

# West Lady Trojans Beat Scorpions, Vikings

BY DOUG RUTTER

The West Brunswick girls' basketball team improved to 3-1 in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference last Friday night with an easy 55-25 victory over host North Brunswick.

West guards Shanna Gause and Kaneka Grissett combined for 28 points, and center Nicole Norris scored all 15 of her points in the first half as the Lady Trojans rolled to their third win in the last four games.

"I'm glad to get a win any way we can get it," West Brunswick Coach Brenda Council said. "I didn't think we played very good defense. We were doing a lot of standing around."

Despite the lack of defense, West jumped out to a 10-0 lead in the first three minutes of the game. North committed five turnovers before scoring its first point with 4:15 left in the opening quarter.

The Lady Trojans (5-7 overall) led 16-8 after one period. Norris scored 10 consecutive second-quarter points for West Brunswick, which extended its lead to 30-14 at halftime.

After getting into early foul trouble, West's Catherine Bell came off the bench in the third quarter to score six of her eight points. The Lady Trojans scored the final eight points of the period to take a 44-18 lead.

Valerie Smith and Michelle Bennett scored six points each to lead the Lady Scorpions, who were outscored in every quarter. North fell to 1-4 in the conference and 2-7 overall.

Council said West Brunswick's guard play Friday night was the best it has been all season, particularly on offense. Gause and Grissett were repeatedly left open for shots and hit a good percentage.

"I was telling them if they leave you open go right on in there and shoot," Council said. Grissett hit three three-pointers and scored 15 points, while Gause scored most of her 13 points driving to the basket.

Council said West will have to work on its defense going into this week's league games. "We're going to have to play better defense and rebound better. We need to crash the boards. We didn't do a very good job of that."

West's girls were scheduled to play East Bladen at home Tuesday. The Lady Trojans travel to Boiling Spring Lakes Friday for a game with undefeated South Brunswick, which is ranked second in the state 2-A ranks.

**Score By Quarters**  
West Brunswick 16 14 14 11—55  
North Brunswick 8 6 4 7—25  
West Brunswick scoring: Norris, 15; Gause, 15; Grissett, 13; Bell, 8; King, 4.

North Brunswick scoring: Smith, 6; Bennett, 6; Robbins, 5; Walker, 4; Grady, 3; McKoy, 1.

**West Dumps Vikings**

Monique King scored 17 points and Bell added 14 as the Lady Trojans rolled to a 45-31 victory over visiting West Columbus last Tuesday.

Leading 7-5 after one quarter, the Lady Trojans scored 14 points in the second period to take a 21-10 half-time lead.

"We made a lot of turnovers, but I was pleased with our overall performance," Council said. "We played good defense tonight. When we play good defense we stay in a lot of ball games."

West Brunswick also shot well at the free throw line, hitting 11 of 18 attempts for 61 percent.

Felicia Everette scored 15 points to lead Coach Wayne Williamson's Lady Vikings, who fell to 2-2 in the Waccamaw Conference and 6-2 overall.



WEST BRUNSWICK'S SHANNA GAUSE (15) drives past North Brunswick's Regina McKoy (11) during the Lady Trojans' 55-25 win Friday night in Leland.

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**Score By Quarters**  
West Brunswick 5 5 13 8—31  
West Brunswick 7 14 14 10—45  
West Brunswick scoring: Everette, 15; Britt, 5; Hasty, 4; Powell, 4; Jenkins, 2; Wooten, 1.

West Brunswick scoring: King, 17; Bell, 14; Gause, 6; Norris, 4; Morgan, 2; Grissett, 2.

**Horses By A Nose**  
West Brunswick came up one basket short in its final non-conference game of the season last Wednesday night, falling to the host Clinton Dark Horses 45-44.

Felicia Autry continued to be a thorn in the Lady Trojans' side, scoring 31 of her team's 44 points. Autry had 27 points in Clinton's 42-27 win earlier this season at West Brunswick.

