

Fourth-Quarter Rally Lifts Wolfpack Over West Brunswick 19-7

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Whiteville football supporters could rest assured big Chester McGlockton did not suffer from gridiron boredom last Friday night in Shallotte.

McGlockton, the 6-foot-4, 260-pound Wolfpack linebacker/tight end all-American candidate complained last week in a local newspaper of opposing teams being easily intimidated by the presence and thus not playing hard against Whiteville, the number one 2-A team in the state. According to McGlockton, playing under such conditions were "boring."

The "entertainment" provided by West Brunswick was more than enough to keep McGlockton amused.

It was not until a pair of Herman Jones fourth-quarter touchdowns that Whiteville was able to nail down a hard-fought 197 Waccamaw 2-A Conference football win over the inspired West Brunswick Trojans.

The Wolfpack had tied the game 7-7 early in the second period and the score remained until Jones scored on a 31-yard pass from Plasky on the first play of the fourth quarter and again on a 21-yard run with 3:17 remaining.

West Brunswick caught the Wolfpack by surprise from the very opening kickoff as the Trojans drove 66 yards in 14 plays for an early score and 7-0 lead.

The Trojans twice converted on third-down plays with the running of Ronald Lance, Jeff Bernard and Chris Bryant accumulating for most of the yardage. Quarterback Raymond Howard completed a nine-yard pass to spot end Tony Graham midway in the drive to keep the Wolfpack defense honest.

Lance scored on a three-yard run in the middle with 4:40 play in the period to tighten the drive and Bryant added the extra point to give the Trojans the lead.

Whiteville tied the game in the second quarter of its second possession following defensive back Greg Williams' interception of a Howard pass near midfield.

The Wolfpack argued behind the running of junior tailback Varghese, who scored on a nine-yard run in the fourth quarter. Quarterback John Plasky went in from the two-yard line and then missed the extra point for a tie game.

The Trojans muffed a final chance to score before halftime when Graham intercepted a Plasky pass and returned it to the Wolfpack 44 yards for a 14-14 tie.

Howard's 20-yard pass to Lance gave the Trojans a first down at the Whiteville 41-yard line with less than two minutes to play.

Howard fumbled on the next play at the 14, the Wolfpack recovered and then was content to run the clock out and settle for a tie game.

Howard fumbled away Whiteville's last possession of the second half at the Trojan 41-yard line. It was the first of Cokley's two second-half turnovers.

West Brunswick took over with 8:25 to play in the third quarter but was unable to threaten. Whiteville, after being held to 78 yards rushing in the first, began to

open up late in the third quarter and took the lead for good on the first play of the final period.

After being dropped for a one-yard loss at the Whiteville 24 yard line, Cokley broke loose for a 44-yard jaunt to the Trojan 32.

Two plays later, Plasky took advantage of a Trojan defensive mixup and connected with Jones for a 31-yard touchdown. The extra point attempt was wide but the Wolfpack had taken a 13-7 lead just six seconds into the final quarter.

West Brunswick had one final opportunity minutes later in the quarter.

Cokley fumbled at the Trojan 18 yard line and Jon Gore recovered with 9:46 to play.

Bossy Clemmons' 35-yard run down the right side to the Wolfpack 45 yard line was all the Trojans could muster as the Whiteville defense held West Brunswick for three plays.

Whiteville added one final touchdown and ran precious minutes off the clock on its next possession.

Whiteville drove 85 yards (all on the ground) in 10 plays for the score to end all hopes of a Trojan upset.

The Wolfpack converted two third-down situations to maintain the drive which was capped by Jones' 21-yard run with 3:17 left.

Fullback Bobby Manning's two-point conversion run was stopped but the outcome was well at hand.

Jones ended any chance of a late West Brunswick touchdown when he intercepted Howard at the Wolfpack 23 yard line with 1:49 left.

Clemmons led the Trojan rushing attack with 36 yards on five carries while Lance added 32 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries.

Howard completed six of 13 passes for 45 yards and two interceptions.

Graham caught three of the passes for 28 yards.

Cokley led Whiteville with 134 yards on 21 carries while Jones ran for 45 yards and a touchdown on six carries.

Plasky scrambled 10 times for 21 yards and another touchdown.

Jones made two pass receptions for 41 yards and the Wolfpack's second score.

Plasky completed only three of eight passes for 35 yards.

Both teams continue Waccamaw Conference play Friday as West Brunswick (9-2, 3-2) travels to Farmington and Whiteville (2-0, 5-0) hosts East Bladen. Both games kickoff at 8 p.m.

