

## Whiteville Nears State Legion Title

After topping Rocky Mount four games to two in the eastern championship series, Whiteville Post 137 has moved within one game of sweeping the state American Legion baseball title from Caldwell County this week.

Late last week Whiteville routed Rocky Mount 13-5 to claim the eastern title in six games and then swept the first two games (4-3 and 7-6) of the state championship series over the weekend at Legion Field.

Post 137 took a 6-4 win over Caldwell County Post 29 (32-13) on Monday to take a commanding 3-0 lead in games in the best-of-seven series. The fourth game of the series was scheduled for Tuesday at Lenoir.

Patrick Lennon led Whiteville (29-8-1) in game three with three hits while Jody Sykes and Chris Threadgill added two each.

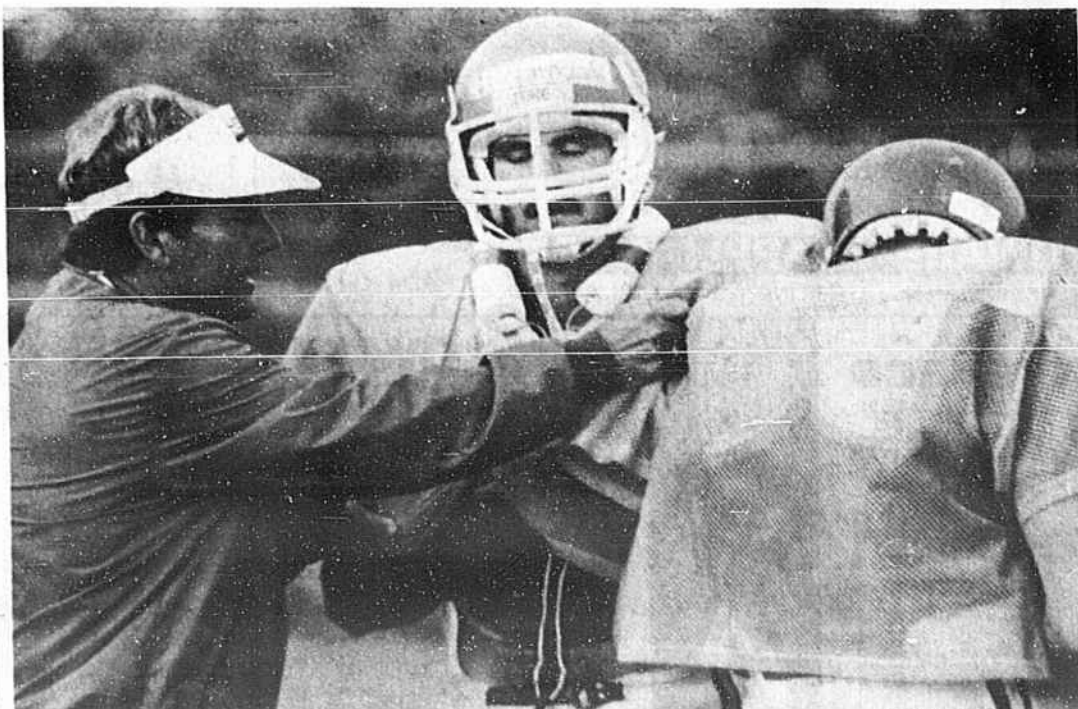
Robbie Watts was the winning pitcher for Whiteville while having relief help from Tommy Hammonds.

Sykes led Whiteville in the second game with a three-run homer and also threw 4.2 scoreless relief innings to lead Post 137 to their 7-6 win.

Joe Schultz led Whiteville with three hits and a RBI.

Hammonds' five-hitter and 13 strike out performance in the state championship series opener paced Post 137 to a 4-3 win.

Lennon led Whiteville with a two-run homer and an run-scoring single.

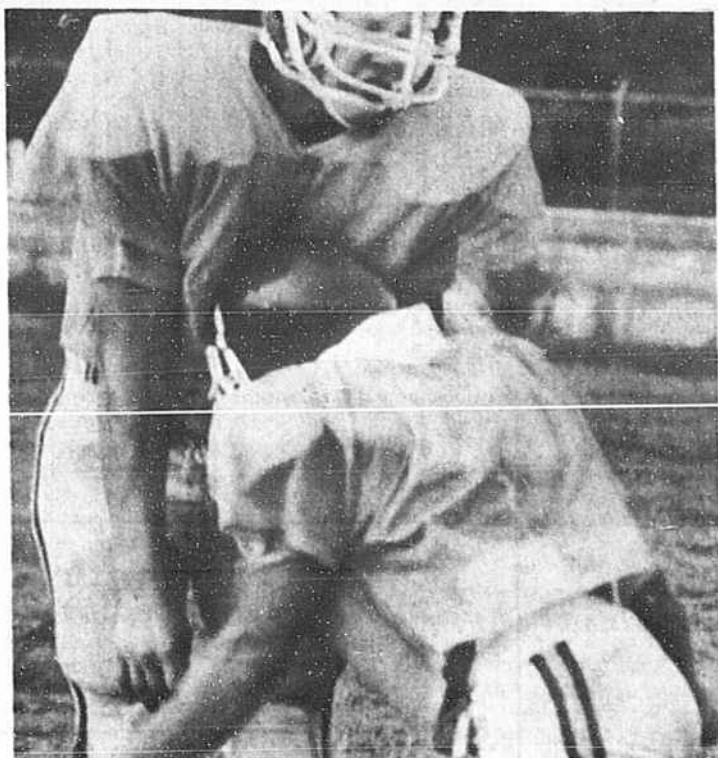


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### Trojans Begin Contact Drills

West Brunswick began contact football practice this week in pads and helmets. Trojan assistant coach

Richard Hubbard (left) demonstrates a blocking drill to senior offensive back James Buffkin.



### Loosen Up

West Brunswick linemen loosen up before beginning contact earlier this week during a late-afternoon Trojan practice session. The Trojans are scheduled to scrimmage Hoggard at home on August 29.

## SPORTING SCENE

### Trojan Boosters Prepare For New Grid Season

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

The West Brunswick boosters club met earlier this week to lay the fundraising groundwork for financial support of Trojan athletics for the upcoming school year.

The club is currently seeking support for the Trojan football program which is sold at all home games. Club members will be combing the community through next week seeking advertising from both businesses and individuals. This is one of the most successful money-making projects that the club sponsors.

The most important aspect is that all money raised will go directly to West Brunswick athletics.

The boosters club annually provides West Brunswick athletics with financial support well beyond that which is budgeted each year by the county.

The club is also tentatively planning a dinner for boosters and parents of football players August 29 in conjunction with the Trojans' pre-season scrimmage with Hoggard the same night.

The boosters club will meet again Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the school multi-purpose room near the library. For more information contact Don Evans at 754-4326.

Football Begins

Anyone interested in participating in junior high school football (grades 7-9) should report to the West Brunswick gym Wednesday, August

21 at 5:30 p.m. Players should come ready for practice. For more information contact Jimmy Marshall at 754-6391.

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