"She killed us," Council said. "We couldn't stop her. She's a good player. She moves well without the ball. The other girls just lobbed it in to her every time."

King scored 11 points to lead West Brunswick. Gause, Bell and Norris scored eight points apiece.

The Lady Trojans scored 15 second-quarter points to trim Clinton's lead to 20-19 at halftime. West led 33-32 after three periods, but couldn't hold on for the win.

West had the ball and a one-point lead with 45 seconds remaining, but the Lady Trojans were whistled for an offensive foul and Clinton sank both free throws to take the lead.

"We had a couple opportunities to score, but it just didn't fall for us.

The ball rolled in and out a couple of times," Council said. "We played hard. We played a good, solid game."

**Score By Quarters**  
West Brunswick 4 15 14 11—44  
Clinton 8 12 12 13—45

West Brunswick scoring: King, 11; Gause, 8; Bell, 8; Norris, 8; Grissett, 7; Cronin, 2.

Clinton scoring: Autry, 31; Graham, 7; Faison, 5; Boone, 2.

**Wolfpack Cagers Sweep North**

Whiteville broke open a close game in the fourth quarter and went on to a 70-50 win over visiting North Brunswick in Waccamaw 2-A Conference boys' basketball action last Tuesday.

The Wolfpack led 16-15 after one quarter and 38-27 at halftime. North's Scorpions trimmed the Whiteville lead to eight points going into the fourth quarter, but were outscored 22-10 in the final eight minutes.

Quinnzell McMillian led the Wolfpack with 24 points, and Damien Hall added 13. Angelo McKenzie had 13 for the Scorpions, and Brent Elvington chipped in eight.

North Brunswick played without Coach Cliff Gibson, who was out sick, and starting center Ronnie Ballard, who was out with a sore back. Assistant Garry Bishop coached in Gibson's place.

In the girls' game, Dawn Threadgill scored 18 points and Shannon Register had 16 as the Lady Wolfpack rolled to a 60-29 victory. Tanya Grady scored eight to lead North.

North Brunswick was scheduled to play at South Robeson Tuesday night. The Scorpions entertain the

defending conference boys' champion Fairmont Golden Tornadoes Friday.

Fairmont, ranked second in the state 2-A ranks in last week's Associated Press high school basketball poll, entered this week's play 4-0 in the league and 11-0 overall.

**Trojan JV Whips North Brunswick**

West Brunswick's junior varsity basketball team snapped a three-game losing streak Friday night with a 70-50 win at North Brunswick.

Derrick Frink scored 25 points and Eric Hewett had 12 to lead the Trojans, who improved to 2-2 in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference and 3-5 overall.

"Dexter Bass had a good game too, defensively and offensively," said West Brunswick Coach Chris Sanders. Mario Ballard scored 15 points to pace North.

West Brunswick was coming off a 79-59 non-conference loss at Clinton last Wednesday. The Trojans also lost to visiting West Columbus 50-48 last Tuesday.

Isenberg said. Fullwood is the team's leading rebounder and the only Lady Cougar averaging double figures in scoring, but the coach said players aren't concerned about individual statistics.

"They don't care about who leads the scoring," Isenberg said. "They're very unselfish. They get along real well. You can really see that in practice."

Tasha Sellers scored 10 points in the Lady Cougars' win at Fairmont. Fullwood scored 21 points to pace the Lady Cougars to their 13-point win over South Robeson.

The Lady Cougars maintained their hold on second place last week in the Associated Press 2-A high school girls' basketball poll.

"The girls don't really pay much attention to it," Isenberg said of the ranking. "They're proud of it, but I think they realize the only thing that matters is getting through the conference and into the playoffs."

Franklinton, the last team to beat South Brunswick, is ranked first in the state at 12-0. The Lady Rams defeated South 38-33 last March in the sectional finals of the state playoffs.

"They realize they are capable of beating any 2-A team," Isenberg said of his Lady Cougars. "But they also realize they are capable of losing to a good 2-A team."

