

Trojans To Renew Old Rivalry With Wolfpack

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

West Brunswick faces perhaps its biggest challenge of the '85 season tonight as the Trojans host the undefeated Whiteville Wolfpack in Waccamaw 2-A Conference football action.

Friday's game will mark the first time the two teams have met in five years. Whiteville defeated West Brunswick in the last meeting in 1980 but the Trojans went on to win the Three Rivers 3-A Conference championship that same season and advanced to the state playoffs.

Whiteville (12-2 last season and defending eastern 2-A champions and state runners-up) enters the game with, not only a perfect 4-0 record, but an outstanding defense that has yet to yield a single point this season. The Wolfpack has outscored the opposition, 162-0.

The Trojans are fresh off their first win of the season—an 18-0 shutout at East Bladen last Friday. It was also West Brunswick's conference opener

and lifted the Trojans to the top-half of the league at 1-0 despite their 1-3 overall mark.

Whiteville, second-ranked in the Associated Press' state 2-A football poll, also opened its conference schedule with a shutout last week—35-0 over winless Fairmont. However, the game's outcome was similar of the Wolfpack's three previous contests. The week before, Whiteville defeated Tabor City 35-0, and the two games prior to that, the Wolfpack destroyed Hallsboro 52-0 and blanked Bladenboro 43-0.

Despite the Wolfpack's impressive marks, West Brunswick coach Greg Norris, a former Whiteville football and baseball standout, does not plan to back down.

"There's no question Whiteville is one of the best 2-A teams in the state. However, we do not plan to shy away. We are certainly going to give it all we have and are playing to win," said Norris. "If Whiteville happens to

win, they will definitely know we were there.

"Whiteville is an explosive team that can score from anywhere. We can not afford to make any mistakes to help them out," Norris continued.

Whiteville is led by junior quarterback Heath Hewett (son of Wolfpack head coach Bill Hewett) who has thrown for 474 yards and completed 25 of 43 passes with no interceptions through the first three games. Hewett also threw for his fifth and sixth touchdowns last week against Fairmont.

As a sophomore, Hewett threw for over 1,000 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Hewett's favorite target has been split end Tim Southern. Southern has caught 10 passes for 253 yards and two touchdowns in the Wolfpack's first three games. Southern also caught his third scoring toss against the Golden Tornadoes.

Southern and tight end Chester McClockton combined for over 30 recep-

tions last season.

Whiteville's running attack is just as powerful led by fullback Chris Little who has run for 233 yards on 25 carries (9.3 yards per carry avg.) and Patrick Lennon who has accumulated 218 yards and six touchdowns on just 19 carries (18.1 yards per carry).

Tailback Kenny Fygot is another Wolfpack ground threat having scored four touchdowns against Hallsboro.

Lennon and junior Roosevelt Colson combined for 27 touchdowns and over 2,000 yards a year ago. Colson also returned four punts for scores and has nearly equalled that mark already this season.

Colson has returned punts for touchdowns in three games thus far. Colson scored on a 64-yard return against Bladenboro, a 73-yard return at Tabor City and last week's 62-yard run-back against Fairmont.

The Wolfpack defense is led by ends Tim Hooks (18-yard touchdown

pass interception vs Tabor City) and Chester McClockton (one pass interception for a touchdown against Bladenboro), tackle Ricky Shaw and nose guard Chris Carter.

Top linebackers include Jeff Robinson (two pass interceptions vs Bladenboro) and Joe Reaves while leading defensive backs are Leon McClockton, Michael Ramsey and Samuel Leder.

West Brunswick is led offensively by senior fullback Tom Brown. Brown has run for 378 yards in the first four games including a 113-yard, two-touchdown performance in last week's win over East Bladen.

Tailback James Buffkin, who ran for over 1,200 yards and 14 touchdowns a year ago, scored his second TD of the season last week on a 15-yard pass interception. Buffkin is recovering from preseason injuries and is nearly returned to form.

Senior Joey Stanaland continues to lead the Trojans at quarterback

while flanker Mike Johnson and tight ends Mark Jones and Ronnie Hockett gives him excellent passing targets.

Leading the Trojan offensive line is center Jarret Elliott, guards Mickey Smith and Bob Long and tackles Leamon Clemmons and David Morse.

Defensively the Trojans are led by linemen Andy McDaniel, Clemmons, Jones and Jon Gore. Linebackers include Morse, Hockett, Larry Grady, Elliott and Shean Cumbee.

Gary Gore, Johnson and Brown will be leading the West Brunswick secondary.

In other Waccamaw 2-A Conference action tonight, North Brunswick travels to South Brunswick, West Columbus hosts South Robeson and East Bladen entertains Fairmont.

West Brunswick Rips East Bladen For First Win

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The West Brunswick Trojans hit the jackpot in last week's football matchup at East Bladen. The Trojans not only won their first game of the season but also took their Waccamaw 2-A Conference opener over the Cougars and in impressive shutout form, 18-0.

The win puts the Trojans in the top-half of the league and in the thick of the race for one of the conference's three state playoff berths.

"We played much better and were able to cut out the mental and physical errors that we have been making in the past," said West Brunswick coach Greg Norris. "We

were able to keep the ball on sustained drives and played possession football."

"Our defense played very well. We were able to mix things up considerably. I feel this will be the turning point in our season."

"We have been giving up points in earlier games but our opponents were getting great field position due

to our turnovers and having to only go 20-30 yards for a touchdown," said Norris.

"Tonight we kept East Bladen backed up for the most part and they were forced to go 60-70 yards to try and score," he explained.

Trojan fullback Tom Brown scored the first of two touchdowns with just five minutes to play in the first half

on a three-yard run to give West Brunswick a 6-0 lead.

The Trojan advantage stood until defensive back James Buffkin intercepted an East Bladen pass and raced 15 yards for the touchdown. The score gave West Brunswick a 12-0 lead with 11:33 to play in the game.

Brown sealed the victory with his

second touchdown with 4:41 to play for the final 18-0 margin.

Brown led the West Brunswick attack with 113 yards on 17 carries.

The Trojans (1-0, 1-3) continue Waccamaw 2-A Conference action Friday hosting unbeaten Whiteville while East Bladen (0-1, 1-3) entertains Fairmont.

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West Brunswick Trojans vs. Whiteville



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 Dasher, 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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