JWU-Denver's 24 and won 14 draw controls to the Wildcats' 13.

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