TROJANS RIPPED BY FAIRMONT

West Brunswick Rebounds To Whip South Robeson 86-64

BY IOHNNY CRAIG

West Brunswick rebounded from its worst loss of the prep basketball season last Tuesday with an 86-64 romp Friday over host South Robeson in Waccamaw 2-A Conference play. Earlier in the week the Trojans lost their first game of the current five-game road swing by a nearly identical 85-64 count.

The Trojans, now 8-2 in the WC and 16-3 overall, return home Friday for the first time in three weeks to host North Brunswick. West Brunswick visits East Bladen next Tuesday in its final road game of the regular season.

"I really didn't know what to expect after the loss to Fairmont which roughed us up a bit," said West Brunswick coach Billy Mims of his team's league win at South Robeson. "I was pleased with the way we came back.'

South Robeson

After a sluggish opening 12 minutes, the Trojans came alive with a second-half rally that began just before the halftime break to pound South Robeson for the second time this season, 86-64.

"We looked pretty tight in the first quarter but midway in the second period we began executing as we are used to," said Mims. "We really built a good lead in the third quarter on the play of Jerome Marlowe and James Clarida.'

Marlowe and Clarida, a pair of Trojan reserves, started for the first time this season to help the team regroup after the loss to Fairmont.

"Both Jerome and James deserved to play because of their performances in practice of late. Something needed to be done after our against Fairmont," added loss Mims. "Sometime during the later stages of this season, the conference

tournament or the state playoffs, we're going to need some extra people to come in and get the job done. Giving our reserves the chance to play tonight will help us in the long run.

Both teams ended the opening period in an 18-18 deadlock before the Trojans inched ahead 41-35 at the half

West Brunswick continued to pull away in the third quarter leading 66-49 and the Trojans outscored South Robeson 20-15 in the final period.

Ricky Daniels led the Trojans with 38 points after being held to a season-low 13 against Fairmont. Shawn Bowens added 13 for West while LaPerry Hill followed with eight.

William Odom and Willie Davis scored 13 points each for South Robeson (1-7, 5-13) and Tracy Jacobs added 12.

Score By Quarters

West Brunswick 18 23 25 20-86 South Robeson 18 17 14 15-64 West Brunswick scoring: Bowens 13, Marlowe 6, Grissett 2, Lance 5, Hill 9, Mitchell 5, Reaves 8,

Daniels 38. South Robeson scoring: Odom 13, Davis 13, Jacobs 12, Norris 6,

Alford 6, Locklear 3, Paris 1, Hunt

6, Taylor 4. Fairmont

West Brunswick received its worst defeat since a 71-48, season-

ending loss to South Brunswick on Feb. 23, 1990, in last Tuesday's ambush at Fairmont. Despite the absence of three

starters, including leading scorer Jonathon Grissett, the Golden Tornadoes (7-3, 17-3) pounced on the visiting Trojans early for an 85-64 romp to gain a temporary share of second place in the Waccamaw Conference.

"This was our worst game of the year," said Mims. It wasn't because we just didn't shoot well or rebound well-we just plain didn't get after people.'

"We just didn't hustle nor did we play with any intensity. After looking at the game films, we should have lost by 40 points," said Mims. Fairmont rolled up a 29-10 lead in the first quarter while hitting three of four three-point shot attempts.

The Trojans were able to cut into the Golden Tornado advantage only slightly in the second period and trailed 48-32 at the half.

'We may have taken them a little lightly after finding out they were missing three starters. But Fairmont has a pretty deep lineup and it certainly helped them tonight," added Mims.

The Trojans closed within 14 points, 61-47, in the third quarter but Fairmont used a 24-17 scoring edge in the final period to protect the win.

"Our reserves played the final five minutes and did better than our starters," explained Mims.

Daniels led the Trojans with a season-low 13 points while Hill and Bowens followed with 10 each.

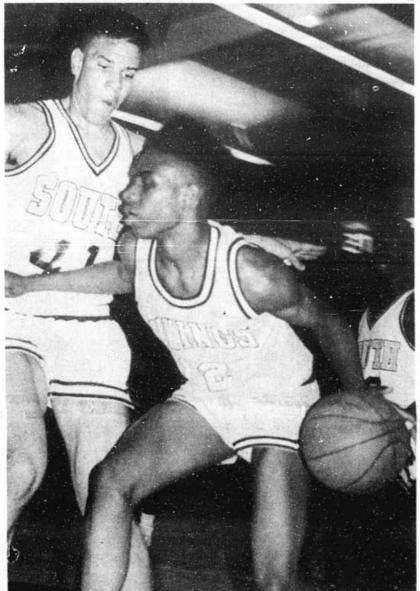
Corey Alison led four Golden Tornadoes in double figures with 19 points followed by Chris Hunt with 18, Demetrius Wittingham with 15 and Terance Watson 12.

Score By Quarters

West Brunswick 10 22 15 17-64 Fairmont 29 19 13 24-85 West Brunswick scoring: Bowens 0, Johnson 8, Marlowe 5, Grissett 2, Hill 10, Mitchell 3, Hughes 3, Reaves 8, Daniels 13, Clarida 2.

Fairmont scoring: Watson 12, Alison 19, Wittingham 15, Hunt 18, Taylor 6, Vaught 6, Ghee 4, Hinson

COUGS TOP WEST COLUMBUS, SCORPIONS South Brunswick Boys Strengthen Conference Lead



BY JOHNNY CRAIG

South Brunswick used a pair of league basketball wins over West Columbus, 79-67, and North Brunswick, 74-55, last week to extend its Waccamaw 2-A Conference lead to two full games in the loop standings

The Cougars used the wins to remain unbeaten in league play and improve to 10-0 and 16-3 overall. The remaining members of the league's first division-West Brunswick, Fairmont and Whiteville-all lost one conference contest last week to help put South Brunswick in the driver's seat for its first cage crown in school history.

