

Cougar Wrestlers Victorious In North/South Challenge

BY DOUG RUTTER

South Brunswick's wrestling team edged host West Brunswick to win the North Carolina/South Carolina Challenge Saturday in Charlotte.

The tournament pitted teams from the three Brunswick County high schools against teams from Aynor, Socastee and Myrtle Beach. The winners were determined by total points scored.

South Brunswick finished first with 168 points, just two points more than West Brunswick. Socastee was third with 126, followed by North Brunswick with 122, Aynor with 57 and Myrtle Beach with 26.

"I think we did real well," West Brunswick Coach Joe Noble said. "I think overall we did an excellent job. I was real pleased."

West Brunswick wrestlers Chris Jackson, Ja Mitchell, William Stanley and freshman heavyweight Kwabena Green all finished the tournament 3-0. Stanley defeated a defending South Carolina state champion from Aynor.

"I had several guys that did real well," Noble said. "If we can just keep this intensity and keep wrestling like we are now we're going to look real good at regionals."

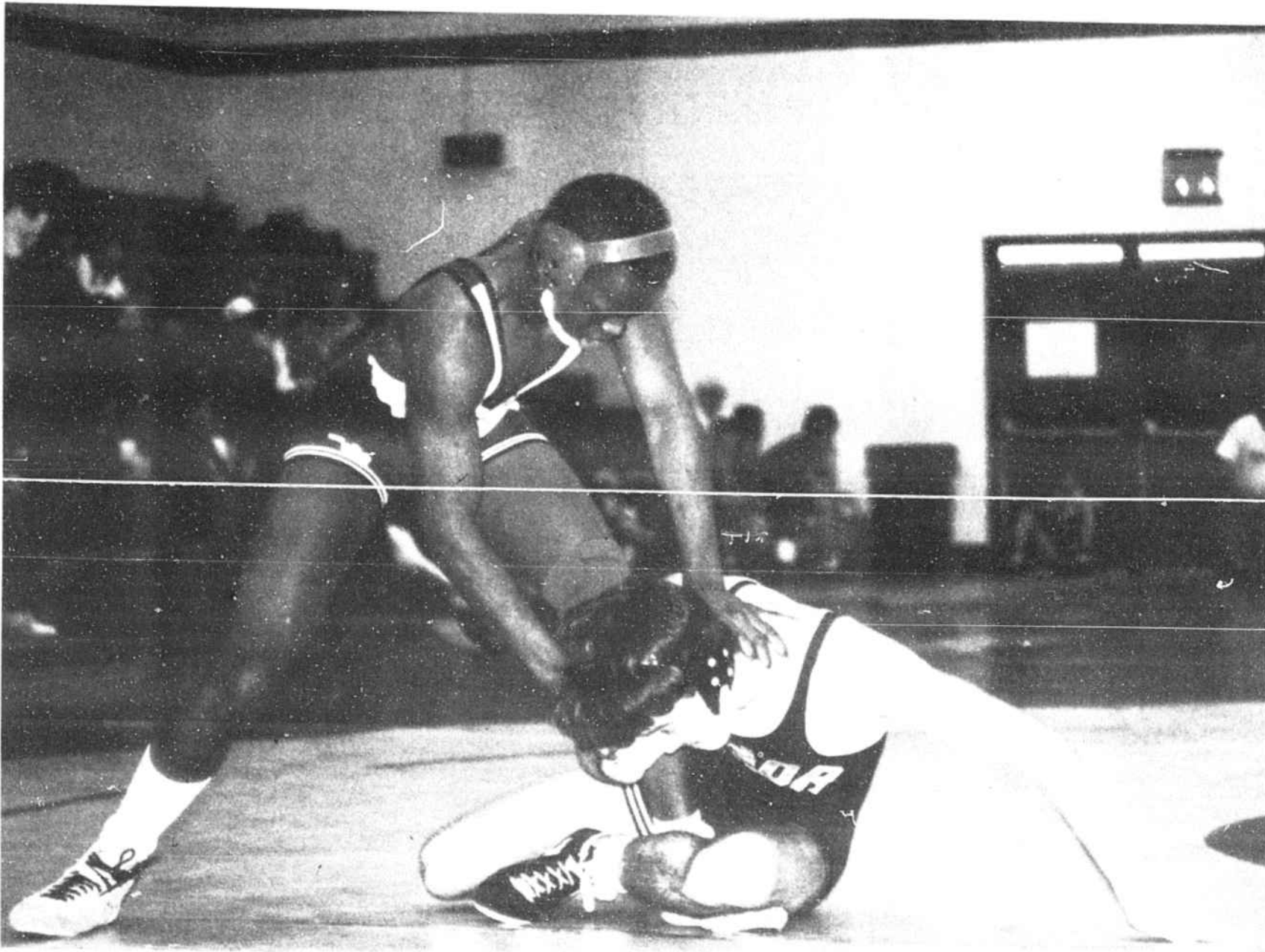
The state regional tournament will be Feb. 12 and 13 in Williamston. The top four finishers in each weight class qualify for the state championships to be held Feb. 18-20 in Raleigh.

