

South Cougars Edge Trojans At County Wrestling Tourney

BY DOUG RUTTER

South Brunswick's Cougars won six of 13 weight classes and captured the third annual Brunswick County Wrestling Tournament Saturday at North Brunswick High School.

After falling behind in the tournament's first round, South won three of the last four weight classes in the championship round to edge West Brunswick by three points in the final team standings.

South, the regular season champion, collected 32.5 points in the two rounds. West Brunswick was second with 29.5 points and host North Brunswick finished third with 19.

"It takes a whole team to win something like this," South Brunswick Coach Don Millwood said. "We lost some early matches, but the heavier weights came through for us."

South Brunswick's individual county champs were Derrick Cordle at 103 pounds, Justin Rohde at 135, Ty Haughn at 140, Phillip Craven at 160, Craig Frazier at 171 and Terry Galloway at heavyweight.

County champions from West Brunswick were Dexter Cokeley at 112 pounds, Chris Jackson at 119, Barry Johnson at 125 and Eric Andreis at 152.

North Brunswick's winners were Mike Ganey at 130 pounds, Casey McBride at 145 and Dwaun Gibbs at 189.

Gibbs, the defending county champ at 171 pounds and top seed this year at 189, outscored South's



INDIVIDUAL WINNERS in the Brunswick County Wrestling Tournament were (front row, from left) Derrick Cordle, Dexter Cokeley, Chris Jackson, Barry Johnson, Mike Ganey, Justin Rohde, (back row, from left) Ty Haughn, Casey McBride, Eric Andreis, Phillip Craven, Craig Frazier, Dwaun Gibbs and Terry Galloway.

Jerry Galloway 16-14 in the championship round Saturday in the most exciting match of the day.

Galloway led 4-2 after the first, two-minute period and 13-7 after the second before Gibbs took control. Trailing 14-13, Gibbs picked up three back points in the final 15 seconds to pull out the victory.

Fans saw another good match at 145 pounds, where North's McBride

upset top-seeded Chris Shepard of South Brunswick. Shepard led 3-2 after two periods, but McBride was awarded two points in the final period for illegal moves by the South grappler and held on for the win.

With his win at 152 pounds, West's Andreis became the county's first wrestler to win three straight individual championships. Andreis won the 140-pound class in 1991

and was the county's top 145-pounder last year.

West's Cokeley upset South's Josh Larson to win his second consecutive county championship Saturday. Cokeley captured the 112-pound weight class at last year's tournament.

For the third straight year, the county wrestling tournament crowned a different champion.

North Brunswick captured the title in 1991 and West won it last year.

South Brunswick, 4-0 in county matches and 19-5 overall during the regular season, received a team trophy. All 13 individual county champions were awarded plaques.

Championship Match Results

103 pounds: Cordle (SB) pinned Alston (NB), 4:35; 112: Cokeley (WB) pinned Larson (SB), 1:27;

119: Jackson (WB) def. Folding (SB), 7-2; 125: B. Johnson (WB) pinned Cox (NB), 4:42; 130: Ganey (NB) def. A. Johnson (WB), 12-4; 135: Rohde (SB) def. Woodard (WB), 9-5; 140: Haughn (SB) pinned Lewis (WB), 5:59; 145: McBride (NB) def. Shepard (SB), 4-3; 152: Andreis (WB) pinned Chadwick (NB), 3:12; 160: Craven (SB) pinned Stanley (WB), 1:51; 171: Frazier (SB) pinned Dorsey (NB), 1:44; 189: Gibbs (NB) def. J. Galloway (SB), 16-14; Hwt: T. Galloway (SB) pinned Brooks (WB), 4:50.

