

SPORTING SCENE

NCAA Takes Steps To Protect Prep Football

By JOHNNY CRAIG
The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) recently passed a measure that will protect high school football from possible Friday-night telecasts of college football. Since colleges are now virtually able to write their own television contracts with broadcasting companies, many prep athletic associations were concerned that some colleges would begin playing, along with televising, games on Fridays nights.

The NCAA has passed legislation that will become effective immediately that no simultaneous telecasting or cablecasting of inter-collegiate football games on Friday nights will be allowed. Any afternoon football telecasts or cablecasts on Friday must be completed by 7 p.m. local time in each location in which the program is received.

This type of legislation is needed from the NCAA to maintain the current working relations between high school and college athletics. Televising college football on Friday nights and interfering with prep games would be in effect for the NCAA "biting the hand that feeds you."

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) had long lobbied for such a decision from the NCAA.

The NCHSAA recently polled 40 football conferences throughout the state and determined the following: most coaches favor leaving the first practice date for football at August 1 but favor two preseason scrimmages instead of the current one allowed by the association.

The coaches polled also favor using overtime procedures in both championship and all regular-season games. Most coaches want the Division II playoffs to be played to a

championship (the current format allows only eastern and western champions) but the majority are against playing state championship games on Saturday.

A group of coaches representing all four classifications met in Chapel Hill concerning the polling results and recommended to the NCHSAA Sports Committee that the Division II playoffs be eliminated. Instead, all conferences would be given two representatives in Division I which would extend the current season format by one week with the additional eight teams.

Loss of school instructional time has become a major topic as of late and the NCHSAA has recommended the following: (1) allow no athletic practice during the school day; (2) deny request for out-of-state competition which would involve loss of school; (3) support a double participation rule which prevents loss of school time; and (4) schedule out-of-state events so there is little loss of class time as possible.

The association is also considering the following: (1) schedule activities in late afternoon, early evening or on Saturday; (2) reducing the number of contests; (3) cut back golf from 18 holes to nine; (4) no add scoring in tennis; and (5) determining the minimum amount of safe warm-up time.

While the NCHSAA is concerned about reducing the amount of out-of-class time by athletes, it should in no way sacrifice the safety of participating students.

Athletes spend a lot of time practicing their particular sport and should be allowed a reasonable number of games to participate. Whittling schedules down to the bare minimum is not the answer.



EYE ON THE BASKET—Brunswick County's Charles Webb (33) keeps an eye on the basket while Gaston's Bobby Wilson goes up to prevent the shot. Guarding Webb from behind is Dino Russell while Brunswick's Elbert Johnson watches.

East, Gaston County Wins All-Star Game

The East team downed the West, 97-76 while Gaston County defeated Brunswick County 102-88 in a pair of All-Star games played Saturday at Shallotte Middle School.

In the first game, Herbert Bell scored 25 points and Mike Buck 18 to lead the East over the West in the Brunswick County Men's Recreation League All-Star game.

Other scorers from the East included Sam Armstrong with 16, Charles Hall 14, David Jenkins nine, Pernel Hill eight, and Mike Cherry seven.

The West was led by Donald Stanley with 22 and Greg White with 17. Other scorers included Sherman Daniels and Joe Hemingway with eight each, Marcus Moore five, Timothy Thomas, Randolph Brenby and David Barnett with four each and Jimmy Gore and Bobby King with two each.

In the final game, Ike Mims scored 35 points and Zip Stowe 27 to lead Gaston County in the win. Dino Russell scored 17, David Borman 11, Danny Jackson 10 and Bobby Wilson two to round out Gaston's scoring.

The Gaston County team was comprised of former college players from the Gaston County Men's League.

Charles Webb led Brunswick County with 19 points followed by Isaac Galloway with 16, Elbert Johnson 15 and William Johnson and Trampus Gause 14 each.

Rounding out the Brunswick scoring attack were Steve Milligan with four and Melvin Johnson, Marvin

Knox and Don Stevenson with two each. Shady Daniels and Abe Pellom were also named to the all-star team.

During halftime of the final game, Charles Webb and William Johnson were local winners in a slam-dunk contest while Gaston's Ike Mims and Dino Russell were also winners.



SLAM-DUNK CONTEST—Sam Armstrong shows off his form in the slam-dunk contest during halftime of the Men's League All-Star game in Shallotte Saturday. Charles Webb and William Johnson were local winners in the contest while Ike Mims and Dino Russell were winners from the Gaston County team.

Trojans Fall To Bucs, South Robeson

By JOHNNY CRAIG
The West Brunswick Trojans were swept in a pair of nonconference baseball games last week with a 7-5 loss to Laney and a 7-6 defeat to South Robeson. Both losses came on the road and dropped the Trojans to 2-3 overall.

West Brunswick returns home Friday to open defense of its Three Rivers 3-A Conference championship against Clinton.

Keith Stanley and Matt Gore belted home runs in Friday's losing effort against Laney. The Trojans trailed 5-3 when Stanley's two-run blast tied the game 5-5 in the sixth inning.

Laney scored twice in the bottom of the sixth on a Trojan error and a two-run double.