"South is wrestling real well right now," Noble added. "Come regionals, I think we'll be sending a lot of people to the states."

Tony Perez, a 125-pounder from Socastee, received the Most Pins Award Saturday. Perez was the only wrestler with three pins in the tournament. North Brunswick received the Sportsmanship Award.

South Beats West

In the county's only dual team match last week, South Brunswick



WEST BRUNSWICK'S BARRY JOHNSON (standing) takes on Chad McCrackin of Aynor Saturday at the North Carolina/South Carolina Challenge.

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wrapped up a 4-0 regular season 22 victory over visiting West Brunswick.

"It was a much better match than the first one," Noble said, referring to South's 42-21 win two weeks ago in Charlotte. "We wrestled with a lot

more intensity. It could have gone either way."

South Brunswick jumped out to a 12-0 lead, but West won three of the next five weight classes to cut the lead to 18-13. Chris Shepard gave the Cougars a 24-13 lead with a pin at 145 pounds.

The Trojans' Eric Andreis, William Stanley and Blake Hobbs won the next three bouts to trim South Brunswick's lead to 24-22.

South's Galloway brothers, Jerry and Terry, pinned their opponents in the 189 and heavyweight classes to seal the victory for the Cougars.

Noble said he expects the upcoming county tournament to be a "battle." North Brunswick High will host the third annual Brunswick County Wrestling Tournament Saturday starting at 11 a.m.

The winning team will receive a trophy, and individual winners will receive plaques. Admission will be \$2 at the door.

To tune up for the county tournament, West Brunswick and South Brunswick each had matches scheduled Tuesday night. The Trojans were at Myrtle Beach, while the Cougars hosted Dixon.

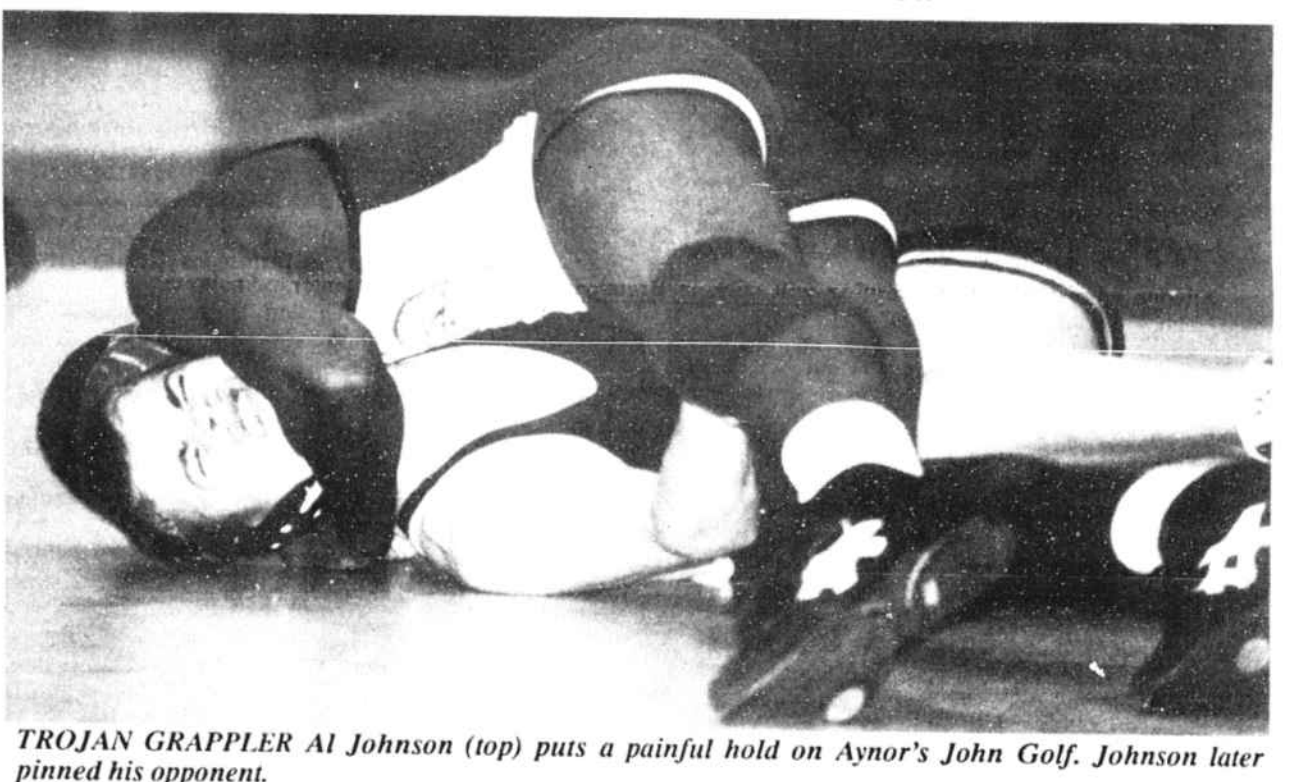
West also is scheduled to travel to Dixon tonight (Thursday). The Trojans will host Socastee next Wednesday, Feb. 3.