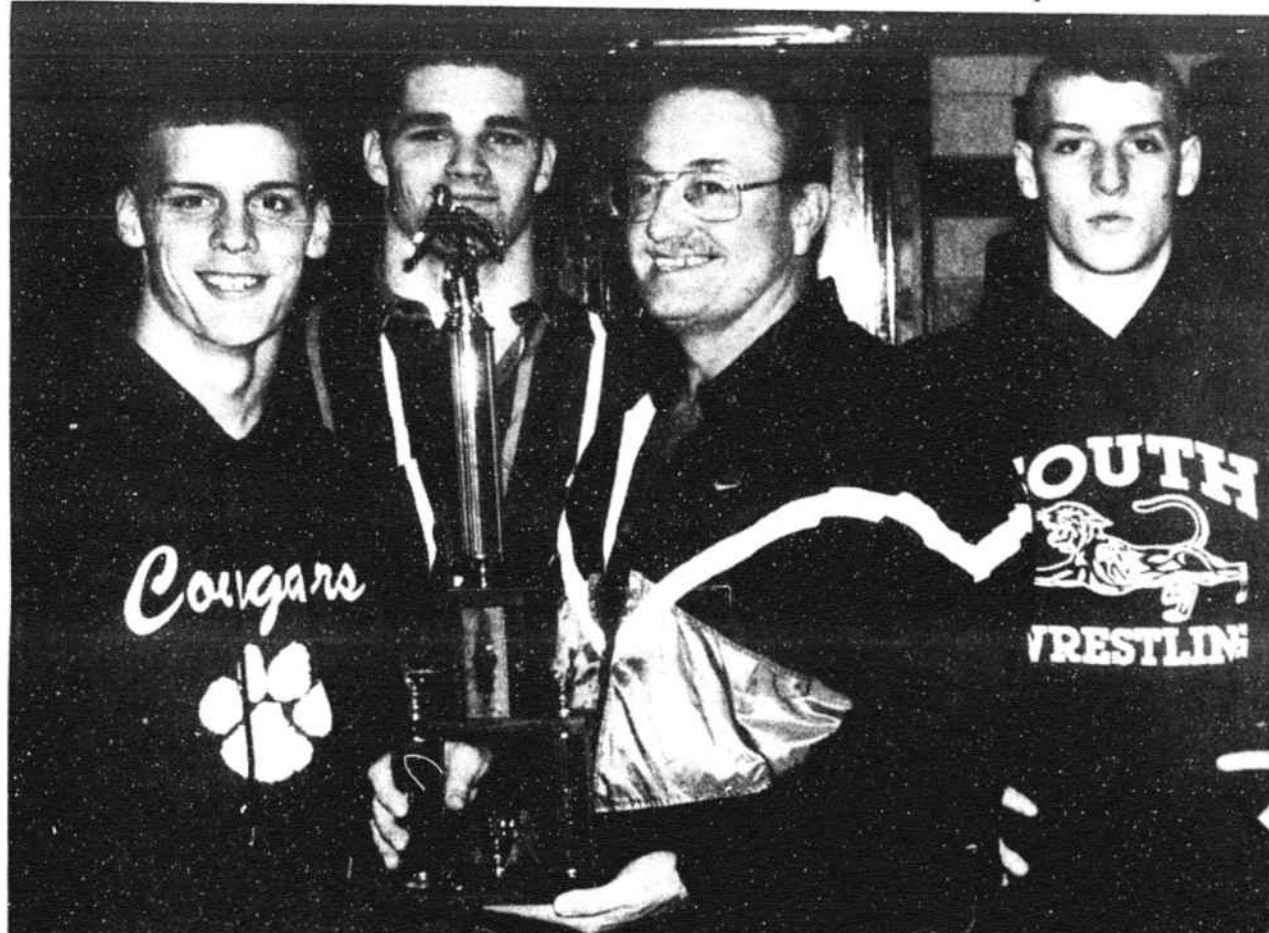
Cougars Face Aces In State Playoffs

South Brunswick's wrestling team was scheduled to open the state 1-A/2-A dual team playoffs Tuesday against Northeastern 2-A Conference champion Edenton Holmes.

Cougar Coach Don Millwood said the first-round match was to be held at centrally-located Dixon High School. Millwood said he didn't know much about the Edenton Aces.

"We're excited about the opportunity to face them. At this point they're all going to be good," Millwood said Tuesday morning. "We're just hoping we can match up with them and wrestle well."

The winner of the South Brunswick-Edenton Holmes match was expected to wrestle the winner of the Dixon-Pamlico match Tuesday night. Dixon is the defending state champion.



COUGAR COACH DON MILLWOOD holds the county tournament championship trophy with senior tri-captains (from left) Phillip Craven, Craig Frazier and Ty Haughn.

Youth Wrestlers Win Medals

Brunswick County youngsters captured about one third of the medals at the Sun Valley Youth Wrestling Invitational Sunday in Charlotte.

Local grapplers brought home 28 medals, including eight gold, 11 silver and nine bronze, according to West Brunswick Wrestling Coach Joe Noble.

Winning gold medals were Paul Powell, Kyle Knott, Ian Knott, Justin Sellers, Tal Arrowood, Jonathon Hickman, Billy Noble and Michael Jackson.

Silver-medal winners were Tommy Dailey, Josh Taylor, Marcus Pellen, Jones Orrock, Josh Honeycutt, Bobby Earwood, Matt Koch, Michael Johnson, Anthony Dumas, Albert Dumas and Walter Burck-

halter.

Jonathon Davis, Daniel Kempton, Chris Orrock, Tommy Roberson, James Baston, David Roberson, Cameron Cowan, Ricky Koch and Eddie McKennon won bronze medals.