# Tornadoes Dunk Cougars For Waccamaw Cage Lead

Fairmont's Golden Tornadoes scored 46 second-half points en route to a 78-64 win over visiting South Brunswick Friday in an important early-season Waccamaw 2-A Conference boys' basketball game.

The victory gave undefeated Fairmont sole possession of first place in the league race at 4-0, while South Brunswick fell to 4-1 in the conference standings.

The Tornadoes only led 33-32 at halftime, but pulled away in the third quarter when they outscored the Cougars 20-13. South Brunswick cut the lead to 59-52 with 5:00 remaining before Fairmont put the Cougars away.

Fairmont's DeMorris Winningham led all scorers with 23 points. South Brunswick was led by senior point guard Josh White with 20 points and Scooter Moore with 13.

South Coach Gene Doane said the Cougars lost because their inside game fell apart in the second half. He said the game was closer than the final score indicated.

"Fairmont has some leapers," Doane said. "They jump better than we do. They controlled the boards."

Fairmont, the conference's defending regular-season and tournament champion, improved to 11-0 overall. The Tornadoes were ranked second in the state last week in the Associated Press 2-A high school basketball poll.

Coach Doane said he thinks the Cougars (9-5 overall) have a chance to beat the Golden Tornadoes when they visit Boiling Spring Lakes Feb. 19.

"They don't look invincible like they did last year," said Doane, referring to the 1991-92 Fairmont club that went 27-1.

South Brunswick was scheduled to play at Whiteville Tuesday. The Cougars host West Brunswick Friday night.

**Score By Quarters**  
South Brunswick 13 18 13 20—64  
Fairmont 12 20 20 26—78  
South Brunswick scoring: White, 20; Moore, 13; Smith, 9; Vaught, 8;

Simon, 7; Johnson, 5; Hewett, 2; Fairmont scoring: Winningham, 23; Hinson, 14; Addison, 10; McNair, 9; Stevens, 9; Page, 8; Floyd, 5.

**Cougars Top Mustangs**

Last Tuesday, White scored 31 points to lead South Brunswick to a 71-60 victory over visiting South Robeson.

Kevin Smith and Moore scored 15 each for the Cougars. Keith Hunt led the Mustangs with 18 points.

South Brunswick led 37-27 at halftime, but the Mustangs rallied in the third quarter to cut the Cougar lead to 48-45.

White scored 11 fourth-quarter points to help the Cougars pull away.

**Score By Quarters**  
South Robeson 16 11 18 15—60  
South Brunswick 20 17 11 23—71

South Robeson scoring: K. Hunt, 18; Alford, 15; D. Hunt, 10; S. Graham, 8; Fletcher, 5; D. Graham, 4.

South Brunswick scoring: White, 31; Moore, 15; Smith, 15; Roberts, 6; Simon, 2; Johnson, 2.

WACCAMAW CONFERENCE BASKETBALL STANDINGS AS of Monday, Jan. 25			
BOYS			
Team	League	Overall	
Fairmont	4-0	11-0	
South Brunswick	4-1	9-5	
West Columbus	3-2	7-2	
Whiteville	2-2	7-3	
South Robeson	2-2	8-5	
West Brunswick	2-2	3-10	
East Bladen	1-4	4-6	
North Brunswick	0-5	3-6	
GIRLS			
Team	League	Overall	
South Brunswick	5-0	14-0	
West Brunswick	3-1	5-7	
Fairmont	3-1	4-5	
Whiteville	2-2	10-3	
South Robeson	2-2	2-8	
West Columbus	2-3	6-3	
North Brunswick	1-4	2-7	
East Bladen	0-5	2-10	

## IN CHURCH LEAGUE

### Baptist Teams Stay Unbeaten

Calvary Baptist and Shallotte First Baptist remained undefeated last week with wins in the Brunswick County Men's Church Basketball League.

