Trojans Tackle Littlefield In Home Opener

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

West Brunswick kicks off its 1985 home schedule Friday in the first-ever meeting with 1-A Littlefield of Lumberton.

Both teams are looking for their initial win as Littlefield and West Brusnwick opened the season last Friday on a losing note.

The Trojans would just as soon forget about last week's decisive 47-0 loss to Pender. The loss was the sixth straight opening-season defeat for West Brunswick although the Trojans are hot on the trail of revenge.

Meanwhile, Littlefield opened with a 13-6 loss to Midway last week. Midway has always been a traditional football power though, having won the state 1-A title a few years back.

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Although Littlefield has the similar team makeup of Pender, West Brunswick coach Greg Norris is hoping that a different outcome is in store.

"They have a big offensive line with a big fullback," said Norris of Littlefield. "In a way they have many of the same ingredients that Pender had but we are hoping for different things this go around."

"The players have rededicated themselves to improving and have worked very had this week at practice. We have spent a lot of time in practice working on basic fundamentals," said Norris.

While West Brunswick is looking to improve on basic blocking and tackling, the Trojans are also having to shake off an early injury bug.

Starting quarterback Joey Stanaland suffered a toe injury two weeks ago and was unavailable in the loss to Pender. Reserve Gary Gore guided the Trojans for the entire game but Norris feels that Stanaland will be ready to take the first snap tonight.

The Trojans all-star tailback, James Buffkin, is again questionable.

Buffkin, who ran for over 1,200 yards and 14 touchdowns a year ago, fell victim to a sprained ankle during a preseason scrimmage against Topsail and is only at 75 percent effectiveness according to Norris.

"James' ability to play is still up in the air. We probably won't know until just prior to the kickoff."

Tackle Mickey Smith suffered a dislocated shoulder earlier this week in practice but may be able to return.

Probable offensive starters for the Trojans are center Jarret Elliott, tackles Leamon Clemmons and David Morse, guards Mickey Smith and Bob Long, tight ends Ronnie Hockett and Mark Jones and flanker Mike Johnson.

Stanaland will most-likely return at quarterback with Tom Brown leading the Trojan ground attack along with Buffkin.

Brown led the Trojans last week with 94 yards on 15 carries including a game-high 32-yard sprint in the fourth quarter.

Defensively for West Brunswick will be Andy McDaniel, Clemmons, Jones and Jon Gore on the line. Linebackers include Morse, Hockett, Larry Grady, Elliott and Shean Cumbee. Opening in the secondary will be Gore, Johnson and Brown.

Named Trojan Of Week

Senior fullback Tom Brown was named player of the week for his offensive spark in last Friday's 47-0 loss to Pender. Brown's 94-yard performance highlighted the Trojan offense as Pender limited West Brunswick to only 144 yards in total yardage.

Brown also saw action in the Trojan defensive secondary as well.

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In other Waccamaw 2-A Conference action Friday, South Brunswick hosts Acme-Delco, Whiteville entertains Hallsboro, Fairmont visits Tabor City, East Bladen hosts Wallace-Rose Hill, West Columbus entertains Bladenboro and South Robeson travels to Red Springs. North Brunswick has an open date.

TROJANS STOP—Pender running back Cedric Simmons (20) is stopped by a West Brunswick defender Friday in the Patriots' 47-0 blanking of the Trojans. Pender ran its record to 2-0 while West Brunswick fell to 0-1.

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WEST BRUNSWICK TROJANS—Front (from left), Andy McDaniel, Larry Grady, Mickey Smith, David Morse, Tom Brown, Ronnie Hockett, Mark Jones, Jim Condaff; second row, Willie Jones, Bob Long, Craig Dosher, Kerry Cumbee, Tommy Floyd, Tommy Love, Brad Stanley, Michael Johnson; third row, Kelvin Hewett, Larry Richardson, Jeff Russ, Alan Brown, Tim Bryant, Brent Robinson, Joey Stanaland, Cory Hankins; back row, Keith Brown, Jarret Elliott, Leamon Clemmons, James Buffkin, Gary Gore, Jon Gore, Terry Carpenter and Shean Cumbee.

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