

Trojan Football Coach/AD Among Finalists For Spartanburg, S.C. Job

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West Brunswick head football coach and athletic director Marshall Seay is among five finalists for a similar position at Boiling Springs High School in Spartanburg, S.C., it was announced last week.

Seay, the winningest football coach in West Brunswick history with a five-year record of 34-19, is a native of Spartanburg and a 1974 alumni of 4-A Boiling Springs where he lettered in three sports.

The announcement came amid rumors that began as early as December that Seay was contemplating the move.

While some 40 candidates applied for the Boiling Springs job, five were interviewed last weekend including Seay and Wofford College coach Steve Satterfield, brother of Furman University head coach Jimmy Satterfield.

Ironically enough, Seay is one of the top candidates for the position even though he never officially applied. "They (Boiling Springs) called me during Christmas and wanted to discuss the position with me," said Seay. "I had an official interview last week. They have nar-

rowed their choice down to five people."

"Four of their last five head coaches have resigned under pressure. It is a tough situation to win in and we all know how important winning is to a coach's longevity," added Seay.

Two-year head coach Bruce Hill was the latest Bulldog grid leader to resign in November after his teams recorded back-to-back winless campaigns.

Boiling Springs competes in Region II of the South Carolina prep 4-A ranks. According to college scouts Seay has spoken with, some of the best football in the southeastern United States is played in the region. And if competition alone doesn't make the job difficult, Boiling Springs has a student body of only 1,500 compared to the other region schools that boast an enrollment of 2,500 students.

"Boiling Springs was highly competitive in athletics until 1979 when they jumped from the 3-A classification to the 4-A ranks. Except for three straight years in the mid-1980s, the Bulldogs have not been able to compete on the 4-A level."

It was during those three successful seasons that Seay

served as offensive coordinator and strength coach at Boiling Springs. The Bulldogs reached the South Carolina state playoffs and defeated 4-A powers Northwestern and Gaffney.

"There have been no deals made," said Seay. "I have reached no concrete agreement with the Boiling Springs administration. When and if an agreement is reached, my players will be the first to know. Whatever happens, I very much appreciate the confidence that the Boiling Springs community has in me and I wish them the best of luck in their search."

Seay has the endorsement of at least one Boiling Springs official.

"Coach Seay was a winner when he played at Boiling Springs. He was a winner when he coached here and has built a solid program at West Brunswick," said Todd Turner, president of the Tanner Foundation, a football booster organization for the school. "We want him back at Boiling Springs as our next football coach."

"All of our civic leaders have come together and have met with the school administration on this issue. We want Coach Seay to know that if he will accept this

challenge, he would have tremendous support," added Turner.

A decision regarding Seay's future is expected within the next two weeks.

"The administration at Boiling Springs is full of new faces, many of which do not know me personally. They have a definite selection process that they are using," said Seay.

During his five-year tenure at West Brunswick, Seay has declined job offers at two nearby 4-A schools—Wilmington Hoggard and Mullins, S.C.

Seay guided the Trojans to a Waccamaw 2-A Conference championship in 1988 and a 10-2 record. It was West Brunswick's first league title and first state playoff appearance in eight years. The team also equaled a school single-season record 10 wins.

The Trojans advanced to the playoffs again in 1989 after winning their second straight Brunswick County championship.

Seay's first Trojan team in 1986 compiled a 5-5 record. West Brunswick improved to 7-3 in 1987 and went 6-4 last fall.

This Week In Brunswick Sports

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

□ Brunswick County Men's Basketball League at Shallotte Middle School
Young Guns vs. Igloo Freeze, 7 p.m.
Lakers vs. Rockets, 8:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

□ West Brunswick at South Robeson; JV, girls' and boys' basketball, 5 p.m.
□ North Brunswick at East Bladen; JV, girls' and boys' basketball, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

□ Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball League at Shallotte, Leland and South Brunswick Middle Schools; ages 8 and under, 9-11 a.m.; ages 9-13, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

□ West Brunswick at West Columbus; JV, girls' and boys' basketball, 5 p.m.
□ Whiteville at North Brunswick; JV, girls' and boys' basketball, 5 p.m.
□ Brunswick County Co-Ed Volleyball League at Shallotte Middle School
Beach Bums vs. Roberto's Pizza, 7 p.m.
Milliken's vs. Brunswick Community College, 7:45 p.m.
Richard Jones Construction vs. Larry's Bar, 8:30 p.m.
Tar Heels vs. Gene's Body Shop, 9:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

□ Brunswick County Men's Basketball League at Shallotte Middle School
Sonic's vs. Young Guns, 7 p.m.
Lakers vs. Turntables, 8:15 p.m.

