

# This Week In Brunswick Sports

## THURSDAY, MARCH 14

- West Brunswick at Clinton, boys' tennis, 4 p.m.
- West Brunswick at Hoggard, girls' softball, 3:30 p.m.
- North Brunswick at Lejeune, boys' and girls' track, 3 p.m.
- North Brunswick at West Brunswick, JV baseball, 5 p.m.
- Brunswick County Men's Basketball League at Shallotte Middle School
- Warriors vs. Rockets, 7 p.m.
- Sonics vs. Turntables, 8:15 p.m.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 15

- Tabor City at West Brunswick, baseball, 4:30 p.m.
- New Hanover at North Brunswick, baseball, 4 p.m.
- North Brunswick at New Hanover, JV baseball, 5 p.m.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 16

- North Brunswick boys' and girls' track teams in Seahawk Invitational Meet at UNC-Wilmington, 9 a.m.
- Eastern 2-A Regional High School Basketball Tournament Finals at Greenville (East Carolina University), teams and times to be announced

## SUNDAY, MARCH 17

- Co-Ed Volleyball League Tournament at Shallotte Middle School, 9 a.m.

## MONDAY, MARCH 18

- Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department Seniors Golf Tournament at Olde Fort Golf Club
- West Brunswick at Hallsboro, baseball, 7 p.m.
- Whiteville at West Brunswick, boys' tennis, 4 p.m.
- Topsail at North Brunswick, baseball, 4 p.m.
- North Brunswick at Topsail, JV baseball, 5 p.m.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 19

- Nakina at West Brunswick, girls' softball, 4 p.m.
- Dixon at North Brunswick, girls' softball, 3:30 p.m.
- North Brunswick at Dixon, JV baseball, 5 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

- West Brunswick at Tabor City, baseball, 4 p.m.
- West Brunswick at Pender, girls' softball, 4 p.m.
- Fairmont at West Brunswick, boys' tennis, 4 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.

## Lanes Lists Highest Scores

High scores for the week of Feb. 25 have been announced by Little River Lanes at Little River, S.C., as follows:

**Hi & Dry Doubles:** Bob Gray, 548; Bob Fluegel, 553; Chris Chappell, 551.

**Survivors:** Martin Nelson, 526; Edgar Bibbey, 549; Grace Mahony, 512; James Mahony, 543; Bob Correll, 561; Helen Nelson, 551; Bob Gray, 514; Pete Callahan, 516; Randy Vereen, 550; Dick Loester, 527; Bill Prugel, 555.

**Monday Madness:** Bill Cramer, 233, 633; Art Vella, 540, 224; Joey Vereen, 553; Eddie Platt, 557; Michelle Wats, 536; Tom Houck, 542; Buddy Stone, 567; Mike Stanley, 586; Teresa Morton, 540; Ann Leroy, 516.

**Dixie Men:** Bill Seybert, 223, 576; Larry King, 258, 629; Ray Neat, 532; Bill Zerfass, 503; Byron Howell, 523; Mal Evans, 587; Jim Wilson, 586, 227; Rupert Bellamy, 544; Sam Huffman, 503; Joe Lassiter, 500; Joe Raitano, 541.

**Coffee/Donut:** Bob Krause, 531; Marilyn trull, 204.

**Tee Time:** Roy Hardee, 507.

**Town Criers:** Paul Brown, 542; Ken Freeman, 516; Coug Mehne, 554; Douglas Cromer, 518; Kelly Todd, 577.

**Carolina Shores:** Jim Partridge, 201, 511; Tom Kennedy, 536; Martha Hannon, 233.

**Early Risers:** Peggy Klepfer, 517; Grace Mahony, 512.

**State of Confusion:** Ronnie Birchfield, 220, 528; Cecil Suggs, 221, 567; Dave Haddock, 221, 597; Kelly Todd, 522; William Gaitner, 539; Lindsey Walton, 501; Ray Neat, 525; Bill Shoemaker, 602, 221; Marie Brown, 543; Rick Stanley, 244; Mark Shriner, 257, 640; Steve Simmons, 515; Doug Scott, 529; Myron Cumbsee, 506; Joe Spautz, 522; Rick Stanley, 577; Waddell Evans, 555; Pris Shoemaker, 507.

