

Long, Gore Lead Trojans On Diamond

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Shortstop Derek Long and pitcher Matt Gore are currently leading the West Brunswick baseball Trojans statistically after seven games. Long, a junior, is leading the Trojans at the plate with a .375 average that includes six hits in 16 plate appearances.

Gore, a senior, is off to a 2-2 start on the mound for the Trojans with a 2.63 ERA (earned run average). Gore has struck out 28 over 26.2 innings while teammate Timmy Ludlum is not far behind.

Ludlum (1-2) threw his first complete game of the season in Saturday's 5-1 win over South Brunswick. Ludlum has a 3.89 ERA and has struck out 19 in 18 innings pitched.

At the plate, Craig Johnson is the Trojans' second-leading hitter with a .263 average. Johnson has collected five hits in 19 plate appearances and also leads the team in runs batted in (6). Johnson has also pitched two innings of relief work for the Trojans.

The Trojans are batting just .213 as a team through the first third of the season. This figure will need to rise dramatically for West Brunswick to successfully defend its Three Rivers Conference crown.

West Brunswick's pitching staff appears to be in good hands with the team of Gore and Ludlum. The team ERA of 3.00 is respectable but can carry the Trojans only a short ways with such a low team batting average.

W. Brunswick Baseball Statistics as of Monday, April 1

Players	AB	R	H	RBI	AVE
Stewart	2	1	1	0	.500
Long	16	5	6	2	.375
Craig Johnson	19	5	5	6	.263
Stevenson	20	7	5	4	.250
Stanley	20	3	5	2	.250
Williams	12	1	3	2	.250
Gore	22	3	5	5	.227
Brown	14	0	3	3	.214
Chris Johnson	15	0	2	1	.133
R. Johnson	21	1	0	0	.000
Vansteen	3	0	0	0	.000
Ludlum	0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	164	26	35	25	.213

Pitching	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gore (2-2)	20.2	24	15	10	5	28	2.63
Ludlum (1-2)	18	15	13	10	7	19	3.89
Johnson (0-0)	2	0	0	0	1	5	0.00
Totals (3-4)	40.2	39	27	20	13	52	3.00

Three-Point Shot Considered

The use of a three-point shot could possibly be used by North Carolina high school basketball teams next year after a vote by the National Federation of High School Athletic Association rules committee.

The Association approved to give each state the option on whether or not to use the three-point shot.

According to Dick Knox, executive director of the NCHSAA, a vote by member schools in the state will be conducted to determine the option of using the shot. No date for a vote was announced.

Baseball Clinic Set

A baseball clinic taught by several

Lady Cougars Top Tabor City

South Brunswick downed Tabor City 2-5 last week in East Waccamaw 2-A Conference girls softball action. Tonya Galloway led the Lady Cougars with three hits and three RBIs. The win raised South Brunswick to 2-2 in the EWC and 3-2 overall.

Lady Scorpions Rout Whiteville

The North Brunswick Lady Scorpions took an 11-4 decision over Whiteville last week in East Waccamaw 2-A Conference girls softball play. Marvetta McKoy led North Brunswick with two hits while Donna Royal was the winning pitcher.

Trojan Netters Continue To Roll

The West Brunswick boys tennis team remained on their hot streak last week with nonconference wins over South Brunswick, South Robeson and Whiteville. The Trojan netters are now 9-0 overall and have won 21 straight matches dating back to last season.

West Brunswick begins Three Rivers 3-A Conference play April 15 at Clinton.

Whiteville

West Brunswick took its second win of the season from Whiteville Monday with an 8-1 win over the Wolfpack.

Results

Singles: Bland (WB) def. Walker (W), 6-3, 6-3; Gurganous (W) def. Gore (WB), 6-3, 6-1; D.Ward (WB) def. Leder (W), 6-1, 6-4; T.Ward (WB) def. Newell (W), 6-0, 6-0;

Graham (WB) def. Cheek (W), 6-0, 6-3; Cheers (WB) def. Clifton (W), 6-0, 6-3.

Doubles: Bland-D.Ward (WB) def. Gurganous-Cheek (W), 8-5; Gore-T.Ward (WB) def. Walker-Leder (W), 8-4; Cheers-D.Ward (WB) def. Nickelson-Clifton (W), 8-4.

South Robeson

Last Thursday the Trojans took their second win over South Robeson 8-1. The loss dropped South Robeson to 4-4 overall.

Results

Singles: Bland (WB) def. Bridgers (SR), 8-1; Gore (WB) def. McCallum (SR), 8-4; D.Ward (WB) def. Singletary (SR), 8-1; T.Ward (WB) def. McArthur (SR), 8-2; Chavis (SR) def. Graham (WB), 8-6; Cheers (WB) def. Deese (SR), 8-1.

Doubles: Bland-D.Ward (WB) def.

Bridgers-McCallum (SR), 8-0; Cheers-Dale (WB) def. McArthur-Chavis (SR), 8-0; Robertson-Finch (WB) def. Dial-McCroe (SR), 8-1.

South Brunswick

Earlier in the week the Trojans completely dominated South Brunswick, 9-0. The loss dropped the Cougars to 1-1 overall.

Results

Singles: Bland (WB) def. Jessup (SR), 6-1, 6-0; Gore (WB) def. Flythe (SB), 6-1, 6-2; D.Ward (WB) def. Rogers (SB), 6-1, 6-4; T.Ward (WB) def. Spencer (SB), 6-1, 6-1; Graham (WB) def. Doshier (SB), 6-0, 6-0; Cheers (WB) def. Clingipell (SB), 6-1, 6-0.

Doubles: Bland-D.Ward (WB) def. Jessup-Spencer (SB), 8-3; Gore-Graham (WB) def. Flythe-Rogers (SB), 8-5; Dale-Robertson (WB) def. Cowan-Hue (SB), 8-1.

Whiteville Downs Scorpions, 5-1

Led by the 15-strike out performance of Wolfpack pitcher Tommy Greene, Whiteville topped North Brunswick 5-1 in East Waccamaw 2-A Conference baseball action last week. The win kept the Wolfpack undefeated through nine games and lifted Whiteville to 3-0 in the conference.

Patrick Lennon and Henry Threadgill had two hits each to lead the Wolfpack at the plate.

North Brunswick was led by Andre Perkins who had a run-scoring double and Ricky Edge who tripled. Perkins was the losing pitcher for the Scorpions who fell to 1-1 in the EWC and 2-3-2 overall.

Lady Trojans Divide With West Columbus, South Brunswick

The West Brunswick Lady Trojans won their first softball game of the season Saturday with an 11-7 nonconference decision over South Brunswick. West Brunswick dropped its Three Rivers 3-A Conference opener to West Columbus earlier in the week in a 15-6 loss to the Lady Vikings.

April Causey led West Brunswick

in the win over the Lady Cougars with six runs batted in including a three-run double and a bases-loaded single.

Teddi Perkins and Sandy Johnson added two hits each for West Brunswick while pitcher Julie Benton picked up the win.

The win raised the Lady Trojans to

1-4 overall while South Brunswick fell to 4-3.

West Columbus raised its conference mark to a perfect 2-0 and 3-1 overall with its win over the Lady Trojans.

Vicky Johnson had a home run to lead West Brunswick while Sheila Graham had three hits and Tracy Gore two to lead West Columbus.

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