This week's listings include events reported to the *Beacon*. To list your sporting contest call or write the *Beacon* with schedules and details.

South Brunswick Topples East Bladen, South Robeson

The Waccamaw 2-A Conference-leading South Brunswick Cougars remained unbeaten in league basketball play last week with a 72-65 win over host East Bladen and an 81-55 pounding of visiting South Robeson.

Greg Williams scored 25 points to pave the way for the Cougars' win over East Bladen. Josh White added 20 points, including two three-point goals, and Preston McGriff followed with 13 for South Brunswick (8-0, 14-3).

Ron Davis led East Bladen with 20 points and Gary Rhoda added 15.

East Bladen led 16-12 in the first quarter and widened its advantage to 10 points, 39-29, at halftime.

South limited East Bladen (3-5, 6-7) to just eight third-quarter points to pull within 48-43 and then outscored the visiting Cougars 29-18 in the final period for the win.

Score By Quarters
South Brunswick 12 17 14 29—72
East Bladen 16 23 8 18—65
South Brunswick scoring: White

20, Williams 25, M. Smith 2, Palmer 6, McGriff 13, K. Smith 6.

East Bladen scoring: Rhoda 15, McKoy 4, Powell 11, Davis 17, Hood 2, Grey 12, M. Johnson 2.

South Robeson

McGriff pumped in 22 points followed by White's 14 and 12 from Carl Parker to lead the Cougars in their 81-55 romp over South Robeson.

Tracy Jacobs scored 14 points to lead the Mustangs (1-6, 5-12) while Willie Davis added 12.

The Cougars opened a 24-16 lead in the first quarter and extended their lead to 49-29 by halftime.

The South Brunswick lead grew to 65-39 in the third period and both teams scored 16 points each in the final quarter.

South Brunswick also won the girls' game 63-53 as Tasha Sellers scored 18 points to lead the Lady Cougars (4-3, 8-8).

Tonetta Killens led South Robeson (2-5, 4-8) with 16 points.

South Robeson won the junior varsity boys' game 76-53.

Score By Quarters
South Robeson 16 13 10 16—55
South Brunswick 24 25 16 81
South Robeson scoring: Davis 12, Jacobs 14, Odom 14, Alford 3,

Pierce 4, Locklear 8.
South Brunswick scoring: White 14, Parker 12, McGriff 22, M. Smith 2, Johnson 6, Fullwood 9, K. Smith 8, Williams 8.

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West Brunswick Splits Cage Doubleheader With Whiteville

West Brunswick opened the second-half of the Waccamaw 2-A Conference basketball season with mixed results last Friday.

Ricky Daniels scored 31 points to lead the Trojan boys to a 68-59 win while Whiteville romped past West Brunswick in the girls' game 58-24.

Jerry Reaves also added 15 points for the second-place Trojans, who improved to 7-1 in the WC and 15-2 overall.

Whiteville fell to 4-4 in the league and 11-5 overall.

The Trojans led throughout the first half opening a 13-11 advantage in the first quarter and extended their lead to 34-26 at the half.

Whiteville cut the West Brun-

wick lead to six points, 49-43, in the third quarter before the Trojans outscored the Wolfpack 18-12 in the final period to preserve the win.

Carlos Baldwin scored 16 points to lead Whiteville followed by Tony Wilson with 12 and Lamont Smith 11.

Beverly McCray scored 36 points and collected 15 rebounds to lead the Lady Wolfpack (5-3, 11-6).

The West Brunswick girls (6-2, 13-3) remained in second place in the league standings despite the loss.

West Brunswick continues conference play Friday at South Robeson and visit West Columbus next Tuesday.

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