

SPORTING SCENE

Preps Return To Gridiron Friday

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

High school football returns across the state Friday night although a number of schools have yet to begin classes. Four of eight teams in the newly-formed Waccamaw 2-A Conference also open play with the remainder seeing action next week.

Two of three Brunswick County teams open Friday with North Brunswick, under new head coach Clark Harrell, hosting 1-A Clarkton. The Scorpions edged Clarkton last season, 7-6 but then lost their last five games of the season. Harrell certainly hopes that trend won't repeat itself.

South Brunswick also begins play but will visit Pender. This will be the first meeting between the Cougars and Patriots.

Both games involving North and South Brunswick are nonconference and will kickoff at 8 p.m.

West Brunswick has an open date Friday but will see its first action next Friday also against Pender. The Patriots return the majority of the players from last year's 5-6 squad which finished runnerup in the old Three Rivers 3-A Conference.

In other league play Friday, South Robeson travels to Saint Pauls and West Columbus visits Acme-Delco.

Whiteville Eliminated

Defending national American Legion baseball champion Guaynabo, Puerto Rico eliminated North Carolina champion Whiteville Post 137, 10-9 in the southeast regionals at Cherryville last week.

Whiteville opened the double-elimination event with a 12-9 win over Athens, Ga., and a 12-5 victory over Pontotoc, Miss. Post 137 lost to Irmo, S.C. in the semifinals before falling to Puerto Rico.

Puerto Rico eventually won the tournament with a 16-5 win over South Carolina and will now advance to the American Legion world series.

Labor Day Run

The annual Labor Day Run sponsored by the Rocky Point Volunteer Fire Department will be held Monday beginning at 8 a.m. There will be a 10,000 meter and one-mile fun run with entry fee being \$5.

Late registration will be held until 7:45 the morning of the race.

Play Ball, Grown-Ups!

Softball's not just for kids, so get out there and play, grown-ups!

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a fall coed softball league for adults, according to Doug White, athletic director.

Coed softball follows basically the same rules as men's or women's softball, except that no more than six men can play in the field at one time.

Any individual or team that would like to participate is asked to call the department at 253-4357.

Football League Meet Scheduled

Fourth, fifth and sixth graders interested in joining a football team may sign up Saturday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Shallotte Middle School.

A West Brunswick Youth Football League is being formed, according to Tink Lawing. For more information call Lawing at 842-6629.

The race will start and finish near the fire department building just off U.S. Highway 117 north of Wilmington.

For more information contact race director Art Buehler, 675-0916.

Scrimmage Planned

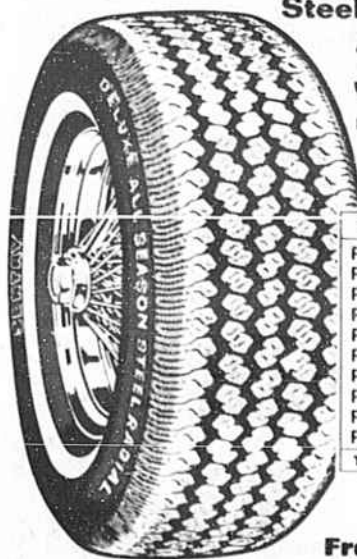
The West Brunswick Trojans will conduct its final preseason scrimmage at home against Hoggard today (Thursday) beginning at 7 p.m. The Trojan boosters club will also hold a hotdog supper for parents of players and club members at 6:30.



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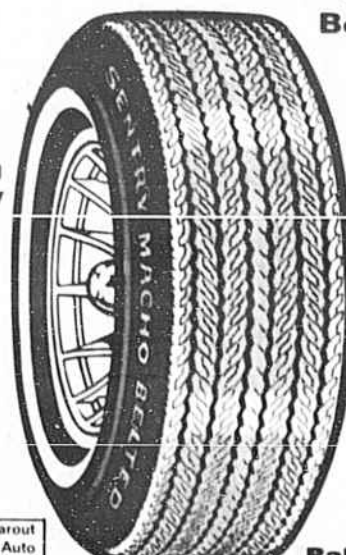
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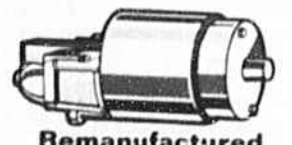


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