

Trojans Travel To Fairmont In Search Of First League Win

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

After a 3-0 start, the West Brunswick Trojans have suffered defeats against two of the best 2-A football teams in the state—Whiteville and East Bladen. The Trojans are not alone as every opponent of unbeaten Whiteville and East Bladen in '87 has tasted defeat. The only problem for the Trojans is they just happen to be in the same conference as the powerful Wolfpack and Cougars.

And while a 3-2 overall record is better than some grid teams in the area can boast of, it is the 0-2 Waccamaw Conference mark that Trojan coach Marshall Seay hopes to improve upon Friday when West Brunswick visits Fairmont in a key league matchup.

Both Fairmont and West Brunswick enter the game without a conference win. The loser will drop to 0-3 in the league and face a near impossible task of climbing back into the state playoff picture with only four games remaining.

The Golden Tornadoes won as many games after the second week of this season than the previous two years combined. Back-to-back 1-9 seasons came to an abrupt halt this year as Fairmont shot out to a 2-0 start including a 13-6 overtime upset of defending state 1-A eastern champion Tabor City and a 7-0 shutout of Orrum.

The win over Tabor City was Fairmont's biggest since 1983 when the Golden Tornadoes won the 2-A Division II eastern championship.

Since downing the Red Devils, the Golden Tornadoes have suffered a relapse with losses to St. Pauls (21-0), Whiteville (37-0) and East Bladen (37-6).

Although Fairmont has 15 returning starters from a

year ago, only 10 players on head coach Steve Hagen's 43-man roster had more than five games of varsity experience entering this season.

The increased team numbers has enabled Hagen to implement a strict two-platoon system with separate offensive and defensive squads.

Such a system has Hagen in hopes of wearing down opponents and making it easier to implement offensive and defensive adjustments during a game.

Leading the Fairmont offense is fullback David Barber, a 5-foot-11, 180-pounder who will be the key to the Golden Tornado wishbone. Barber gives speed to his large frame turning in a time of 4.6 in the 40-yard dash.

The Fairmont wishbone piled up 222 yards on the ground in the upset win over Tabor City.

Directing Fairmont at quarterback is sophomore Greg Davis (5-10, 165) who was moved up from the junior varsity team late last season.

Senior Phillip Leggett (5-8, 150), who started last year at quarterback, has been moved to one halfback spot. Senior Darryl McCormick (5-8, 165), junior Darrell Ford (5-7, 140) and Richard Thompson (5-11, 195) all split time at the other halfback position.

Thompson is the fastest player on the Fairmont roster with a 4.46 time in the 40.

Thompson and Leggett both scored touchdowns in Fairmont's win over Tabor City.

James Gilchrist, who scored Fairmont's only touchdown in the loss last week to East Bladen, is also another running treat.

Anchoring the Fairmont offensive line will be sophomore center Joseph Johnson (5-8, 230), guards Matt Buie (5-8, 215, jr.) and Alex Collins (5-11, 170, sr.) and

tackles Tony Brockington (5-10, 210, sr.) and Corey Fullmore (5-8, 260, so.).

Leading the Golden Tornado receiving corps at split end are sophomore Ricky Stephens (5-7, 135, so.) and senior Lenwood Taylor (5-7, 150).

Tight ends include a pair of seniors in Kevin Hollingsworth (6-3, 170) and Andy Collins (5-11, 170).

Seven defensive starters return for Fairmont including junior inside linebacker Troy Sealy (6-1, 225) who was an all-conference offensive lineman in '86.

Another linebacker, Tim Pittman, (6-1, 230, jr.) also gives the Golden Tornado stop unit leadership.

Junior nose guard Charles Jones (5-5, 155) is perhaps the team's strongest player with a 290-pound bench press and a 425-pound squat. In addition to his strength, Jones also has a 4.8 time in the 40.

Robbie Hill (5-9, 165) will be a key at defensive tackle.

Seeing time at outside linebacker are sophomore Darrell Gilchrist (5-9, 145), junior Michael Taylor (6-3, 225) and senior Reginald McCallum (5-9, 170).

Defensive backs for Fairmont include George Inman (5-7, 145) and speedy Colon Roberts (4.6 speed in the 40).

Junior Mitchell Bullock (5-8, 150) is a secondary key at cornerback.

Hagen is high on the Fairmont strength program and feels that (weight training) is the key to football success.

West Brunswick won last year's meeting 35-14 as the Golden Tornadoes lost their first eight games.

Despite early success, both West Brunswick and Fairmont have had trouble scoring points in the past three weeks.

Fairmont has managed just six points in the last three games. Meanwhile, the Trojans have scored just seven points in the past two outings.

Since Trojan tailback Ronald Lance has been slowed with an ankle injury, head coach Marshall Seay has been forced to revamp his running offense.

Lance ran for only 32 yards in the 19-7 loss to Whiteville last week to bring his season total to 721 yards after five games.

Five different running backs saw action last week against the Wolfpack including Bossy Clemmons who ran for a career-high 36 yards on five carries. Also seeing playing time were Chris Bryant (14 yards), Jeff Bernard (16 yards) and Corey Hankins (5 yards).

While 6-foot-3, 185-pound junior Gary Gore has been the leading Trojan receiver, split end Tony Graham emerged to catch three Raymond Howard passes last week for 28 yards.

Graham, who also doubles as a defensive back, picked off a John Plasky pass last week to end a possible Whiteville scoring drive.

Howard neared the 400-yard mark in passing this season last week completing six of 13 for 45 yards and two interceptions. The sophomore has thrown for 392 yards in the first-half of the season.

Lineman Jon Gore recovered a Whiteville fumble early in the fourth quarter to also help spark the Trojan defense.