Gore took the loss for West Brunswick on the mound going the entire seven innings while yielding eight hits.

Trojan pitcher Tim Ludlum went the first six innings against South Robeson with Gore coming in on relief in the seventh and picking up the loss. With the score tied, 6-6, Gore entered in the final inning and issued the game-winning run on a wild pitch allowing a Mustang runner to score from third base.

Henry Stevenson and Craig Johnson each had home runs for the Trojans. For Stevenson, the homer was his third in five games this season.

"Henry is one of our most consistent hitters at this point in the season," said West Brunswick coach Richard Hubbard. "Keith Stanley is also coming around with his hitting. We are not making mental errors but rather a few physical mistakes. We lost two real close games last week but I am confident the team will come around."

Whiteville Advances To Finals Against Cherryville

The Whiteville Wolfpack edged Currituck County 74-66 in overtime Saturday in Wilson to win the 2-A eastern regionals and advance to this weekend's state finals in Greensboro.

Whiteville, now 25-4, will battle western regional champion Cherryville (27-1) at 9 p.m. Friday in the Greensboro Coliseum for the state title.

The Wolfpack's Patrick Lennon was named regional most valuable player after a 24-point performance against Currituck and leading the way with 25 points in the semifinal game against defending state champion Hobbs.

Whiteville led Currituck (20-8) 14-10 at the end of the first quarter and 32-26 at the half before extending their advantage to 12 points in the second half.

Currituck rallied to tie the game, 51-51 and took a 60-58 lead but Whiteville's Larry McMillan scored on a layup at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

Lennon scored six points in the overtime period as the Wolfpack jumped to a 64-60 lead in the opening

seconds and never trailed again.

In other championship action this weekend, both 1-A and 2-A boys titles will be decided Friday while the 3-A and 4-A championships will be determined Saturday. All four boys contests will be played at the Greensboro Coliseum while the girls championships will be played (also on Friday and Saturday) at Elon College.

In boys play, Gastonia Hunter Huss (19-9) will face Fayetteville E.E. Smith (24-5) for the 4-A championship while Statesville (24-5) will battle West Carteret (23-5) in the 3-A title game.

In the 1-A championship, Edneyville (16-11) will meet Clarkton (21-7).

In girls championships, Raleigh Broughton (27-1) will face High Point Central (26-1) in the 4-A contest and Farmville Central (23-5) will meet West Caldwell (26-1) in the 3-A championship.

South Robeson (22-4) will battle Little Gufford (26-3) in the 2-A title game while Orrum (29-0) will meet Edneyville (21-6) for the 1-A championship.



GASTON WINS ALL-STAR GAME—Charles Webb of Brunswick County closely guards Gaston's Dino Russell (with ball) during Saturday's Men's League All-Star game. Gaston defeated Brunswick 102-88 as Webb led his team with 19 points while Russell scored 17.

Little League Sets Draft

Team tryouts and drafts for girls and boys ages eight through 12 will be held by the Brunswick County Little League Baseball Association Saturday, March 30, at 10 a.m. at the Supply ballpark.

Youths who have played previously are not required to report March 30th but are asked to contact their coaches and let them know if they plan to play again.

The league is expanding to six teams this season to accommodate the large turnout expected and to facilitate scheduling.

Bill Leggett of Shallotte will coach the newest team, the Yankees. Other teams and their coaches are as follows: Cardinals, Don Warren; Lions, Ron Cooper; Rebels, Jack Powell; Blue Jays, Jimmy Hankins; and Tigers, Kathy Hill.

Youths participating in Little League for the first time are required to present birth certificates Saturday for the League files.

More information on these and other Little League programs offered this season is available from Cecilia Kinlaw, 754-6139.

Senior League Formed For Boys Ages 13-15

A newly-formed senior baseball league will serve boys ages 13 to 15, announces Brunswick County Little League Association President Cecilia Kinlaw.

Boys who have not reached their 16th birthday by Aug. 1 will be eligible to participate.

The league covers the entire geographical area of the county and all games will be played at the county

park in Supply on the ballfield formerly used by the men's softball teams.

Registration for all boys interested in playing will be held Saturday, March 30, at 2 p.m. on the playing field at Supply.

Boys are asked to be prepared for tryouts. Little League rules require that all participating youths have birth certificates on file.

Pollution Closes 25 Acres

Approximately 25 acres of water in the Intracoastal Waterway were closed to clamming by the N.C. Department of Natural Resources on March 13 because of pollution.

The area closed includes all waters in the Intracoastal Waterway in an area across from Pinner Point and extending equal distances in both directions from the point.

Also closed to shellfishing are Lockwood's Folly River and all its tributaries upstream of a line situated above Genoe's Point and Sandy's Landing and at Long Beach, all waters upstream of a line beginning at Pinner Point and extending southerly to a point on the south shore of Davis Creek to include all tributaries.

These areas were closed to harvest of oysters earlier with the close of the season Feb. 28.

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A good eye examination is thorough, and it's painless. If there is a vision problem, it can usually be corrected with proper eyeglasses or contact lenses.

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