

This Week In Brunswick Sports

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

- North Brunswick hosts Whiteville and South Robeson in track, 4 p.m.
- South Brunswick hosts West Brunswick, West Columbus and Fairmont in track, 4 p.m.
- North Brunswick at East Bladen in JV baseball, 5 p.m.
- West Brunswick hosts South Columbus in JV baseball, 5 p.m.
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FRIDAY, APRIL 2

- West Brunswick hosts South Robeson in softball, 5 p.m.
- North Brunswick at East Bladen in softball, 5 p.m.
- South Brunswick hosts West Columbus in softball, 5 p.m.
- West Brunswick at South Robeson in varsity baseball, 7 p.m.
- North Brunswick hosts East Bladen in varsity baseball, 7 p.m.
- South Brunswick at West Columbus in varsity baseball, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 5

- Waccamaw Conference golf match at South Brunswick, 2 p.m.
- West Brunswick hosts West Guilford in track, 4 p.m.
- North Brunswick hosts Whiteville in JV baseball, 5 p.m.
- West Brunswick at West Columbus in JV baseball, 5 p.m.
- South Brunswick at South Robeson in JV baseball, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

- North Brunswick at Lejeune in track, 3:30 p.m.
- South Brunswick hosts track meet, 4 p.m.
- West Brunswick at West Columbus in softball, 5 p.m.
- South Brunswick hosts South Robeson in softball doubleheader, 5 p.m.
- North Brunswick hosts Whiteville in softball, 5 p.m.
- North Brunswick at Whiteville in varsity baseball, 7 p.m.
- West Brunswick hosts West Columbus in varsity baseball, 7 p.m.
- South Brunswick hosts South Robeson in varsity baseball, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

- West Brunswick at Whiteville in boys' tennis, 4 p.m.
- West Brunswick hosts North Brunswick in JV baseball, 5 p.m.
- West Brunswick hosts East Columbus in JV baseball, 5 p.m.
- South Brunswick hosts Fairmont in JV baseball, 5 p.m.

This week's listings include events reported to the *Beacon*. To list a sporting activity call 754-6890 or write to Doug Rutter, *The Brunswick Beacon*, P.O. Box 2558, Shallotte, N.C. 28459.

Scorpions, Cougars Open Waccamaw Play

The North Brunswick and South Brunswick varsity baseball teams were scheduled to open the Waccamaw 2-A Conference season Tuesday night in Boiling Spring Lakes. The scheduled conference openers for both clubs were rained out Friday. South had been slated to host East Bladen, while North was expected to play at West Columbus. South Brunswick's season record dropped to 0-4 Saturday in a 6-0 loss to visiting Hoke County. The Scorpions entered Tuesday's contest 0-2 following two tough losses to 4-A Hoggard.

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TWO STRAIGHT SHUTOUTS West Brunswick Pitchers Silence Opponents

BY DOUG RUTTER
If the adage about baseball being 90 percent pitching is true, West Brunswick High could be in for an enjoyable season.

The Trojans recorded their second straight shutout Monday night, beating Dillon, S.C., 7-0 behind the pitching of Michael Turner and Jason Benton.

Turner pitched the first five innings and Benton the final two as West picked up its third straight win and improved to 3-1 on the season. The senior right-handers combined for six strike outs while issuing just three walks.

"We had real good pitching," Trojan Coach Mike Alderson said Tuesday. "We also played good defense last night. We made two double plays. That's a pitcher's best friend."

Dillon outhit West Brunswick 7-4, but Dillon's hits were scattered and the hosts only had one runner reach third base.

"We made real big plays when we had to," Alderson said. "When they looked like they were going to threaten and score, we'd come up with a double play or throw a runner out."

The combined shutout for Turner and Benton came on the heels of a complete-game, three-hitter by Eric Johnson in a 10-0 win last Thursday at Waccamaw Academy.

The sophomore right-hander struck out six and walked just one. "We had a great pitching performance from him. His ball-strike ratio was incredible. He threw 73

pitches and 48 of them were strikes," Alderson said.

Johnson's battery mate, senior catcher Bryan Fleming, hit a two-run home run to power the Trojan offense. It was the second straight game in which Fleming had a two-run homer.

Scott Gore was 2-for-4 with a double. Keane Bellamy also had a double and Gregg Mott added a triple for West Brunswick, which had defeated Waccamaw Academy's Warriors 6-2 March 19 in Shallotte.