County kids faced wrestlers from Charlotte, East Mecklenburg, North Mecklenburg, West Mecklenburg and host Sun Valley. Two teams from Georgia and one from Florida also competed.

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Defending Champ Dixon Pins Trojans, Cougars

Dixon High School's wrestling team showed last week why it is the defending 1-A/2-A dual team state champion.

In a season when West Brunswick and South Brunswick have battled fiercely for county supremacy, Dixon's Bulldogs defeated both in a span of three days.

The Bulldogs dropped visiting West Brunswick 33-24 last Thursday, just two days after edging host South Brunswick 33-27.

In other dual team action last week, West Brunswick posted a 72-0 victory over host Myrtle Beach Tuesday. The Trojans won six weight classes by forfeit.

West Brunswick was scheduled to conclude its regular season Wednesday night with a home match against South Carolina power Socastee.

North Brunswick's Scorpions will wrap up their regular season Saturday when they travel to Myrtle Beach High School for a tri-meet.

West-Dixon Results

103 pounds: Bonestell (D) won by forfeit; 112: Cokeley (W) def. Anderson, 10-3; 119: Jackson (W) def. Burkhammer, 6-4; 125: P. Hobbs (D) def. B. Johnson, 10-6; 130: M. Padgett (D) pinned A. Johnson, 3:29; 135: Robson (D) pinned Woodard, 3:28; 140: Carlson

(D) pinned Lewis, 4:44; 145: Mitchell (W) def. Wyckoff, 13-12; 152: Andreis (W) def. Davis, 9-8; 160: Stanley (W) def. Elliott, 3-1 (OT); 171: Hobbs (W) def. J. Padgett, 10-7; 189: Gollick (D) def. Crawford, 16-0; Hwt: Brooks (W) won by forfeit.

South-Dixon Results

103 pounds: Bonestell (D) def. Arnold, 18-2; 112: Larson (S) def. Anderson, 12-4; 119: Folding (S) won by forfeit; 125: Berkhammer (D) def. Bracey, 4-1; 130: Hobbs (D) def. May, 12-3; 135: M. Padgett (D) pinned Rohde; 140: Haughn (S) pinned Carlson; 145: Wyckoff (D) pinned Shepard; 152: Davis (D) pinned A. Frazier; 160: Craven (S) def. Elliott, 8-4; 171: C. Frazier (S) def. J. Padgett, 11-6; 189: Gollick (D) def. J. Galloway, 7-5; Hwt: T. Galloway (S) won by default.

West-Myrtle Beach Results

103 pounds: double forfeit; 112: Cokeley (W) won by forfeit; 119: Jackson (W) won by forfeit; 125: B. Johnson (W) won by forfeit; 130: A. Johnson (W) pinned Safa, 5:51; 135: Woodard (W) won by forfeit; 140: Lewis (W) won by forfeit; 145: Mitchell (W) pinned Wilder, 1:16; 152: Andreis (W) pinned Lloyd, 3:33; 160: Stanley (W) pinned Dobbs, 1:17; 171: Hobbs (W) def. Jones, 23-6; 189: Crawford (W) won by forfeit; Hwt: Brooks (W) pinned Moore, 2:47.



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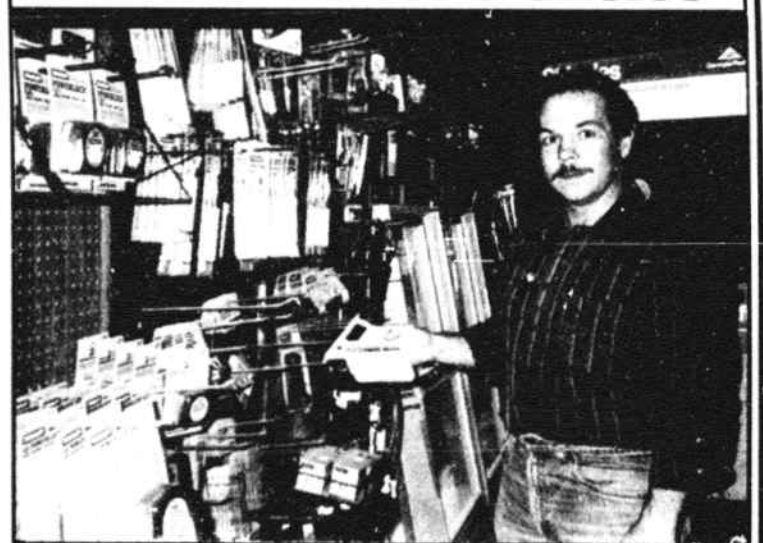
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