

# West Brunswick Spring Sports Schedule

## TRACK AND GOLF SCHEDULES

TRACK			
Date	Opponents	Date	Opponent
Mar. 18	at Whiteville	Apr. 29	at West Brunswick
	West Brunswick		Fairmont
	Fairmont		South Robeson
	East Bladen	May 5	Conference Championships at West Bruns. (3 p.m.)
Mar. 25	at West Brunswick	May 15	Reg. Championships
	Fairmont	May 21-22	State Championships
	East Bladen		—Meets start 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted
	West Columbus		
Mar. 29	at South Brunswick		
	West Brunswick		
	Worthington Chris.		
Apr. 1	at South Brunswick		
	West Brunswick		
	West Columbus		
	Fairmont		
Apr. 5	at West Brunswick		
	West Guilford		
Apr. 8	at South Brunswick		
	West Brunswick		
	East Bladen		
	North Brunswick*		
Apr. 22	at West Brunswick		
	South Robeson		
	South Brunswick		
	Whiteville		

SOFTBALL	
Date	Opponent
March 16	Pender (4 p.m.)
March 18	at New Hanover (4 p.m.)
March 22	New Hanover (4 p.m.)
March 24	at Topsail (DH, 3:30 p.m.)
March 26	at Whiteville*
March 30	at Fairmont*
April 2	South Robeson*
April 6	at West Columbus*
April 9	North Brunswick*
April 20	at East Bladen*
April 23	South Brunswick*
April 29	Whiteville*
May 4	Fairmont*
May 6	at Pender (4 p.m.)
May 7	at South Robeson*
May 11	West Columbus*
May 14	at North Brunswick*
May 18	East Bladen*
May 21	at South Brunswick*

—Games start at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted  
\* denotes conference game

BASEBALL	
Date	Opponent
March 19	Wacc. Academy (4:30 p.m.)
March 22	at Dillon, S.C. (6 p.m.)
March 25	at Wacc. Academy (4 p.m.)
March 26	Whiteville*
March 29	Dillon, S.C. (6 p.m.)
March 30	at Fairmont*
April 2	at South Robeson*
April 6	West Columbus*
April 9-10	Bch. Diamond Class. (TBA)
April 12-14	at Sea Shell Invtat. (TBA)
April 20	at East Bladen*
April 23	at South Brunswick*
April 27	at North Brunswick*
April 29	at Whiteville*
May 4	Fairmont*
May 7	South Robeson*
May 11	at West Columbus*
May 14	North Brunswick*
May 18	at East Bladen*
May 21	South Brunswick*
May 25	State Playoffs

—Games start 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted  
\* denotes conference game

BOYS' TENNIS	
Date	Opponent
March 15	Whiteville*
March 17	Fairmont*
March 22	at South Robeson*
March 23	South Columbus
March 24	West Columbus*
March 29	at St. Pauls
March 31	East Bladen*
April 5	at South Brunswick*
April 7	at Whiteville*
April 19	at Fairmont*
April 21	South Robeson*
April 26	at West Columbus*
April 28	St. Pauls
May 3	at East Bladen*
May 4	at South Columbus
May 5	South Brunswick*
May 11	Dual Team Playoffs
May 14-15	Regional Championships
May 21-22	State Championships

—Matches start at 4 p.m.  
\* denotes conference match

### SPORTING SCENE

## Busy Spring Season Kicks Off Next Week

The spring sports season gets under way next week at area high schools with the promise of offering a steady diet of baseball, softball, track, golf and boys' tennis through the end of the school year.

Spring is the busiest of the three high school athletic seasons, with five sports going at one time. That makes it tough on sports writers who, try as they may, can't be everywhere at once.

Despite the hectic schedule, spring may be the most enjoyable of the three seasons. The weather is usually pleasant. It'll feel plenty good to get outdoors after spending the winter cooped up in smelly gyms.

At West Brunswick High, the new season officially kicks off Monday when the defending Waccamaw Conference champion Trojan tennis team entertains Whiteville.

Coach Marti Gillis has most of her team back from last year, plus a few new faces who should strengthen the ladder. Monday afternoon's match figures to be an important one in determining this season's conference championship.

West and Whiteville battled tooth-and-nail for the conference crown last year. They split their regular-season matches, but the Trojans won a mini-playoff that determined the league champ.