In other Waccamaw 2-A Conference play Friday, North Brunswick hosts West Columbus, South Brunswick visits South Robeson and East Bladen goes to Whiteville.

SPORTING SCENE

Waccamaw Grid Title To Be Settled Friday

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Although all eight league teams have played only two conference games each, the Waccamaw gridiron championship will likely be determined Friday in only the third week of loop play.

Whiteville and East Bladen (both unbeaten at 5-0) appear a head above everyone else in the league and meet Friday in the most important conference contest to date.

Look for the winner to go on to claim the league title and top state playoff spot that goes with the championship.

Whiteville would appear to have the inside track since the Wolfpack will be playing at home and are coming off a subpar performance last week against West Brunswick.

After its meeting with the Cougars, Whiteville's only major hurdle is a road contest against South Robeson. The Wolfpack will enjoy a home field advantage against both North and South Brunswick and a road trip to hapless West Columbus should lead to a perfect 7-0 league mark.

Meanwhile, East Bladen still has to travel to both South Robeson and South Brunswick on consecutive weeks. That in itself could make for a long stretch away from home for Cougar head coach Lennon Fisher.

The winner of Friday's South Brunswick-South Robeson matchup will also be unbeaten in league play but would be considered a darkhorse for the conference title.

West Brunswick followers shouldn't write off the Trojans despite their 0-2 conference start.

The Trojans have played the toughest teams in the league in the opening two weeks of conference play.

Although West Brunswick still has South Robeson and South Brunswick to contend with, the Trojans have the

benefit of hosting both Mustangs and Cougars while traveling to North Brunswick and West Columbus.

And with the top-to-bottom balance in the Waccamaw Conference this year, a 5-2 league record will certainly be good enough to break into the state playoff picture.

North Brunswick certainly proved last week it is perhaps the most improved team in the Waccamaw Conference.

The Scorpions nearly upset South Brunswick at Boiling Spring Lakes last Friday before the Cougars were able to use a 21-point second quarter to claim a 35-22 win.

Several key mental mistakes by the Scorpions were pounced on by South Brunswick and the Cougars were able to hang on for their third straight victory.

The Scorpions should grab their first league win Friday as they host winless West Columbus.

Waccamaw 2-A Conference Football Standings as of Tuesday, Oct. 6

Team	Conf	O'all
East Bladen	2-0	5-0-0
Whiteville	2-0	5-0-0
South Brunswick	2-0	3-2-0
South Robeson	2-0	2-3-0
West Brunswick	0-2	3-2-0
Fairmont	0-2	2-3-0
North Brunswick	0-2	1-4-0
West Columbus	0-2	0-3-2

Friday's Games

West Brunswick at Fairmont; West Columbus at North Brunswick; South Brunswick at South Robeson; East Bladen at Whiteville.

Last Week's Results

Whiteville 19, West Brunswick 7; South Brunswick 35, North Brunswick 22; East Bladen 27, Fairmont 6; South Robeson 27, West Columbus 13.



Math Students Tour Library

"Dede" Gause, Reid Chapman and Kelly Stanaland were among West Brunswick High School Advanced Math students who recently toured the William Randall Library at UNC-Wilmington and researched material for curriculum fair projects. Others participating included Jeremy Danford, Alicia Gore, Elizabeth Simmons, Danielle Orcutt, LaFaye Bryant, Robin Milliken, Pat Long, Karen Lominac, Veronica Jenrette, Shannon Bardin, Eric Hardy, Doug Hewett, David Zuber and Trina Benton.

Fairmont Spikers Trip Lady Trojans

The West Brunswick Lady Trojans volleyball team remained winless last week with a four-game loss to host Fairmont. The Lady Golden Tornadoes won the Waccamaw 2-A Conference match 15-3, 15-1, 13-15, 15-3 to improve their league and overall record to 5-4.

The loss dropped West Brunswick to 0-9 in conference play and 0-13 overall.

Scoring for the Lady Trojans were Ginger Evans 7, Kelly Stanaland 4, Jessica Horne 4, Priscilla Tippet 3, Kristi Lewis 2 and Heather Reaves 2. Also playing for West Brunswick were Terry Culpepper, Amy Hewett, Veronica Jenrette and Robin Caison. Leading Fairmont were Charlotte Wilkerson 11, Miranda McCormick

10, Debbie Bethea 12, Montana Blue 6, Monica Baldwin 12, Jennifer Renfrow 5, Julia Moore 2, Denise Pittman, Melissa Renfrow, Debbie Washington, Tammy Bethea and Valerie Artis.

In other WC volleyball action last week, Whiteville remained unbeaten in league play with a 10-15, 10-15, 15-11, 15-5, 15-10 comeback win over East Bladen.

Waccamaw 2-A Conference Volleyball Standings as of Monday, October 5

Team	Conf	O'all
Whiteville	8-0	11-1
West Columbus	6-2	9-2
East Bladen	6-3	7-3
Fairmont	5-4	5-4

Lady Vikes Tattle North Brunswick

West Columbus moved into sole possession of second place in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference girls volleyball standings last week with a three-game sweep of visiting North Brunswick.

West Columbus won the match 15-10, 15-4, 15-3 to move to 6-2 in conference play and 9-2 overall.

North Brunswick fell to 2-6 in the league, 4-8 overall.

Leading the Lady Scorpions were Angie Fowler 3, Angie Horrell 8, Angie Knox 3, Ann Robinson 1, Beth Ganey 2, Sherry Perkins and Ginger Jacobs.

Scoring for West Columbus were Missy Williams 10, Connie Hinson 8, Judi Bass 4, Missy Graham 12, Michelle Poweii 1, Lynn Lane 1 and Jennifer Pfenning 3. Also playing for the Lady Vikes were Jana Bowen, Jennifer Edmund, Chandra Houser and Kristie Whitehead.



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