West-South Results

103 pounds: Arnold (SB) won by forfeit; 112: Larson (SB) pinned Cokeley, 3:39; 119: Jackson (WB) def. Folding, 7-5; 125: B. Johnson (WB) def. Bracey, 19-6; 130: May (SB) def. A. Johnson, 15-13; 135: Rohde (SB) def. Woodard, 6-3; 140: Mitchell (WB) pinned Jones, 1:40; 145: Shepard (SB) pinned Lewis, 1:23; 152: Andreis (WB) def. Haughn, 5-3; 160: Stanley (WB) def. Craven, 3-1; 171: Hobbs (WB) def. Frazier, 11-9; 189: J. Galloway (SB) pinned Crawford, 1:49; Hwt: T. Galloway (SB) pinned Byrd, 2:51.



CASEY MCBRIDE of North Brunswick (left) nearly lost his headgear during his 152-pound match with Socastee's Brad Walker.



TROJAN GRAPPLER Al Johnson (top) puts a painful hold on Aynor's John Golf. Johnson later pinned his opponent.

Sea Grant Fact Sheet Explains TED Rules

Brunswick County commercial fishermen are sometimes befuddled by the complicated gear requirements handed down by state and federal agencies charged with managing the fisheries.

This is especially true for the new Turtle Excluder Device (TED) regulations passed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in December.

To reach affected fishermen and help them into compliance, UNC Sea Grant has prepared a fact sheet on the latest TED requirements, including a synopsis of who must use TEDs and who may fish under tow-time limits.

Another helpful Sea Grant guide uses a question-and-answer format for telling fishermen when they should use TEDs or tow times in inland waters or off North Carolina's shoreline. To ensure that the answers are accurate and reflect the official NMFS position, the sheet has been completed by Chuck Oravetz, director of the Office of Protected Species at the Southeast Regional Office of NMFS.

Educating North Carolina's commercial fishermen to the new TED rules will bring them quickly into compliance to avoid citations and promptly address the concerns of the NMFS, says Jim Bahen, a Sea Grant marine advisory specialist. Bahen authored both publications. Failure to comply is a violation of the federal Endangered Species Act, he added.

The "TED-UP '93" fact sheet summarizes the latest guidelines for equipping fishing boats with TEDs. As a rule, boats with a mechanical retrieval system (wrench) must use TEDs. Here is a sampling of the guidelines:

■After Jan. 1, 1993, all shrimp trawlers operating in the ocean must use TEDs.

■By Dec. 1, 1994, TEDs will be required in most shrimp nets in all North Carolina trawlable waters year-round. Very few exceptions will be allowed.

■TEDs are required on all shrimp trawlers that work in North Carolina's inside trawlable waters when they use a single trawl with a headrope of 35 feet or longer and a footrope of 44 feet or longer.

■Trawlers using multiple nets of any size to shrimp the inside waters of North Carolina must use TEDs in each net.

■Few exceptions for tow times—and alternative to TEDs—will be allowed. Bahen, however, lists a sampling of these.

Skimmer trawls, wing nets and pusher-head trawls are eligible for tow times. Also exempted from TEDs, for instance, are bait shrimpers who retain all live shrimp in a circulating seawater system and have no more than 32 pounds of dead shrimp on board.

In cases when tow times are allowed, tows must be limited to 55 minutes or less from April 1 through Oct. 31, 1993. Tows must be limited

to no more than 75 minutes during the rest of the year. The time is measured from the moment doors are submerged in water to the time they emerge.

The question-and-answer guide, designed for watermen who missed NMFS meetings or workshops, describes 15 scenarios under which TEDs or tow times are required. The questions are written from the fisherman's point of view to give a clear, real-life example of when TEDs are needed.

Further explanations of the new federal rules can be arranged with Sea Grant's Marine Advisory Service, which will conduct community meetings for fishermen.

Brunswick Opened To Shellfishermen

Brunswick County shellfish waters were re-opened to fishermen Monday, ending a three-week period during which all local waters had been closed to oyster and clam harvesting.

The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries issued a proclamation announcing the opening effective Monday at sunrise. The state had opened the Cape Fear River area, including Buzzard Bay and The Basin, last Thursday.

All waters between Southport and the South Carolina state line were closed to shellfishing Jan. 5 following a period of heavy rainfall.

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