**Wednesday Nite Classic:** Mark Shriner, 232, 234, 667; Randy Vereen, 224, 529; Frank Marvaso, 544; Buddy Stone, 527; Ken Deuker, 503; Waddell Evans, 536; Jack Horner, 534; Donald Erickson, 556; Bill Shoemaker, 557; Steve Smity, 607; Jimmy Pierce, 526; Martin Nelson, 528; John Howsare, 529; Hope Willard, 517; Ray Neat, 539; Jim Roth, 513; Johnny Johnson, 583; Ed Scher, 571; Ken Freeman, 581.

**Vamps:** Johnny Johnson, 541; Ray Pike, 522.

**Wholly Bowlers:** Richard Stein, 222, 571; Bob Peterson, 501; Cecil Suggs, 534; Gerald Weber, 511; Bob Davis, 517; Steve Smith, 508.

**Mama's Nite Out:** Jeanette Sabiston, 520; Laura McIntyre, 516.

**Mama's & Papa's Too:** Charles Faron, 540; David Hill, 542.

**Little River Methodist:** Dick Loester, 202, 504.

**Superstars (Youth):** Michael Ferguson, 152; Jeremy Hayes, 168, 152, 423; Glean Bellamy, 400, 466, 166; Tammy Adams, 200, 178, 524, 426, 166; Nathan Tadlock, 403; Ross McGillicuddy, 413, 158; Eric McGillicuddy, 169, 432; Josh Palmer, 154, 163, 463; Jeff Ballou, 453, 159; Brian Livingston, 125, 337; Adrian Vereen, 130; Aaron Ballou, 316, 133; Kelvin Bellamy, 307; Andy Thomas, 328.

# Free Throws Spark Late Rally As Cougs Upend Graham For Sectional Title

BY JOHNNY CRAIG

South Brunswick gained a little revenge last Saturday in edging Graham 67-66 in overtime for the Eastern 2-A Sectional III boys' basketball championship at Union Pines (Carthage).

It was the same Graham team that ousted South Brunswick in last year's sectional finals. Only this time around, the Cougars staged perhaps their most dramatic comeback ever in advancing to this week's Eastern 2-A Regionals in Greenville.

South Brunswick advanced to the sectional finals after topping visiting Union Pines 76-63 last Tuesday in a semifinal contest.

The Cougars were to have opened regional play Wednesday against Northside (Beaufort) who entered the contest with a 20-6 record.

A South Brunswick win would send the Cougars against the winner of the Ayden-Grifton (23-4) vs. Jordan-Matthews (23-5) contest for the regional championship Saturday. The regional champion will advance to the state title contest in Chapel Hill on Saturday, March 23.

South Brunswick trailed 59-52 with 47 seconds left in regulation but the Cougars rallied to knot the score 59-59 and then outscored Graham 9-8 in overtime for the win.

"Clutch free throw shooting was the difference," said South Brunswick coach Gene Doane. "Free throw shooting and a little luck also

helped."

The Cougars connected on 13 of 14 free throw opportunities in the final quarter and the overtime period.

"We played well and smart and made our free throws when we had to," added Doane. We showed a lot of character to come back from so far with so little time remaining."

"We lost our poise and didn't execute at times but overall did what we had to do to get the ball inside to our big men."

South Brunswick sank all three chances at the stripe in overtime compared to Graham's 3-for-5 accuracy.

Six-foot-11 center Jon Hunter's slam dunk gave Graham its 59-52 lead in the closing seconds and the partisan Red Devil crowd began to celebrate.

The celebrations were a little premature as the Cougars rallied to tie the game on Preston McGriff's three-point goal and an alley-oop slam by Greg Williams. Josh White then sank two free throws with eight seconds left to tie the score after Carl Parker rebounded a missed Graham shot moments earlier.

For McGriff, it was only his second three-pointer of the season but it couldn't have come at a better time.

"During a timeout we discussed that we had to get a three-pointer," said Doane. "Preston was open and just knocked it down. He can score from that range but we never let

him shoot that far from the basket."

South Brunswick grabbed the quick lead in overtime, 66-61 before Graham, with the help of a three-point goal, rallied to retake a 67-66 edge with 15 seconds remaining.