The Trojan golf team also tees off next Monday afternoon in a Waccamaw Conference match at Fairmont. Ben Hunt, a local pro, will coach this year's squad, which will play home matches at Brick Landing.

Things don't let up after the tennis and golf matches Monday. On Tuesday, Coach Tracey James' softball team opens its 1993 campaign with a home game against the Pender Patriots.

The Lady Trojans, also a defending conference champion, went 13-4 last season and should field another solid squad this spring. Coach James has most of his players back from last year.

Pender, currently a member of the Coastal 3-A Conference, will join the new-look Waccamaw 2-A/3-A Conference next school year. Trojan-Patriot clashes will become very important starting next fall.

On Wednesday, the Trojan tennis team returns to action against visiting Fairmont. West's junior varsity baseball team also opens Wednesday with a home game against New Hanover's Wildcats.

Coach David Arrowood, one of the masterminds behind West Brunswick's state football championship last fall, will lead the junior varsity baseball team this season.

The West Brunswick campus takes a break Thursday afternoon, when no home events are scheduled. The boys' and girls' track teams will open Thursday at Whiteville. Fairmont and East Bladen will join the Trojans for the quad-meet.

Coach Jim Brett, who led the Trojans to the state football title in his first year at West Brunswick, will coach track this spring. Brett is no stranger to track and field.

At Tarboro High School, he coached the boys' team to 12 conference championships, five eastern championships and four state championships in 15 years. Pardon the pun, but that's a pretty good track record.

On Friday, Coach Mike Alderson's varsity baseball team opens the season against visiting Waccamaw Academy. The Trojans are coming off a 19-7 season in 1992, when they reached the eastern finals for the first time in history.

Look for the Trojan diamond club to be strong again this season. Anyone interested in getting a sneak peak of the baseball team should be at the high school today (Thursday) for a 4 p.m. scrimmage with South Columbus.

Doug Rutter Sports Editor



### LADY CHARGERS WIN 50-48

## Northwood Bumps Lady Trojans From Playoffs

**BY DOUG RUTTER**

Northwood defeated West Brunswick 50-48 Monday in the opening round of the state 2-A girls' basketball playoffs—eliminating the Lady Trojans for the second straight year on a late basket.

West Brunswick had a 48-47 lead with 10 seconds remaining but missed a one-and-one opportunity and then committed a foul to send the Lady Chargers to the line with five seconds left.

Northwood also came up empty on the one-and-one chance, but grabbed the missed free throw, scored the game-winning basket and tacked on a free throw for a three-point play.

"We had every opportunity to win it," West Brunswick Coach Brenda Council said Tuesday. "We didn't rebound and we made crucial turnovers down the stretch that killed us."

Angela Perry scored 28 points and Lisa Watson chipped in 13 to lead Northwood. Nicole Norris had 15 points, Kaneka Grissett 13 and Monique King 11 for West Brunswick.

Host Northwood jumped out to a 16-6 lead in the first quarter, but West Brunswick outscored the Lady Chargers 22-14 in the second period and trailed 30-28 at halftime. The

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score was 37-37 after three quarters. "We were basically trading baskets the whole second half," Council said. "We played pretty good, but we just didn't crash the boards."

Northwood's Perry dominated in the paint. "She just killed us on the boards," Council said. "She went after everything. They just threw it up and she went after it."

West Brunswick was the third-seeded team from the Waccamaw Conference. Northwood, which is located in Pittsboro, finished third in the Central Tar Heel Conference.

The loss at Northwood marked the seventh time this season that the Lady Trojans lost by three points or less. "It seems like it's been that way the whole year. Games that could have gone either way haven't gone our way," Council said.

West Brunswick finished the season 13-12. The Lady Trojans lost six

of their first eight games, but came on strong in the second half of the season and put together a five-game conference winning streak down the stretch.

Coach Council said the season was frustrating. "I wasn't real, real pleased with the season. I felt like we had the potential to do a lot better than we did if we had a little more dedication on the team and desire to win."

Northwood and West Brunswick also squared off in the first round of the 1992 state playoffs. The Lady Chargers jumped out to a 12-0 lead and held on for a 48-46 win in that game.

**Score By Quarters**  
West Brunswick 6 22 9 11—48  
Northwood 16 14 7 13—50  
West Brunswick scoring: Norris, 15; Grissett, 13; King, 11; Gause, 6; Morgan, 3.