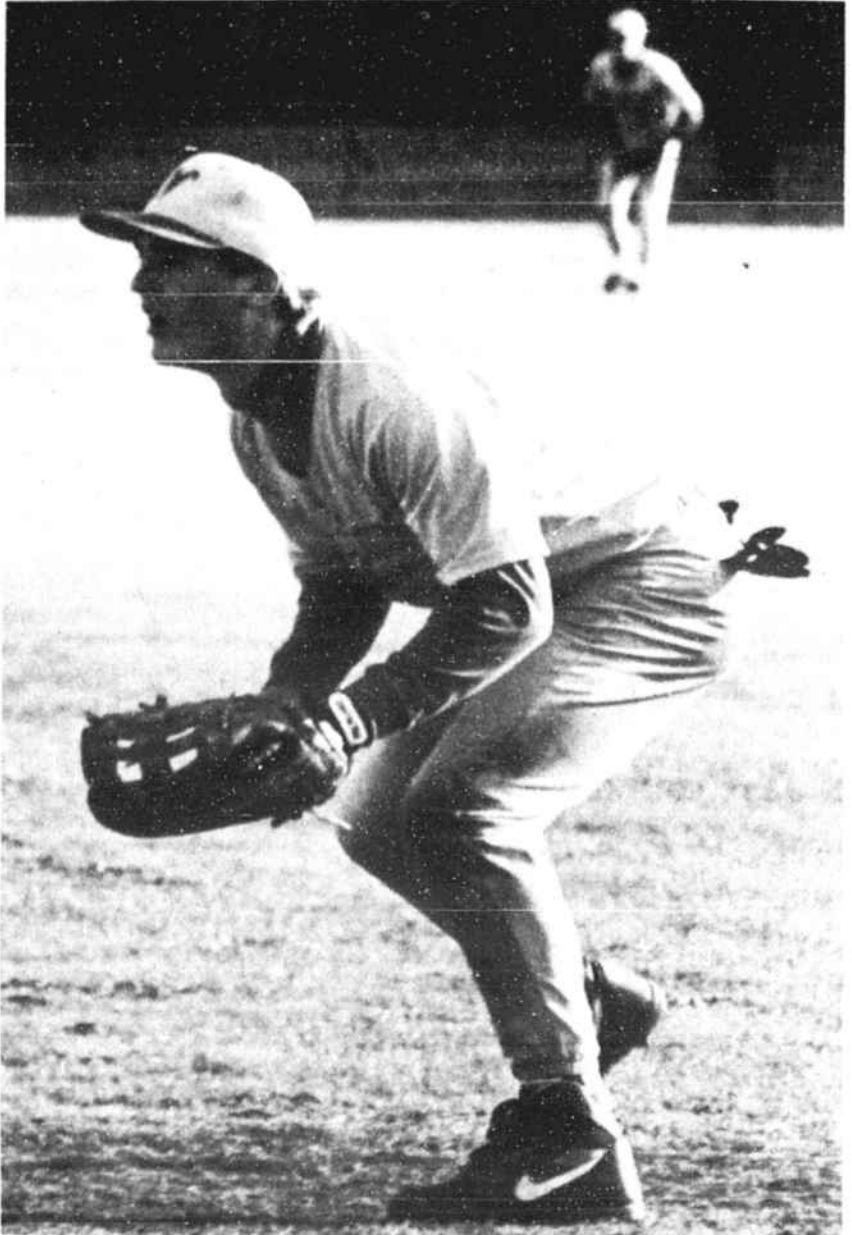
West Brunswick had eight hits in the game, and the Warriors helped the Trojan cause with four errors. Adam Thompson started for Waccamaw and was relieved in the fourth inning by Anthony Hammonds.

The Trojans scored three runs in the second inning and two runs in the fourth and fifth innings to put the game out of reach.

West Brunswick was rained out last Friday night, when the Trojans were scheduled to open the Waccamaw 2-A Conference season against defending champion Whiteville. The game will be played April 21.

The Trojans were expected to open the conference slate Tuesday night at Fairmont. Alderson said senior pitching ace Scott Gore was expected to start his first game of the season.

West Brunswick will travel to Rowland Friday to take on South Robeson's Mustangs in continued league play. "If we can win these three this week I'll be happy," Alderson said.



TROJAN FIRST BASEMAN Gregg Mott prepares to play defense during a recent home baseball game. Mott and his teammates have won three straight games.

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—Coach Mike Alderson

West Lady Trojans Sweep Topsail Team

West Brunswick's softball team pounded out 26 hits in a doubleheader sweep of host Topsail last Wednesday.

Senior Catherine Bell led the Lady Trojan assault, going 5-for-6 on the day with two doubles and a home run.

Bell had two of West Brunswick's six hits in the first game, a 5-1 win for the Lady Trojans. Senior Jenny Judah was the winning pitcher.

In the nightcap, Bell was 3-for-4 with a single, double and homer as West posted a 15-5 victory. Freshman pitcher Amanda Reeves picked up the win.

West's Madonna Gause had three hits in the second game, and Kaneka Grissett, Yarbi Lemon and Patti Clemmons had two hits apiece.

"Our bats finally came alive in the second game against Topsail," West Brunswick Coach Tracey James said. "We just scattered them all over."

"They were not that bad a club," James said of the 1-A Lady Pirates. "We just hit the ball. If we hit the ball like we're capable of hitting it we'll be pretty competitive."

After making 18 errors in their first two games, the Lady Trojans

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committed just three errors in the Topsail doubleheader. "I was real pleased with our defensive improve-

ment," James said. "Those were two good wins for us," the coach added. "That gave us

a little confidence which we need."

West Brunswick's Waccamaw 2-A Conference opener against Whiteville was rained out Friday and rescheduled for Wednesday.

The Lady Trojans (3-1) were slated to face visiting Fairmont Tuesday and will entertain conference foe South Robeson Friday.

"This week should pretty much set the stage," James pointed out Monday night. "It would be nice to get two wins anyway."

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