Greg Williams was fouled and sank both ends of a one-and-one free throw opportunity for the win with eight seconds left after White penetrated the Graham defense and passed off under the basket.

South Brunswick never led in the game until midway in the fourth quarter when the Cougars went ahead briefly 52-51.

Graham, the defending sectional champions, started the game with one of the largest prep frontcourts in the state plus the experience of nine seniors.

Shawn Holt, a 6-8, 245-pound forward, led the Red Devils, the Central Tar Heel Conference champions, with 19 points. Rod Carter, another 6-6 forward added 16 while Hunter added 10. Holt recently signed a grant to play at NCAA Division I Fordham University (New York City).

Graham point guard Leron Moore followed with 13 points.

McGriff scored 28 points before fouling out in overtime to lead South Brunswick (25-3). Williams added 19 and White 10 for the Cougars.

**Score By Quarters**  
Graham 20 9 13 17—67  
S. Brunswick 14 10 15 20—68  
Graham scoring: Holt 19, Carter

16, Moore 13, Hunter 10, Gray 6, Pugh 2, Crisp 1.

South Brunswick scoring: McGriff 28, Williams 19, White 10, Parker 5, K. Smith 2, Fullwood 2, Cole 2, Stringfield 1.

**Union Pines**  
Balanced scoring helped the Cougars overcome a 30-27 halftime deficit and claim a 76-63 sectional semifinal win over Union Pines, the fourth-place team from the Central Tar Heel Conference.

McGriff scored 20 points followed by White with 16, Williams with 14 and Parker 13.

Zajan McKeithan and Pat Williams led Union Pines with 10 points each.

South Brunswick led 9-8 in the first quarter before the Vikings used a 22-point second period for their three-point halftime advantage.

The Cougars exploded with 26 third-quarter points to take a 53-43 lead and never trailed in the time remaining.

South Brunswick outscored Union Pines 23-20 in the final quarter to ice the victory.

**Score By Quarters**  
Union Pines 8 22 13 20—63  
South Brunswick 9 18 26 23—76  
Union Pines scoring: McKeithan 10, Williams 10, Fry 5, Gamble 8, McCrimmon 8, Smith 7, Grant 8, Thomas 7.

South Brunswick scoring: McGriff 20, White 16, Williams 14, Parker 13, Simon 1, K. Smith 3, Fullwood 6, Stringfield 3.



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## A Real Big Mouth

Ogren Reedy of Annandale, Va., caught this 8 1/2 pound largemouth bass last Friday in a farm pond near Fairmont. Reedy has a vacation home at Ocean Sound near Holden Beach.

## State Expands Artificial Reef

The fishing may be better this year off Lockwood Folly Inlet.

The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries recently completed an expansion of the artificial reef located 9.3 miles south of the inlet.

More than 100 boat deck molds have been dropped on the reef over the last three months, according to Steve Murphey, coordinator of the division's artificial reef program.

The fiberglass and steel molds were each eight feet wide and between 18 and 23 feet long. They were donated by a boat-building company in Fair Bluff molds. The State Ports Authority of Wilmington provided storage space.

Murphey said the molds were added to a reef site where 10 train cars were sunk in 1986 in 53 feet of water. The molds added 50,000 square feet of surface to the reef.

"The reason we chose this site is because it's accessible from the

Southport and Lockwood Folly area," Murphey said. "I think it's going to really enhance the fishing out there, especially for sea bass and that sort of thing."

Loran numbers for the reef off Lockwood Folly Inlet are 45352.4-3 and 59281.4.

Murphey said the Division of Marine Fisheries is presently working with the Long Bay Artificial Reef Association on an addition to a reef off Shallotte Inlet.

A 174-foot steel hull freighter loaded with concrete pipe should be sunk this spring. Murphey said the groups are waiting for a final U.S. Coast Guard inspection and good weather.

The Division of Marine Fisheries maintains 47 artificial reefs along the coast. For a complete list, call 1-800-682-2632 in state or (919)726-7021 out of state.