Northwood scoring: Perry, 28; Watson, 13; Poe, 7; Hackney, 2.

**Chargers Face Wolfpack**

Northwood was scheduled to face Whiteville in the second round of the playoffs Wednesday night in Whiteville.

The Lady Wolfpack earned a first-round playoff bye after clinching the Waccamaw Conference's second seed with a 62-50 victory over West Brunswick last Thursday in the semifinals of the league tournament.

Tonya Jones knocked down six three-pointers and scored 29 points to lead the Lady Wolfpack to its third win of the season over West Brunswick. Dawn Threadgill added 16 points for Whiteville.

West Brunswick was led by King's 22 points. Grissett added 13 for the Lady Trojans, who fell behind 15-7 in the first quarter and never recovered. The Lady Wolfpack led 31-20 at halftime and held on for the win.

**Score By Quarters**  
West Brunswick 7 13 13 17—50  
Whiteville 15 16 12 19—62  
West Brunswick scoring: King, 22; Grissett, 13; Bell, 7; Gause, 6; Morgan, 2.  
Whiteville scoring: Jones, 29; Threadgill, 16; Toon, 8; Garcia, 7; Register, 2.

## West's Mims Optimistic Following Hoop Season

**BY DOUG RUTTER**

Despite a second straight season with a losing record and no playoff berth, the West Brunswick boys' basketball team made great strides this winter and shows promise of more improvement over the next few years.

Those were the thoughts of Trojan Coach Billy Mims last week following his team's final game of the season, a 70-62 loss to West Columbus in the opening round of the Waccamaw Conference Tournament.

The Trojans led 45-43 after three periods in last Tuesday's game, but the Vikings outscored West 27-17 in the fourth quarter to pull out the victory at Fairmont High School.

Mims said the Trojans didn't rebound well, and that allowed the Vikings to get second and third shots on the offensive end. "We played pretty good the first half. We just didn't feel like playing that second half."

West Columbus' Nate Frink led all scorers in the game with 20 points and Magellan Powell chipped in 13 for the Vikings, who swept the Trojans in three meetings this season.

Anthony Moody led the Trojans with 15 points, while Eric Johnson added 14 and Ty Brown had 13. Senior center Lonnie Mitchell, playing his final game for the Trojans, scored 12 points.

West Columbus edged West Brunswick for fourth place in the Waccamaw 2-A Conference this season with an 8-6 record. In doing so, the Vikings earned their first playoff berth since 1986.

West Brunswick finished fifth with a 7-7 league mark and an overall record of 8-16. After losing 10 of their first 12 games, the Trojans came on in the second half of the season to win six of their last 12.

The slow start could be attributed to West Brunswick's state championship season in football. Most of West's best basketball players were on the gridiron while other teams were preparing for basketball season.

"I'm pleased overall with the year," Mims said. "We should have

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—Trojan Coach Bill Mims

won a few more conference games, but at least we have something to look forward to next season. A year ago we had nothing."

A year ago, the Trojans had just completed a 4-19 campaign characterized by a lack of team unity, leadership and discipline. For the most part, this year's squad played as a team in victory and defeat.

Mims is optimistic about next year because the Trojans will only lose two players to graduation. The

1993-94 team also will be young, with only one or two seniors expected to play.

"With all of the inexperience, I'm pretty pleased with what we accomplished this year. We were just not as efficient as we could have been," Mims said. "Overall we did make some improvement from a year ago, and I hope to make some more improvement next year."

Mims said West Brunswick needs to improve its rebounding and out-

side shooting. The Trojans didn't have anyone this year who could consistently score from the perimeter.

West rebounded well for its size, but the coach pointed out that when the smaller players got tired they stopped rebounding. "We've got to get some bigger people."

Mims also hopes to find a backup for sophomore point guard Eric Johnson, who spent very little time on the bench this season because the Trojans didn't have another adequate ball-handler.

**Score By Quarters**  
West Brunswick 16 15 14 17—62  
West Columbus 18 15 10 27—70  
West Brunswick scoring: Moody, 15; Johnson, 14; Brown, 13; Mitchell, 12; Daniels, 3; Williams, 2; Reeves, 2.  
West Columbus scoring: Frink, 20; Powell, 13; Green, 11; Betts, 10; Bellamy, 8; Sanderson, 4; Faulk, 4.

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