THE YARDSTICK

Whiteville	West Brunswick
14	First Downs 10
266	Rushing Yardage 94
55	Passing Yardage 45
8-3	Passes Att.—Comp. 13-6
1	Passes Int. By 2
2-29	Punts (No.—Avg.) 5-33
2	Fumbles Lost 1
83	Yards Penalized 25

Score By Quarters

Whiteville	0	7	0	12	—19
West Brunswick	7	0	0	0	—7

Scoring Summary

- (WB) Lance, 3-yard run (Snead kick).
- (W) Plasky, 2-yard run (Plasky kick).
- (W) Jones, 31-yard pass from Plasky (kick failed).
- (W) Jones, 21-yard run (run failed).



BOSSY CLEMMONS led West Brunswick rushing with 36 yards on five carries.



TONY GRAHAM was a standout on both offense and defense. The junior caught three passes for 28 yards and intercepted a Whiteville pass.



JON GORE, playing both offensive and defensive lines, recovered a Whiteville fumble late in the game.



RONALD LANCE scored the only West Brunswick touchdown and ran for 32 yards.

South Brunswick Escapes Past Scorpions 35-22

Heavily-favored South Brunswick was forced to struggle for its third straight win last Friday, a 35-22 Waccamaw 2-A Conference football decision over the up-and-coming North Brunswick Scorpions.

The Cougars have had little trouble in disposing of county rival North Brunswick in recent years but the Scorpions would have little to do with such past episodes this time around.

Although South Brunswick got on the scoreboard first, the Scorpions regrouped quickly to lead until the Cougars' late second-quarter flurry.

South Brunswick's Quentin McCracken returned the opening kickoff 82 yards for a quick touchdown and Charles Summers' extra-point kick gave the Cougars a 7-0 lead with just 11 seconds off the clock.

North Brunswick closed the gap to 7-6 on its first offensive series driving 81 yards on nine plays with running back Laverne Holiday scoring on a six-yard run.

The Scorpions took the lead over the surprised Cougars early in the second quarter after an 80-yard, 13-play drive culminated in quarterback Anthony Mosley's 28-yard touchdown pass to James Grady. Holiday's two-point conversion run gave North Brunswick a 14-7 lead with 11:28 left in the half.

South Brunswick tied the game 14-14 later in the quarter when quarterback Tim Gescat, who started his third game after former starter McCracken was moved back to his familiar running spot, completed a 55-yard touchdown pass to Scott Gales.

Summers added his second extra

point to knot the score with 3:26 to play.

The Cougars scored two more times in the closing minutes of the first half to lead at intermission.

Pat Bryant scored the first from his defensive back position where he intercepted a Mosley pass two plays after the Cougar touchdown and ran 15 yards to the Scorpion end zone. Summers kicked the extra point for a 21-14 South Brunswick lead.

A bad snap on a North Brunswick punt led to another Cougars touchdown when Scorpion kicker Brandon Bryant's attempted fourth-down pass fell incomplete.

South Brunswick recovered at the Scorpions 34 yard line and Bryant later scored on a three-yard run. Summers' extra-point kick gave the Cougars a 28-14 lead at the break.

The Cougars scored in their first possession of the second half after a short 16-yard North Brunswick punt. Following McCracken's 28-yard run, Gescat scored on a one-yard sneak and Summers added his extra-point kick for a 35-14 Cougar lead.

Mosley rounded out the scoring for North Brunswick with a fourth-quarter touchdown on a six-yard run. Mosley added the PAT and the Cougars could get no closer than the 35-22 margin.

North Brunswick piled up 361 yards in total offense compared to South Brunswick's 216 yards.

The Scorpion defense held Bryant to minus one yard rushing.

Both teams continue Waccamaw Conference play Friday as North Brunswick (9-2, 1-1) hosts West Columbus and South Brunswick (2-0,

3-2) travels to South Robeson. Both games begin at 8 p.m.

THE YARDSTICK

North Brunswick	South Brunswick
16	First Downs 13
156	Rushing Yardage 161
153	Passing Yardage 55
25-10	Passes Att.—Comp. 5-1
1	Passes Int. By 1
1-18	Punts (No.—Avg.) 2-35
1	Fumbles Lost 2
128	Yards Penalized 138

Score By Quarters

North Brunswick	6	8	0	8	—22
South Brunswick	7	21	7	0	—35

Scoring Summary

- (SB) McCracken, 82-yard kickoff return (Summers kick).
- (NB) Holiday, 6-yard run (kick failed).
- (NB) Grady, 28-yard pass from Mosley (Holiday run).
- (SB) Gales, 55-yard pass from Gescat (Summers kick).
- (SB) Bryant, 15-yard pass interception return (Summers kick).
- (SB) Bryant, 3-yard run (Summers kick).
- (SB) Gescat, 1-yard run (Summers kick).
- (NB) Mosley, 6-yard run (Mosley run).

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