## This Week's Tide Table

MARCH					
Day	Date	HIGH		LOW	
		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	14	6:29	6:40	12:12	12:39
Friday	15	7:08	7:22	12:55	1:18
Saturday	16	7:49	8:03	1:40	1:59
Sunday	17	8:27	8:45	2:22	2:36
Monday	18	9:09	9:29	3:08	3:18
Tuesday	19	9:51	10:18	3:54	4:02
Wednesday	20	10:42	11:14	4:41	4:51

**ADJUSTMENTS**  
SHALLOTTE INLET—add 17 min. high tide, add 32 min. low tide.  
LOCKWOOD FOLLY—subtract 22 min. high tide, subtract 8 min. low tide.  
BALD HEAD ISLAND—subtract 10 min. high tide, subtract 7 min. low tide.  
SOUTHPORT—add 7 min. high tide, add 15 min. low tide.  
LITTLE RIVER—add 7 min. high tide, add 7 min. low tide.

## Parents, Faculty To Hold Olympics

Parents of Shallotte Middle School students and the faculty will compete against each other in the Parent-Teacher Olympics March 19 at 7 p.m. in the school gym.

The seventh grade Life Team at Shallotte Middle School is sponsoring the Olympics. Events will include an egg toss, three-legged race, water balloon bust and a line dance to *The Bart Man*.

The public is invited to attend. Admission will be \$1 at the door. Refreshments will be sold.

## South Brunswick Tops Swansboro In Diamond Opener

Brett Tabor and Terry Tolley collected three hits and drove in three runs each to lead South Brunswick past visiting Swansboro 13-4 in the prep baseball opener for both teams Monday.

Winning pitcher Shawn Swain tossed a three-hitter and struck out 11 while going the distance.



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## Wins National Competition

Robert Hoagland of Ocean Isle Beach won first place in the men's USPF National Power Lifting Championship held in Charlotte, March 1-3. Hoagland competed in the 181-pound class for men age 50-54. His weight total was 1,060 pounds.

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## Surfers Ride At Beach In Polar Bear Contest

Nearly 100 surfers from as far away as Wrightsville Beach and Garden City, S.C., competed in the fourth annual Polar Bear Surf Contest March 2 at Long Beach.

Spokesman Bob Rhyne said the surf conditions were great, with waves chest to head high all day. The cool temperature, wind and rain did not discourage participants or spectators.

Winners, listed according to class in order of finish, were as follows:

**Menhunes (12 years and under):** Ben Boujours, Cord Hieronymous, Jordon Pate, Andy Keelin, Drew Slater and Luke Reynolds.

**Boys (13 and 14 years):** Charles Fox, Joe Powell, Tommy Thomas, Stan Russ, Todd Midgett and Brett Barbee.

**Junior Men (15 to 17 years):** Mark Hunt, Doug Wallace, Dixon Broadfoot, John Jackson, Jason Doshier and Kevin Powers.

**Men (18-25 years):** Brett Fulford, Fisher Culberth, Dean Beauvius, Brad Bailey, Scott Riley and Binley Phelps.

**Women (all ages):** Vivian Jordan, Kelly Woodman and Marti Metzger.

**Masters (26-35 years):** Kelly Richards and Wilton Jordan.

**Senior Men (36-45 years):** Jon Jones, Bert Hill and Jerry Upchurch.

**Long Board (all ages):** Jon Jones, Wilton Jordan, Kelly Richards, Dixon Broadfoot, Jerry Upchurch and Matt Ruff.

**Junior Body Board (17 years and under):** Tommy Manning, Ashley Teague, John Midgett and Badger Head.

**Senior Body Board (18 years and up):** Shannon Cox, Clint Richardson, Terry Johnston, John George, Will Profit and Christian Rogers.

## RECREATION BRIEFS

### Mardi Gras Celebration Set Movie Night

You don't have to go to New Orleans to celebrate Mardi Gras.

The Long Beach Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a celebration of its own Friday, March 22, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Long Beach Recreation Center.

Music and refreshments will be provided. For more information on the party, call the recreation department, 278-5011.

A *Short Time* will be the feature presentation at the monthly movie night for adults sponsored by the Long Beach Parks and Recreation Department.

The comedy starring Dabney Coleman will be shown at the recreation center Monday, March 25, at 7 p.m. Popcorn and soda will be provided.

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