West Columbus

It was just the type of game South Brunswick coach Gene Doane was afraid of as his Cougars struggled to edge past the Waccamaw Conference cellar-dwelling West Columbus Vikings.

Not until an early fourth-quarter spurt were the league-leading Cougars assured of picking up the win in key week in the Waccamaw Conference cage race.

We start out with a 13-point lead and all of a sudden nobody can make a layup," said Doane. "For the first time, everybody in the conference is shooting at South Brunswick. That's something that none of these kids have experienced."

'We devastated their defensive press but just made bad judgment in getting the shots and making the layups. It's a long season and we've hit the flat spot now. We just have happen without playing proper defense and executing like we should.'

Sophomore guard Josh White helped key the early Cougar run that sent them up 13-0. White scored seven of the points and dished out an explosive assist that forward Greg Williams turned into an alley-oop slam dunk to the delight of the South Brunswick crowd.

West Columbus responded with six straight points of its own and with 2:30 remaining in the opening period the Vikings still trailed by only seven, 17-10.

However, South Brunswick went on a 8-0 tear keyed by the play of Mike Cole that sent the Cougars to a 25-10 lead at the end of the period.

West Columbus' Franklin Mc-Donald scored seven of his 16 points in the second period as the Vikings struggled to stay within striking distance of the Cougars.

McDonald converted on a threepoint play with 28 seconds remaining to cut the South Brunswick lead to 38-31 but the Cougars scored the final four points of the period for a 42-31 halftime advantage.

West Columbus outscored the Cougars 9-1 in the first 1:37 of the second half to cut the South Brunswick lead to one, 43-42.

South Brunswick outscored the Vikings 8-4 in the final 1:17 of the third quarter to pull ahead 61-54.

The Vikings' James Greene scored his only points at the start of the final quarter to cut the South

24 points and Williams added 21. Preston McGriff also scored 13 for the Cougars.

Keno Jones scored 20 points and McDonald 16 for West Columbus (1-10, 6-12).

South Brunswick also won the junior varsity game, 77-59. Scooter Moore scored 26 points to lead the Cougars.

Score By Quarters

West Columbus 10 21 23 12-67 South Brunswick 25 17 19 18-79 West Columbus scoring: Frink 3, Freeman 6, Greene 2, McDonald 16, Latham 7, Jones 20, Roberts 13. South Brunswick scoring: White 24, Williams 21, Smith 8, McGriff 13, Parker 7, Cole 4, Fullwood 2.

North Brunswick

McGriff scored 12 of his teamleading 21 points in the fourth quarter to lead South Brunswick to its 74-55 win over the host Scorpions. South Brunswick led 14-13 in the first quarter but the Cougars used a big 23-9, second-period advantage to build a commanding 37-22 halftime bulge.

The Cougar lead grew to 53-30 in the third quarter before North Brunswick managed to outscore South 23-21 in the final period.

Williams scored 15 points to help the Cougar cause and White added

Dwayne Waddell led North Brunswick (2-8, 6-12) with 23 points and Greg Waddell added 12.

Score By Quarters

South Brunswick 14 23 16 21-74



WHITE LAYUP-South Bruns-

STAFF PHOTOS BY JOHNNY CRAIG COUGAR BLOCK-South Brunswick's Preston McGriff (41) blocks Nate Frink of West Columbus from driving to the basket during Friday's Waccamaw 2-A Conference contest. The Cougars won 79-67 and remained unbeaten in league play (10-0) while improving to 16-3 overall.

to be ready to come out of this and be ready to play from here on out in the stretch," added Doane.

"This was a tough game for the kids to get up for. And the worst thing that could happen is getting out to a big early lead and everything is going smooth. Then all of a sudden we are trying to make things

Brunswick lead to 61-56 but West Columbus would never get closer in the time remaining.

The Cougars outscored the Vikes 12-1 during the next four minutes to race to a 73-57 lead and West Columbus never got closer than 11 points in the last three minutes. White led South Brunswick with

North Brunswick 13 9 8 23-55 South Brunswick scoring: Mc-Griff 21, Williams 15, White 12, Hankins 4, Fullwood 2, Parker 8, Cole 2, M. Smith 8, K. Smith 1. North Brunswick scoring: D. Waddell 23, G. Waddell 12, Baldwin 6, Walker 8, Toomer 2, Lowery 2

wick's Josh White breaks away for a layup in the Cougars' 79-67 Waccamaw 2-A Conference win over West Columbus last Friday. White scored 24 points to lead the first-place Cougars to their 10th straight conference win this season.

Milliken's Leads Co-Ed Volleyball League

Milliken's defeated the Beach Bums last Tuesday to remain in first place in the Brunswick County Co-Ed Volleyball League.

In other league results last week. the Tar Heels downed Larry's Bar, Gene's Body Shop won over Roberto's Pizza and Richard Jones Construction topped topped Brunswick Community College.

League play continues next Tuesday at Shallotte Middle School with four more matches scheduled-Roberto's vs. Milliken's at 7 p.m., Larry's Bar vs. Beach Burns at 7:45 p.m., Gene's Body Shop vs. Brunswick Community College at 8:30 p.m. and Tar Heels vs. Jones

Construction at 9:15 p.m.	
Also, makeup dates have b	een
scheduled for the matches postpo	oned
from Jan. 15 and Jan. 29. All ma	tch-
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respectively at their original times	S.
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as of Monday, Feb. 11	
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Tar Heels7	2
Gene's Body Shop6	3
Jones Construction6	3
Beach Bums6	3
Roberto's Pizza3	6
Larry's Bar1	8
Brunswick Comm.College0	9