Shallotte First beat Friendship Baptist 42-34 Friday night at Waccamaw Elementary School to improve to 6-0 and keep pace with Calvary, which knocked off Mount Olive 70-54 last Tuesday.

In other action last Tuesday at Waccamaw, Ocean View soared to 5-1 with a 41-29 victory over Lettices Grove, and Jennies Branch was a 49-20 winner over Soldier Bay.

On Friday, Camp Methodist defeated New Britton 44-32, Seaside Methodist squeaked past Emanuel

Outreach 24-23 and Shallotte Presbyterian edged Zion Baptist 57-53.

**Church Basketball League Standings As Of Jan. 25**

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES
Calvary Baptist	6	0
Shallotte First	6	0
Ocean View	5	1
Shal. Presbyterian	4	1
Zion Baptist	4	2
New Britton	3	3
Jennies Branch	3	3
Lettices Grove	2	3
Camp Methodist	2	4
Seaside Methodist	2	4
Mount Olive	2	4
Emanuel Outreach	1	4
Soldier Bay	0	5
Friendship Baptist	0	6

### Gene's Tops Roberto's Pizza

Gene's Auto Body improved its season record to 8-1 last Tuesday night with a 3-15, 15-13, 15-7, win over Roberto's Pizza in Brunswick County Co-Rec Volleyball League action.

In other matches, Rita's Team defeated Roberto's 16-14, 8-15, 7-2. Rita's was leading the third game when time expired.

Richard Jones Construction continued its winning ways with a 15-7, 12-15, 15-12, victory over A&A

Auto Rentals. Brunswick Community College swept Kari's Team 15-7, 15-4.

**Co-Rec Volleyball League Standings As Of Jan. 25**

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES
Gene's Auto Body	8	1
Jones Construction	7	2
Rita's Team	6	3
Brunswick College	3	6
Roberto's Pizza	3	7
A&A Auto Rentals	2	7
Kari's Team	2	7

## WEST VISITS FRIDAY

# South Brunswick Girls Win 14th Straight

BY DOUG RUTTER

South Brunswick's Lady Cougar basketball team clawed its way to a pair of Waccamaw 2-A Conference victories last week as the unbeaten club recorded its school-record 14th straight win.

The South girls defeated host Fairmont 37-22 Friday night and toppled visiting South Robeson 53-40 last Tuesday to improve to 5-0 in the league and 14-0 overall.

Coach Mike Isenberg said Monday this will be his team's toughest week so far this season. The Lady Cougars were scheduled to play at Whiteville Tuesday before returning home Friday to host West Brunswick.

"My biggest concern is that they learn to play hard every time out," the coach said. "They've played hard when they've felt they needed to play hard. We've been up and down. We've been playing to the level of our opponents."

South Brunswick, the defending conference basketball tournament champion, presses and traps on defense, and utilizes its inside and outside scoring punch on offense.

"When the game is tight and it's sort of crunch time they rise to the occasion," Isenberg said. "Most of them have played together three years and they're real confident in each other's abilities."

The 14 consecutive girls' basketball victories

*"The longer your winning streak goes the more pressure you feel."*

—Coach Mike Isenberg

is a South Brunswick High School record. The 1991-92 Lady Cougars had a 12-game winning streak during their 20-6 campaign.

"The longer your winning streak goes the more pressure you feel," Isenberg said.


South Brunswick has played most of January without two of its top starters, point guard Stacy Isenberg and center Erika Bryant. Both are nursing knee injuries.

Bryant returned to the bench last week, but Isenberg said her knee is only 60 percent to 70 percent healed. Stacy Isenberg, step-daughter of the coach, will likely be out another two weeks.

"We're not as deep as we were," Coach Isenberg said. With those two starters out, Tameka Davis has stepped in to play point guard, and Jenny Fullwood has picked up the slack in the center.

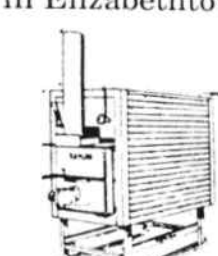
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